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### **ARTICLES OF MERGER**

ARTICLES OF MERGER SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA The following articles of merger are being submitted in accordance with section(s) 607.1109, 608.4382, and/or 620,203, Florida Statutes.

FIRST: The exact name, street address of its principal office, jurisdiction, and entity type for each merging party are as follows:

Name and Street Address	<u>Jurisdiction</u>		Eatity Type
1. Fast Payday Holding Company	Georgia		Corporation
301 Yamato Road, Suite 3101	<u>,</u>		
Boca Reton, Florida 39431	· · · · .		
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301 Yamato Road, Suite 3101			
Boca Reton, Florida 33431	et en	1893 - J. L	· .
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2005 FEB 18 A 9: 52 SECOND: The exact name, street address of its principal office, jurisdiction, and entity type of the <u>survivine</u> SECRE TARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Name and Street Address	Jurisdiction	Ent	ity Type	
Fast Payday Holdings, LLC	Florida	LLC	2	
301 Yemsto Road, Suite 3101				• •
Boca Raton, Florida 33431		• •		.,
Florida Document/Registration Number: L0500001613	1	FEI Number:		

**THURD:** The attached Plan of Merger meets the requirements of section(s) 607.1108, 608.438, 617.1103, and/or 620.201, Florida Statutes, and was approved by each domestic corporation, limited liability company, partnership and/or limited partnership that is a party to the merger in accordance with Chapter(s) 607, 617, 608, and/or 620, Florida Statutes.

**FOURTH:** If applicable, the attached Plan of Merger was approved by the other business entity(ies) that is/are party(ies) to the merger in accordance with the respective laws of all applicable jurisdictions.

FIFTH: If not incorporated, organized, or otherwise formed under the laws of the state of Florida, the surviving entity hereby appoints the Florida Secretary of State as its agent for substitute service of process pursuant to Chapter 48, Florida Statutes, in any proceeding to enforce any obligation or rights of any dissenting shareholders, partners, and/or members of each domestic corporation, partnership, limited partnership and/or limited liability company that is a party to the merger.

SIXTE: If not incorporated, organized, or otherwise formed under the laws of the state of Florida, the surviving entity agrees to pay the dissenting shareholders, partners, and/or members of each domestic corporation, partnership, limited partnership and/or limited liability company that is a party to the merger the amount, if any, to which they are entitled under section(s) 607.1302, 620.205, and/or 608.4384, Florida Statutes,

<u>SEVENTH:</u> If applicable, the surviving entity has obtained the written consent of each shareholder, member or person that as a result of the merger is now a general partner of the surviving entity pursuant to section(s) 607.1108(5), 608.4381(2), and/or 620.202(2), Florida Statutes.

<u>EIGHTH:</u> The merger is permitted under the respective laws of all applicable jurisdictions and is not prohibited by the agreement of any partnership or limited partnership or the regulations or articles of organization of any limited liability company that is a party to the merger.

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NINTH: The merger shall become effective as of:

The date the Articles of Merger are filed with Florida Department of State

OR

February 18, 2005

(Enter specific date. NOTE: Date cannot be prior to the date of filing.)

**TENTH:** The Articles of Merger comply and were executed in accordance with the laws of each party's applicable jurisdiction.

### ELEVENTH: SIGNATURE(S) FOR EACH PARTY:

(Note: Please see instructions	for required signatures)	
Name of Entity	Signature(s)	Typed or Printed Name of Individual
Fast Payday Holdings, LLC	Sala	Charles E. Johson
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Fast Payday Holding Company	Joh film	Charles E. Johnson
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### PLAN OF MERGER

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SECRE TARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA section(s) 607.1107, 617.1103, 608.4381, and/or 620.202, is being submitted in accordance with section(s) 607.1108, 608.438, and/or 620.201, Florida Statutes.

FIRST: The exact name and jurisdiction of each merging party are as follows:

<u>Name</u> Fast Payday Holding Compa (lhe "Corporation")	iny	<u>Jurisdiction</u> Georgia
Fast Payday Holdings, LLC (the "LLC")	а •	Fiorida
<b>K</b> <sup>3</sup>	in an	•

SECOND: The exact name and jurisdiction of the surviving party are as follows:

Name Fast Payday Holdings, LLC (the "Surviving Company")

Invisdiction Florida

THIRD: The terms and conditions of the merger are as follows:

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The terms and conditions of the merger are as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto. % ≠ ₂

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**FOURTH:** A. The manner and basis of converting the interests, shares, obligations or other securities of each merged party The manner and basis of converting the interests, shares, obligations or other sector in part, file tash of other STATE into the interests, shares, obligations or other securities of the survivor, in whole or in part, file tash of other STATE IALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The terms and conditions of the merger are as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

B. The manner and basis of converting rights to acquire interests, shares, obligations or other securities of each merged party into rights to acquire interests, shares, obligations or other securities of the surviving entity, in whole or in part, into cash or other property are as follows: Not applicable

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Name(s) and Address(es) of General Partner(s)

if General Partner is a Non-Individual, Florida Document/Registration Number

Not Applicable

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SDCTH: If a limited lightlity company is the surviving entity the name(s) and address(es) of the SECRE TARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 301 Yamato Road Suite 3101 .. 4 ., Boca Raton, Florida 33431 £ -. \$

SEVENTH: All statements that are required by the laws of the jurisdiction(s) under which each Non-Florida business entity that is a party to the merger is formed, organized, or incorporated are as follows: None other than as provided in this Plan of Merger

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EIGHTH: Other provisions, if any, relating to the merger:

The terms and conditions of the merger are as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.



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### Exhibit A

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### AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

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THIS AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005 (the "<u>Agreement</u>") is between FAST PAYDAY HOLDING COMPANY (A FORDIAS TATE corporation (the "<u>Corporation</u>"), and FAST PAYDAY HOLDINGS, LLC, a Floridar finited ORIDA liability company (the "<u>LLC</u>"). The Corporation and the LLC are sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as the "<u>Constituent Companies</u>."

### RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the board of directors and the shareholders of the Corporation have determined that it is advisable and in the best interests of the Corporation that the Corporation merge with the LLC upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the sole member of the LLC has determined that it is advisable and in the best interests of the LLC that the Corporation merge with the LLC upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of such merger, the Corporation and the LLC wish to enter into this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Corporation and the LLC hereby agree as follows:

### ARTICLE 1

### THE MERGER

1.01 Merger. In accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, Section 14-2-1109 of the Georgia Business Corporation Code (the "<u>Code</u>") and Section 608.438 of the Florida Limited Liability Company Act (the "<u>Act</u>"), the Corporation shall merge with the LLC (the "<u>Merger</u>"), and the surviving consolidated entity shall be known as FAST PAYDAY HOLDINGS, LLC (the "<u>Surviving Company</u>").

1.02 Filing and Effectiveness. The Merger shall become effective as of 12:01 a.m. on February 18, 2005. Promptly following the execution of this Agreement, the Surviving Company shall cause the Merger to be consummated by filing (i) articles of merger (the "Florida Articles of Merger") with the Department of State of the State of Florida pursuant to Section 608.4382 of the Act and (ii) a certificate of merger (the "Georgia Certificate of Merger") with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia pursuant to Section 14-2-1105 of the Code. The date and time when the Merger shall become effective, as aforesaid, is herein referred to as the "Effective Date of the Merger."

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Effect of the Merger. On the Effective Date of the Merger, the corporation shall be merged and consolidated with the LLC, and the Surviving Company (i) shall succeed to, without other transfer, and possess all of the assets, rights, powers and property of the

Constituent Companies as constituted immediately prior to the Effective Plate of the Margel; 62 shall be subject to all actions previously taken by the Corporation's board of directors and the LLC's manager; and (iii) shall succeed, without other transfer, and be subject to all of the debits. liabilities and obligations of the Constituent Companies as constituted initidiately prior to the Effective Date of the Merger.

### ARTICLE II

### CHARTER DOCUMENTS

2.01 Articles of Organization. The Articles of Organization of the LLC as in effect. immediately prior to the Effective Date of the Merger shall be the Articles of Organization of the Surviving Company and shall be in full force and effect until duly amended in accordance with the provisions thereof and applicable law.

2.02 Operating Declaration. The Operating Declaration of the LLC as in effect, and if applicable, immediately prior to the Effective Date of the Merger, shall be the Operating Decisration of the Surviving Company and shall be in full force and effect until duly amended in accordance with the provisions thereof and applicable law.

### ARTICLE III

### EFFECT ON OWNERSHIP

On the Effective Date of the Merger, by virtue of the Merger and without any further action on the part of the holders thereof, all of the shares of common stock of the Corporation outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Date of the Merger shall be canceled and retired and shall cease to exist. The Merger will have no effect on the membership interest of the LLC owned of record on the Effective Date of the Merger and such interest shall be the membership interest of the Surviving Company.

### ARTICLE IV

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

4.01 Further Assurances. From time to time, as and when required by the Surviving Company or by its successors or assigns, there shall be executed and delivered on behalf of the Constituent Companies such deeds and other instruments, and there shall be taken or caused to be taken by them such further and other actions as shall be appropriate or necessary in order to vest or perfect in or confirm of record or otherwise by the Surviving Company the title to and possession of all the property, interests, assets, rights, privileges, immunities, powers, franchises and authority of the Constituent Companies and otherwise to carry out the purposes of this Agreement, and the manager of the Surviving Company is fully authorized in the name and on

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behalf of the Constituent Companies or otherwise to take any and all such action and its execute and deliver any and all such deeds and other instruments.

4.03 Abandonment. At any time before the filing of the Articless of Elector Articles of Department of State of the State of Florida, this Agreement may be terminated, and the Merger may be abandoned for any reason whatsoever by the board of directors of the Elector (23AEE case may be) of the Constituent Companies. TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

4.04 Governing Law. This Agreement shall in all respects be construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.

4.05 Counterparts. In order to facilitate the filing and recording of this Agreement, the same may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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FILED IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party hereto has caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the day and year first written above. 2005 FEB 18 A 9: 52

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SECRETARY OF STATE FAST PAYDAY HOLDING COMPANYAHASSEE, FLORIDA

By: <

Name: Charles Z. Title: President . Johnson

FAST PAYDAY HOLDINGS, LLC

By:

Name: Charles E Johnson Title: Manager

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