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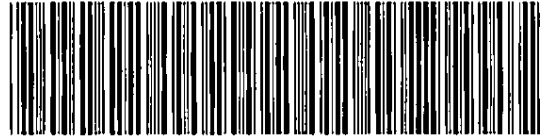
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**TO:** New Filing Section  
Division of Corporations

**SUBJECT:** RICE HARDWARE, LLC  
(Name of Resulting Florida Limited Company)

The enclosed Articles of Conversion, Articles of Organization, and fees are submitted to convert an "Other Business Entity" into a "Florida Limited Liability Company" in accordance with s. 605.1045, F.S.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to:

CHRISTINE L. WEINGART, ESQUIRE  
(Contact Person)  
ZIMMERMAN, KISER & SUTCLIFFE, P.A.  
(Firm/Company)  
315 E. ROBINSON STREET, SUITE 600  
(Address)  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801  
(City, State and Zip Code)  
CORPORATE@ZKSLAWFIRM.COM  
E-mail Address: (to be used for future annual report notifications)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

JESSICA SNYDER, CORPORATE PARALEGAL at ( 407 ) 425-7010  
(Name of Contact Person) (Area Code) (Daytime Telephone Number)

Enclosed is a check for the following amount: (All checks processed by this office must be payable in US dollars and drawn on a bank located in the United States)

- \$150.00 Filing Fees (\$25 for Conversion & \$125 for Articles of Organization)
- \$155.00 Filing Fees and Certificate of Status
- \$180.00 Filing Fees and Certified Copy
- \$185.00 Filing Fees, Certified Copy, and Certificate of Status

**Mailing Address:**  
New Filing Section  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**Street Address:**  
New Filing Section  
Division of Corporations  
The Centre of Tallahassee  
2415 N. Monroe Street, Suite 810  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

**Sunshine State Corporate Compliance Company**

3458 Lakeshore Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32312

(850) 656-4724

DATE 08/25/2022

**\*\*WALK IN\*\***

ENTITY NAME RICE HARDWARE LLC

DOCUMENT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*PLEASE FILE THE ATTACHED AND RETURN\*\***

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*Plain Copy*

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*Certified Copy*

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*Certificate of Status*

**\*\*PLEASE OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING FOR THE ABOVE ENTITY\*\***

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*Certified Copy of Arts & Amendments*

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*Certificate of Good Standing*

**\*\*APOSTILLE' / NOTARIAL CERTIFICATION\*\***

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATES REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL OWED \$150

ACCOUNT #: I20160000072

*S. B. J. M.*

Please call Tina at the above number for any issues or concerns. Thank you so much!

**Articles of Conversion**  
For  
**"Other Business Entity"**  
Into  
**Florida Limited Liability Company**

The Articles of Conversion **and attached Articles of Organization** are submitted to convert the following **"Other Business Entity" into a Florida Limited Liability Company** in accordance with s.605.1045, Florida Statutes.

1. The name of the "Other Business Entity" immediately prior to the filing of the Articles of Conversion is:  
RICE HARDWARE, INC.

(Enter Name of Other Business Entity)

2. The "Other Business Entity" is a CORPORATION  
(Enter entity type. Example: corporation, limited partnership, general partnership, common law or business trust, etc.)

First organized, formed or incorporated under the laws of FLORIDA  
(Enter state, or if a non-U.S. entity, the name of the country)

on JANUARY 4, 1966  
(date of organization, formation or incorporation)

3. The name of the Florida Limited Liability Company as set forth in the **attached Articles of Organization**:  
RICE HARDWARE, LLC

(Enter Name of Florida Limited Liability Company)

4. If not effective on the date of filing, enter the effective date: UPON FILING  
(The effective date: Cannot be prior to date of receipt or filed date nor more than 90 calendar days after the date this document is filed by the Florida Department of State.)

**Note:** If the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

5. The plan of conversion has been approved in accordance with all applicable statutes.

6. The "Converted or Other Business Entity" has agreed to pay any members having appraisal rights the amount to which such members are entitled under ss. 605.1006 and 605.1061-605.1072, F.S.

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Signed this 23rd day of AUGUST 2022.

**Signature of Authorized Representative of Limited Liability Company:**

Signature of Authorized Representative: *Elizabeth P. Rice*  
Printed Name: ELIZABETH RICE Title: MANAGER

**Signature(s) on behalf of Other Business Entity: [See below for required signature(s)]**

Signature: *Elizabeth P. Rice*  
Printed Name: ELIZABETH RICE Title: PRESIDENT

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**If Florida Corporation:**

Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Director, or Officer.  
If Directors or Officers have not been selected, an Incorporator must sign.

**If Florida General Partnership or Limited Liability Partnership:**

Signature of one General Partner.

**If Florida Limited Partnership or Limited Liability Limited Partnership:**

Signatures of ALL General Partners.

**All others:**

Signature of an authorized person.

**Fees:**

Articles of Conversion:	\$25.00
Fees for Florida Articles of Organization:	\$125.00
Certified Copy:	\$30.00 (Optional)

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# ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FOR FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

## ARTICLE I - Name:

The name of the Limited Liability Company is:

RICE HARDWARE, LLC

(Must contain the words "Limited Liability Company," "L.L.C.," or "LLC.")

## ARTICLE II - Address:

The mailing address and street address of the principal office of the Limited Liability Company is:

### Principal Office Address:

15 SW 1 AVENUE

GAINESVILLE, FL 32601

### Mailing Address:

132 NW 76TH DRIVE

GAINESVILLE, FL 32607

## ARTICLE III - Registered Agent, Registered Office, & Registered Agent's Signature:

(The Limited Liability Company cannot serve as its own Registered Agent. You must designate an individual or another business entity with an active Florida registration.)

The name and the Florida street address of the registered agent are:

JAY D. RICE, JR

Name

25222 SW 18TH AVENUE

Florida street address (P.O. Box **NOT** acceptable)

NEWBERRY

City

FL 32669

Zip

*Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated limited liability company at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent as provided for in Chapter 605, F.S..*

  
Registered Agent's Signature (REQUIRED)

(CONTINUED)

**ARTICLE IV-**

The name and address of each person authorized to manage and control the Limited Liability Company:

**Title:**

"AMBR" = Authorized Member

"MGR" = Manager

MGR

**Name and Address:**

ELIZABETH RICE

9799 BLANFORD ROAD

ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32827

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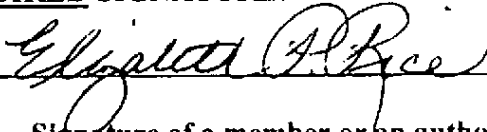
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**ARTICLE V: Other provisions, if any.**

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**REQUIRED SIGNATURE:**

  
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**Signature of a member or an authorized representative of a member**

This document is executed in accordance with section 605.0203 (1) (b), Florida Statutes. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

ELIZABETH RICE

Typed or printed name of signee

**Filing Fees**

**\$125.00 Filing Fee for Articles of Organization and Designation of Registered Agent**

**\$ 30.00 Certified Copy (Optional)**

**\$ 5.00 Certificate of Status (Optional)**