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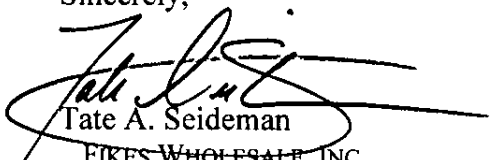
**RE: CORD FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**

Dear Registration Section:

In addition to the standard cover letter, application and check for fees, please note that I have enclosed a letter from Fikes Wholesale, Inc. authorizing CORD Financial Services, LLC to conduct business in Florida under the CORD Financial Services name and file necessary documents with the Florida Department of State and Florida Department of Revenue.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I am more than happy to answer them and do anything else to help.

Sincerely,



Tate A. Seidman  
FIKES WHOLESAL, INC.

Vice President & General Counsel  
Phone: (254) 791-0009 ext. 12212  
Fax: (254) 778-5309  
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**COVER LETTER**

**TO: Registration Section  
Division of Corporations**

**SUBJECT:** CORD Financial Services, LLC

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Limited Liability Company

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Limited Liability Company for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida," Certificate of Existence, and check are submitted to register the above referenced foreign limited liability company to transact business in Florida..

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Tate A. Seideman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person

CORD Financial Services, LLC

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm/Company

6261 Central Pointe Parkway

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Temple, Texas 76504

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State and Zip Code

tseideman@fikesinc.com

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Tate A. Seideman

254

791-0009 ext. 12212

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Contact Person

at (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone Number

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

Division of Corporations  
Registration Section  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**STREET ADDRESS:**

Division of Corporations  
Registration Section  
Clifton Building  
2661 Executive Center Circle  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

☐ \$125.00 Filing Fee

☐ \$130.00 Filing Fee &  
Certificate of Status

☐ \$155.00 Filing Fee &  
Certified Copy

☒ \$160.00 Filing Fee, Certificate  
of Status & Certified Copy

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**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS  
IN FLORIDA**

*IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 605.0902, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:*

1. CORD Financial Services, LLC  
(Name of Foreign Limited Liability Company; must include "Limited Liability Company," "L.L.C.," or "LLC.")

(If name unavailable, enter alternate name adopted for the purpose of transacting business in Florida. The alternate name must include "Limited Liability Company," "L.L.C.," or "LLC.")

2. Texas 3. 81-4140694  
(Jurisdiction under the law of which foreign limited liability company is organized) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. n/a; will begin conducting business in Florida on 1/1/2017  
(Date first transacted business in Florida, if prior to registration.)  
(See sections 605.0904 & 605.0905, F.S. to determine penalty liability)

5. 6261 Central Pointe Parkway  
Temple, Texas 76504  
(Street Address of Principal Office)

6. 6261 Central Pointe Parkway  
Temple, Texas 76504  
(Mailing Address)

7. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

Name: Corporation Service Company  
Office Address: 1201 Hays Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301  
(City) (Zip code)

**Registered agent's acceptance:**

*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 application, 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 relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.*

Holly Jones **Holly Jones**  
(Registered agent's signature) **Assistant Vice President**

8. The name, title or capacity and address of the person(s) who has/have authority to manage is/are:

James R. Fikes, Sole Manager  
6261 Central Pointe Parkway  
Temple, Texas 76504

9. Attached is a certificate of existence, no more than 90 days old, duly authenticated by the official having custody of records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is organized. (If the certificate is in a foreign language, a translation of the certificate under oath of the translator must be submitted)

[Signature]  
Signature of an authorized person

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.

Tate A. Seideman  
Typed or printed name of signer

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November 30, 2016

Re: Consent to Use the Name CORD Financial Services, LLC

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that:

Fikes Wholesale, Inc.      Florida Document No.: FI1000001870      FEIN: 74-1857841

consents to CORD Financial Services, LLC using the names

CORD Financial Services and/or CORD Financial Services, LLC.

Specifically, Fikes Wholesale, Inc. expressly authorizes CORD Financial Services, LLC to take any and all actions necessary to conduct business in the State of Florida under the name CORD Financial Services and/or under the name CORD Financial Services, LLC. This authorization includes, without limitation, CORD Financial Services, LLC filing any and all necessary documents with the Florida Department of State, the Florida Department of Revenue, and other Florida governmental or regulatory entities.

Should you have any questions, please contact Fikes Wholesale, Inc.'s General Counsel, Tate A. Seideman by telephone at (254) 791-0009 extension 12212 or by email at [tseideman@fikesinc.com](mailto:tseideman@fikesinc.com).

Sincerely,

Fikes Wholesale, Inc.

Raymond W. Smith, Chief Financial Officer

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Carlos H. Cascos  
Secretary of State

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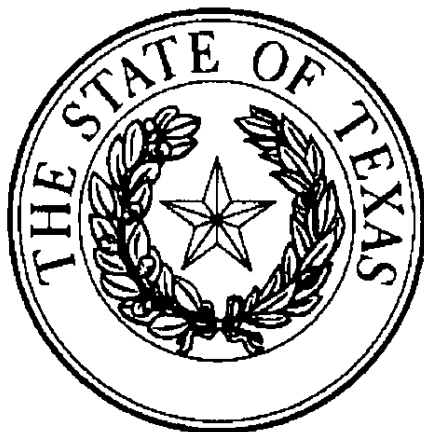
### Certificate of Fact

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of Texas, does hereby certify that the document, Certificate of Formation for CORD Financial Services, LLC (file number 802556691), a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC), was filed in this office on October 05, 2016.

It is further certified that the entity status in Texas is in existence.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State at my office in Austin, Texas on December 05, 2016.

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