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August 17, 2000

Secretary of State P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re:

Big Express, Inc.

Gentlemen:



I am enclosing herewith an original and a copy of Articles of Incorporation for the abovenamed corporation. In addition, a check in the sum of \$78.75 is enclosed which represents the following:

Filing fee	\$	35.00
Certified copy	\$	8.75
Registered agent fee	<u>\$</u> _	<u>35.00</u>
Total	\$	78.75

Please file the original of the enclosed Articles of Incorporation and return a certified copy to the undersigned.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Fredda Fierro, Secretary to

Paul M. Bloomgarden

PMB:ff Enc.

cc: Mr & Mrs. Lehans

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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

August 24, 2000.

FREDDA FIERRO, SECRETARY TO PAUL M. BLOOMGARDEN 8551 W SUNRISE BLVD., #208 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33322

SUBJECT: BIG EXPRESS, INC. Ref. Number: W00000020861

We have received your document for BIG EXPRESS, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The effective date is not acceptable since it is not within five working days of the date of receipt.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6929.

Joey Bryan Document Specialist

Letter Number: 100A00045437

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

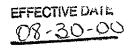
OF

## **BIG EXPRESS, INC.**



## ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Corporation is Big Express, Inc.



#### **ARTICLE II - DURATION**

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence commencing on the date of these Articles.

#### ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

This Corporation is organized for the following purposes:

- A. To engage in the business of establishing, maintaining, and operating coinoperated, self-service, laundry and dry cleaning facilities and all of its phases.
- B. To have and to exercise all the powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon corporations organized pursuant to the laws under which this Corporation is organized and any and all acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

#### ARTICLE IV - CAPITAL STOCK

This Corporation is authorized to issue 1,000 shares of One (\$1.00) Dollar par value common stock.

## ARTICLE V - PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

Every shareholder, upon the sale for cash of any new stock of this Corporation of the same kind, class or series as that which he already holds, shall have the right to purchase his pro rata share thereof (as nearly as may be done without issuance of fractional shares) at the price at which it is offered to others.

# ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is Pine Island Commons, Suite 208, 8551 West Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33322 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Paul M. Bloomgarden.

# ARTICLE VII - INITIAL MAILING ADDRESS

The initial mailing address of this corporation is:

7804 Orleans Street Miramar, FL 33023

# ARTICLE VIII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This Corporation shall have two directors initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the By-Laws, but shall never be less than one. The name and address of the initial directors of this Corporation are:

Jean F. W. Lahens 7804 Orleans Street Miramar, FL 33023

Marie Lahens 7804 Orleans Street Miramar, FL 33023

# ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the incorporators signing these Articles are:

Jean F. L. Lahens 7804 Orleans Street Miramar, FL 33023

and

Marie Lahens 7804 Orleans Street Miramar, FL 33023

#### ARTICLE X - INDEMNIFICATION

This Corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

#### ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT

This Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders are subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporators executed these Articles of Incorporation this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

lean F. W. Lahens, Incorporator

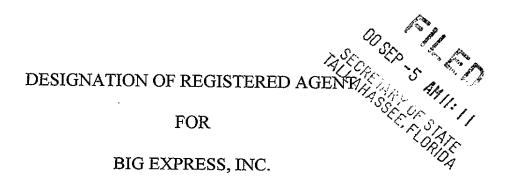
Marie Lahens, Incorporator

# STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BROWARD

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000 by Jean F. W. Lahens and Marie Lahens who are personally known to me or who have produced their Florida Drivers Licenses as identification and who did take an oath.

Notary Public





In compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, Big Express, In. desiring to organize and qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby names Paul M. Bloomgarden located at Pine Island Commons, Suite 208, 8551 W. Sunrise Boulevard, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33322 as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

DATED: August 30, 2000

Jean F. W. Lahens, Incorporator

Marie Lahens, Incorporator

#### ACCEPTANCE

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

DATED: August 30, 2000

Paul M. Bloomgarden, Registered Agent