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Florida Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: Cash Connection, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

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Enclosed is new Articles of Incorporation for Cash Connection, Inc. The filing fee of \$122.50 is enclosed.

Please forward a certified copy of same when filed at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Phillip E. Kuhn

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#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

August 24, 2000

PHILLIP E. KUHN 1533 TOMAHAWK TRAIL LAKELAND, FL 33813-3748

SUBJECT: CASH CONNECTION, INC.

Ref. Number: W00000020846

We have received your document for CASH CONNECTION, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity.

Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One or more major words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

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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.

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

#### JOHN'S CASH CONNECTION, INC.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned, acting as incorporator (s) of a corporation pursuant to chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I

#### NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be: JOHN'S CASH CONNECTION, INC.

#### ARTICLE II

#### PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of business and the mailing address of this corporation shall be: 214 Domaris, Lake Wales, Florida 33853.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### **PURPOSES**

The specific purpose(s) for which the corporation is organized is (are):

- A. I declare that the following Articles shall be the Charter and authority for the conduct of business of said corporation for profit.
- B. Subject to the restrictions set forth in Article III A above, the corporation is organized and operated for the following purposes:
  - 1] To engage in any activity or business authorized under the Florida statutes.
- 2] In general, to carry on any and all incidental business; to have and exercise all the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida, and to do any and all things herein before set forth to the same extent as a natural person might or could do.
- 3] To purchase or otherwise acquire, undertake, carry on, improve, or develop, all of any of the business, good will, rights, assets, and liabilities of any person, firm, association, or corporation carrying on any kind of business of a similar nature to that

which this corporation is authorized to carry on, pursuant to provisions of this certificate; and to hold, utilize, or in any manner dispose of the rights and property so acquired.

- 4] To enter into and make all necessary contracts for its business with any person, entity, partnership, association, corporation, domestic or foreign, or of any domestic or foreign state, government, or governmental authority, or of any political or administrative subdivision, or department thereof, and to perform and carry out, assign, cancel, rescind any of such contracts.
- 5] To exercise all or any of the corporate powers, and to carry out all or any of the purposes, enumerated herein otherwise granted or permitted by law, while acting as agent, nominee, or attorney-in-fact for any persons or corporations, and perform any service under contract or otherwise for any corporation, joint stock company, association, partnership, firm, syndicate, individual, or other entity, and in such capacity or under such arrangement to develop, improve, stabilize, strengthen, or extend the property and commercial interest thereof, and to aid, assist, or participate in any lawful enterprises in connection therewith or incidental to such agency, representation, or service, and to render any other service or assistance insofar as it lawfully may under the laws of the State of Florida, providing for the formation, rights, privileges, and communities of corporations of profit.
- To do everything necessary, proper, advisable, or convenient for the accomplishment of any of the purposes, or the attainment of any of the objects, or the furtherance of any of the powers herein set forth, either alone or in association with others incidental or pertaining to, or going out of, or connected with its business or powers, provided the same shall not be inconsistent with the laws of the State of Florida.
- 7] The several clauses contained in this statement of the general nature of the business or businesses to be transacted shall be construed as both purposes and powers of this Corporation, and statements contained in each clause shall, except as otherwise expressed, be in no way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clause. They shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers.
  - 8] To engage in the business of pawn shop.

This Corporation may invest its funds in real estate, mortgages, stocks, bonds, and any other type of investment it deems prudent, and may own real and personal property necessary for the rendering of the services authorized hereby.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is as follows: According to the By Laws of the Association duly adopted.

#### ARTICLE V

#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

The capital stock of this Corporation shall be composed of One Thousand Shares (1,000) of Class "A" Common voting stock with a par value of One Dollar (\$1.00). The Class "A" Capital Stock shall be sold, assigned, issued and transferred only in accordance with the By Laws of the Corporation as the Corporation may form from time to time, make, change, or alter with a lien reserved in favor of the Corporation upon all of its capital stock for any indebtedness which may at any time be due by the holder of the same to the corporation and which shall be a lien thereon superior to all other liens and claims of every character and all assignments or transfer of stock of this corporation shall be subject thereto.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **CORPORATION POWERS**

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of this corporation shall be managed under the direction of, the shareholders of this corporation. This article may be amended from time to time in the By Laws of the corporation by a majority vote of the stockholders of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### EXISTENCE

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principle office of this corporation shall be located in the City of Lake Wales, County of Polk, State of Florida, and the post office address of said principle office of the corporation shall be 214 Domaris Avenue, Lake Wales, Florida 33853.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be not less than one (1) nor more than six (6).

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of each of the Directors, subject to the By Laws, who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have qualified, are as follows:

NAME

**ADDRESS** 

John Steedley

214 Domaris Avenue Lake Wales, FL 33853

#### **ARTICLE IX**

#### **INITIAL REGISTRATION OFFICE**

The street address of the initial registered office is 214 Domaris Avenue, Lake Wales, Florida 33853 and the name of the initial registered agent for service of process at that office is John Steedley.

#### ARTICLE X

#### **INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the persons signing these Articles of Incorporation are:

NAME

**ADDRESS** 

John Steedley

214 Domaris Avenue Lake Wales, FL 33853

#### **ARTICLE XI**

#### RESTRICTIONS OF TRANSFER OF STOCK

Class "A" Common shares held by the shareholders in the corporation may not be resold or otherwise transferred to other persons without the written consent by all of the shareholders or unless first offered to the remaining shareholders or to the corporation. The price and terms at which, at the time within which those shares may be offered and sold, shall be further specified by written agreement among all of the shareholders of the corporation.

This Article shall not be interpreted as a restriction on the right of any shareholder to have his/her entire stock holding rendered by the corporation. All stock certificates issued will be prominently marked "RESTRICTED", with notations made to the Articles of Incorporation and/or By Laws of the corporation. A subsequent and properly executed Shareholders' Agreement by all the shareholders is deemed to override any provisions herein contrary to such agreement.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

In furtherance of and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statute, the following specific provisions are made for the regulation of the business and the conduct of the affairs of the corporation.

No person shall be liable to the corporation for any loss or damage suffered by it on account of any action taken or omitted to be taken by him as a Stockholder or officer of the corporation in good faith, if such person (a) exercised or used the same degree of care and skill as a prudent man would have exercised or used under the circumstances in the conduct of his own affairs, or (b) took or omitted to take such action in reliance upon advise of council for the corporation or upon statements made or information furnished by officers or employees of the corporation which he had reasonable grounds to believe.

The corporation shall indemnify any and all stockholders or officers, or any person who may have served at its request as a stockholder or officer of another corporation in which it owns shares of capital stock or of which it is a creditor, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding in which they, or any of them, are made parties, or a party, by reason of being or having been stockholders or officers, or a stockholder or officer of the corporation, or of such other corporation except in relation to matters as to which any such stockholder or officer or former stockholder or officer or person shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty.

In case of a criminal action, suit or proceeding, a conviction or judgment, (whether based on a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or its equivalent of, after trial) shall not be deemed adjudication that such misconduct in the performance of his duties, if such stockholder or officer or person was acting in good faith in what he considered to be the best interest of the corporation and with no reasonable cause to believe that the action was illegal.

In case any such action, suit or proceeding shall result in a settlement, and if in the judgment of a disinterested majority of stockholders or of any disinterested committee or group of persons to whom the question may be referred by the stockholders, any such person was not negligent or guilty of bad faith in relation to the matters complained of

therein, the corporation shall reimburse him for, or indemnify him for or against all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith, other than for any sums paid to the corporation.

Such indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any rights to which those identified may be entitled under any By Laws, agreement, vote of stockholders, or otherwise.

WE, the undersigned, being the original subscriber and incorporator of the foregoing corporation, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes the proposed Articles of Incorporation of Activity Unlimited, Inc.

WITNESS MY HAND THIS 15th DAY OF August, 2000.

JOHN S CASH CONNECTION, INC.

John W. Steedley

ARTICLE XII

### INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and street address of the initial registered agent is:

John Steedley 214 Domaris Avenue Lake Wales, FL 33853

The undersigned incorporator(s) has (have) executed these Articles of Incorporation this 15th day of August, 2000.

Signature(s) of the Incorporator(s)

John Steedley
Typed Name of Incorporator signing

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF POLK

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this the 15 day of August, 2000, before me personally came JOHN STEEDLEY, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the within and foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledge before me that he executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal at Luke Wales, Florida, the day and year last above written.

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL NANNETTE S KUHN COMMISSION NUMBER CC653583 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 25,2001

Print Name: Nannette S Kuha Commission No: <u>CC 653583</u> Commission Expires: <u>6-25-2001</u>

# CERTIFICATE DESIGNATIVE PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMIC FOR THE SERVICES OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submiffed in compliance with said Act:

First. .. That John Steedley, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at Lake Wales, County of Polk, State of Florida, has named John Steedley, at 214 Domaris Avenue, Lake Wales, Florida 33853, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT; (MUST BE SIGNED BY DESIGNATED AGENT)

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

John Steedley