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#### 4431 LAFAYETTE STREET MARIANNA, FLORIDA 32446

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DOUGLAS WADE MERCER, ESQ.

TELEPHONE 850-526-3633

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October 16, 2003

Secretary of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

RE: Benton Roofing and Remodeling, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$78.75, and the original Articles of Incorporation of Benton Roofing and Remodeling, Inc. and one copy. Please return a file stamped copy.

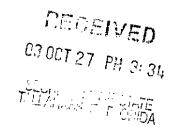
Thank you. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

WADE MERCER, ESQ.

Enclosures (as stated above)





October 22, 2003

LAW OFFICES OF BAKER AND MERCER 4431 LAFAYETTE STREET MARIANNA, FL 32446

SUBJECT: BENTON ROOFING AND REMODELING, INC.

Ref. Number: W03000030771

We have received your document for BENTON ROOFING AND REMODELING, 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 registered agent must have a Florida street address. A post office box, personal mail box (PMB), or mail drop-box address is not acceptable.

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) 245-6067.

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Benton Roofing and Remodeling, Inc.

The undersigned incorporator of this corporation, executing these Articles of Incorporation, being a natural person, competent to contract, hereby forms this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this corporation is Benton Roofing and Remodeling, Inc.

### ARTICLE II NATURE OF BUSINESS

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation is to manufacture, purchase, or otherwise acquire, and to own, mortgage, pledge, sell, assign, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, and to invest in, trade in, deal in and with, goods, wares, merchandise, real and personal property, tangible and intangible, and services of every class, kind and description; and to conduct any other business and carry on any other activity as may be permissible under law; except that it is not to conduct a banking, safe deposit trust, surety, express, railroad, canal, telephone, telegraph, or cemetery company, a building and loan association, fraternal benefit society, state fair, nor exposition.

#### ARTICLE III CAPITAL STOCK

The maximum number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at one time is 100 shares of common stock having a nominal or par value of \$1.00 per share.

### ARTICLE IV INITIAL CAPITAL

The amount of capital with which this corporation will begin business is not less than \$100.00.

### ARTICLE V TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

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#### ARTICLE VI ADDRESS AND RESIDENT AGENT

The initial street address of the initial principal office of this corporation in the State of Florida is 5078 Highway 71N, Malone, Florida, 32445. The initial mailing address of the corporation shall be P.O. Box 189, Malone, Florida, 32445. The name of the initial registered Resident Agent in the State of Florida is Don Allen Benton whose address is 5078 Highway 71N, Malone, Florida, 32445. By his or her signature to these Articles, the said agent consents to the appointment as such, and by his signature hereto acknowledges that he is familiar with and accepts the obligations of that position. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, move the initial registered office of the corporation to any other address in the State of Florida.

### ARTICLE VII DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have one (1) director, initially. The number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time, by bylaws adopted by the stockholders, but shall never be less than one (1).

#### ARTICLE VIII INITIAL DIRECTORS

The names and post office addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors are: Don Alien Benton, P.O. Box 189, Malone, Florida, 32445.

### ARTICLE IX INITIAL OFFICERS

This corporation shall have three (3) officers, initially, consisting of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer, which must be filled by at least one (1) natural person. The names and mailing addresses of the initial officers are: Don Allen Benton, P.O. Box 189, Malone, Florida, 32445, as President, as Vice-President, and as Secretary-Treasurer.

### ARTICLE X AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed to them by the stockholders, and approved at a stockholders' meeting by majority of the stock then entitled to vote thereon, unless the directors and the stockholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment to these Articles of Incorporation be made.

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### ARTICLE XI INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation who shall sign and file these Articles is: Don Allen Benton, P.O. Box 189, Malone, Florida, 32445.

### ARTICLE XII PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

In the event that the Board of Directors authorizes the issuance of further shares of stock in the corporation, or in the event that the officers or directors of the corporation take action to issue previously-authorized shares of stock, then each shareholder of record at the time of the issue or sale shall have the option to purchase such number of shares to be issued, in the proportion that his (or her) already-owned shares bears to the total number of already-issued shares.

EXECUTED and acknowledged that date below written.

DON ALLEN BENTON

As Incorporator and as Resident Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF JACKSON:

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was acknowledged before me this October 16, 2003, by, DON ALLEN BENTON, as Incorporator and as Resident Agent, who is <u>personally known to me</u> or who produced \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did take an oath.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

WADE MERCER Notary Public, State of Florida My comm. exp. May 10, 2005 Comm. No. DD 024455

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