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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FIRST CLASS CHECK CASHING, INC.

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The undersigned incorporator hereby files these Articles of incorporation in order to form a Professional Association ("the Corporation") pursuant to provisions of the Florida General Corporation Act.

### ARTICLE I Name and Address

The name of the Corporation shall be <u>FIRST CLASS CHECK CASHING. INC.</u> The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at 428 South Central Avenue, Apopka, Florida 32703, unless and until changed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE II Nature of Business

The Corporation may engage in any business allowed or permitted under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE III Stock

The authorized capital stock of the Corporation shall consist of One Thousand (1,000) shares of Common Stock with a par value of One and no/100 Dollars (\$1.00). Shareholders may enter into agreements with the Corporation or with each other to control or restrict the transfer of stock and such agreements may take the form of options, rights of first refusal, buy and sell agreements or any other lawful form of agreement.

Shares of capital stock of this corporation shall be issued to:

NAME	SHARES
TIMOTHY W. BRATTON	500
CARRIE RAE WIERCIOCH	500

for such consideration as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

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#### ARTICLE IV Incorporator

The name and street address of the Incorporator of this Corporation is as follows:

TIMOTHY W. BRATTON 428 South Central Avenue Apopka, Florida 32703

## ARTICLE V Term of Corporate Existence

The Corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law.

### ARTICLE VI Address of Registered Office and Register Agent

The name and address of the both the Registered Office and Registered Agent of the Corporation in the State of Florida shall be TIMOTHY W. BRATTON, whose address is 428 South Central Avenue, Apopka, Florida 32703. The Board of Directors may from time to time change the Registered Office to any other address in the State of Florida and change the Registered Agent.

### ARTICLE VII Number of Directors

The business of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of at least one (1) person, the exact number to be determined from time to time in accordance with the By-Laws.

The name and address of the initial Directors of this corporation are:

TIMOTHY W. BRATTON 428 South Central Avenue Apopka, Florida 32703

CARRIE RAE WIERCIOCH 428 South Central Avenue Apopka, Florida 32703

### ARTICLE VIII Officers

The Corporation shall have a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and may have additional and assistant officers including, without limitation thereto, one or more Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries, and Assistant Treasurers. A person may hold more than one (1) office.

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### ARTICLE IX Transactions In Which Directors Or Officers Are Interested

- A. No contract or other transaction between the Corporation and one or more of its Directors or Officers, or between the Corporation and any other corporation, firm, or entity in which one or more of the Corporation's Directors or Officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be void or voidable solely because of such relationship or interest, or solely because such Director(s) or Officer(s) are present at or participate in the meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof which authorizes, approves, or ratifies such contract or transaction, or solely because his or their votes are counted for such purpose, if:
  - 1. The fact of such relationship or interest is disclosed or known to the Board of Directors or the committee which authorizes, approves, or ratifies the contract or transaction by a vote or written consent sufficient for the purpose without counting the votes or consents of such interested Director or Directors; or
  - 2. The fact of such relationship or interest is disclosed or known to any shareholders of the Corporation entitled to vote thereon, and they authorize, approve, or ratify such contract or transaction by vote or written consent; or
  - 3. The contract or transaction is fair and reasonable as to the Corporation at the time it is authorized by the Board of Directors, a committee thereof, or the shareholders.
- B. Common or interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee thereof which authorizes, approves, or ratifies such contract or transaction.

# ARTICLE X Indemnification of Directors and Officers

A. The Corporation hereby indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless from claim, liability, loss or judgment, any Director or Officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action, suit or proceeding by or on behalf of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor), brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his capacity as Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served as such at the request of the Corporation, against judgment, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and reasonably incurred as a result of such action, suit, or proceeding or any appeal thereof, if such person acted in good faith int he reasonable belief that such action was in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement,

conviction or upon a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent shall not create a presumption that any such Director or officer did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation. Such person shall not be entitled to indemnification in relation to matters as to which such person has been adjudged to have been guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his or her duties to the Corporation.

- B. Any indemnification under paragraph A. shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that amounts for which a Director or Officer seeks indemnification were properly incurred and that such Director or Officer acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation, and that, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable grounds for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made either (1) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who where not parties to such action suit or proceeding, or (2) by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of shareholders of the Corporation who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.
- C. The Corporation may assume the defense of any person seeking indemnification pursuant to the provisions of paragraph A. above upon a preliminary determination by the Board of Directors of the Corporation that such person has met the applicable standards of conduct set forth in paragraph A. above, and upon receipt of an agreement by such person to repay all amounts expended by the Corporation in such defense, unless it shall ultimately be determined that such person is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this article. If the Corporation elects to assume the defense, such defense shall be conducted by counsel chosen by it and not objected to in writing for valid reasons by such person. In the event that the corporation elects to assume the defense of any such person and retains such counsel, such person shall bear the fees and expenses of any additional counsel retained by him, unless there are conflicting interest between or among such person and other parties represented in the same action, suit or proceeding by the counsel retained by the Corporation, that are, for valid reasons, objected to in writing by such person, in which case the reasonable expenses of such additional representation shall be within the scope of the indemnification intended if such person is ultimately determined to be entitled thereto as authorized in this article.
- D. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be deemed to limit in any way the power of the Corporation to indemnify under any applicable law.

#### ARTICLE XI Financial Information

Except to the extent required by law, the Corporation shall not be required to prepare and provide a balance sheet or a profit and loss statement to its shareholders, nor shall the Corporation be required to file balance sheet or profit and loss statement in its registered office. This provision shall be deemed to have been ratified by the shareholders each year hereafter unless a resolution to the contrary has been adopted by the shareholders.

### ARTICLE XII Amendment

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in any manner now or hereafter provided for by law and all rights conferred upon shareholders hereunder are granted subject to this reservation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the original subscribing Incorporator to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, has hereunto set his hand and seal this 16th day of March, 2005.

TIMOTHY W. BRATTON

Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, <u>TIMOTHY W\_BRATTON</u>, to me well known, and known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION and acknowledged before me, under oath, that he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes there set forth and expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 16th day of March, 2005.

Notary Public Printed Name:

Commission

Raymond A. McLeod
Commission # DD282671
Expires March 25, 2008
Commission # Bonded Trey Pain Industries, Inc. 800-385-7018

#### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

In compliance with Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

Having been named to accept service of process for FIRST CLASS CHECK CASHING, INC. at the place designated for this purpose in its Articles of Incorporation, <u>TIMOTHY W. BRATTON</u> agrees to act in this capacity, agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 48.091, *Florida Statutes* relative to keeping open such office.

TIMOTHY W. BRATTON

Registered Agent

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