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

Re: BENTON FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are two executed Articles of Incorporation for filing with your office, together with our client's check in the sum of \$122.50 to cover the necessary filing fee. Please return one copy certified to the undersigned at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

BONNER, HOGAN & COLEMAN, P.A.

Elwood Hogan, Jr.

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

## BENTON FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.



#### ARTICLE I

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The name of this corporation is BENTON FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

## ARTICLE II

#### Duration

The term for which said corporation shall exist shall be perpetual, unless sooner dissolved by law.

#### ARTICLE III

#### Purpose

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation is to engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and of the State of Florida, in accordance with and as permitted by Chapter 607, Florida Statutes.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### Capital Stock

This corporation is authorized to issue one thousand shares of One (\$1.00) Dollar par value common stock.

## 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 prorate share thereof at the price at which it is offered to others.

#### ARTICLE V

# Principal Office/Mailing Address

The principal office/street address of the Corporation is:

2135 N.E. Coachman Road, Clearwater, Florida 34625

#### ARTICLE VI

# Initial Registered Office and Registered Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 2135 N.E. Coachman Road, Clearwater, Florida 34625, and the name of the initial Registered Agent at that address is Robert L. Benton, who by execution hereof accepts the duties and responsibilities of such office.

# ARTICLE VII

# Initial Board of Directors

This corporation shall have one (1) Director initially. The number of Directors may either be increased or diminished from time to time by the Bylaws, but shall never be fewer than one (1). The name and address of the initial Board of Directors of this corporation is as follows:

Robert L. Benton

2135 N.E. Coachman Road Clearwater, FL 34625

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### Incorporator

The name and address of the person subscribing to these Articles of Incorporation is: Robert L. Benton, 2135 N.E. Coachman Road, Clearwater, FL 34625.

#### ARTICLE IX

# 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 is subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The undersigned subscriber and Resident Agent has executed these Articles of Incorporation, this 28 day of February 1995.

Robert L. Benton, Subscriber and Resident Agent

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