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

Re: Steedley Enterprises, Inc.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation on behalf of Steedley Enterprises. Their check in the amount of \$122.50 is also enclosed for the required filing fees.

Please register said Charter and return to me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Phillip E. Kuhn

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Secretary of State

May 19, 1995

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SUBJECT: STEEDLEY ENTERPRISES, INC.
Ref. Number: W95000010652

We have received your document for STEEDLEY ENTERPRISES, 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. Simply adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of an entity name **DOES NOT** constitute a difference. Please select a new name and make the substitution in all appropriate places. One or more words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

When the document is resubmitted, please return a copy of this letter to ensure that your document is properly handled.

If you have any questions about the availability of a particular name, please call (904) 488-9000.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
JOHN STEEDLEY ENTERPRISES, INC.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we have associated ourselves together for the purpose of becoming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, providing for the formation, rights, privileges, and communities of corporations for profit. We further declare the following Articles shall be the Charter and authority for the conduct of business of said corporation.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this corporation shall be JOHN STEEDLEY ENTERPRISES, INC., and it's principle place of business shall be in the city of Lake Wales, County of Polk, State of Florida, but it shall have the power and authority to establish branch offices at such place or places as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES AND POWERS

The general nature of the business or businesses to be transacted in which the corporation is authorized to transact, in addition to those authorized by the laws of the

State of Florida and the powers of said corporation, shall be as follows:

- 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 hereinbefore 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 of 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 there with 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 for profit.
- 6) 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, manage, own, and control in the general business of residential and commercial building construction.
- 9) To manage, own, control, supervise and engage in wholesale and retail pawn shops.

ARTICLE III

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 capital stock shall be sold, assigned, issued, and transferred only in accordance with the By-Laws of the corporation as the

corporation may 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

CORPORATE 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 V

EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved in a manner provided by law.

ARTICLE VI

PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principle office of this corporation shall be located in the County of Polk, State of Florida, and said principle office of the corporation shall be 323 East Polk 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:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
John Steedley	323 East Polk Avenue P. O. Box 307 Lake Wales, FL 33853

ARTICLE IX

INITIAL REGISTRATION OFFICE

The street address of the initial registered office is 323 East Polk Avenue, Lake Wales, Florida 33853 and the name of the initial registered agent at that office is John Steedley.

ARTICLE X

INCORPORATORS

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
John Steedley	323 East Polk Avenue Lake Wales, FL 33853

ARTICLE XI

RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER OF STOCK

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 notation 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 or 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.

I, 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 JOHN STEEDLEY ENTERPRISES, INC.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 15th day of May, 1995.

John Steedley
JOHN STEEDLEY

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 15th day of May, 1995 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 acknowledged before me that he executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Seaholm, Florida, the day and year last above written.

Shannette S. Kuhn
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL
NANNETTE S KUHN
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION NO. CC288204
MY COMMISSION EXP. JUNE 25, 1997

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE
FOR THE SERVICES OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE,
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

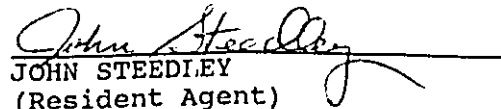
In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

First... JOHN STEEDLEY ENTERPRISES, INC. desires to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principle office, as indicated in the articles of incorporation at Lake Wales, County of Polk, State of Florida, has named JOHN STEEDLEY located at 323 East Polk Avenue, Lake Wales, Florida 33853, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

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 provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

by:


JOHN STEEDLEY
(Resident Agent)

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