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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
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Tallahassee, FL 32314

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\*\*\*\*\*78.75 \*\*\*\*\*78.75

SUBJECT: GULF COAST CLAIMS SERVICE INC.  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☒ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certificate

☐ \$122.50  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$131.25  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

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FROM: Theodore L. Welsh  
Name (Printed or typed)

3881 Captains Court  
Address

Gulf Breeze, FL 32561  
City, State & Zip

904 - 477 - 3771  
Daytime Telephone number

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Sandra B. Morthum  
Secretary of State

March 27, 1996

THEODORE L. WELSH  
3881 CAPTAIN'S COURT  
GULF BREEZE, FL 32561

SUBJECT: GULF COAST CLAIMS SERVICES, INC.  
Ref. Number: W9600006648

We have received your document for GULF COAST CLAIMS SERVICES, 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):

You must list at least one incorporator with a complete business street address.

Please return 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 (904) 487-6928.

Agnes Lunt  
Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 196A00014082

TO: Agnes Lunt

FROM: Ted Welsh

I have listed the incorporator w/complete business street address under Article V.

*Ted Welsh*

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
GULF COAST CLAIMS SERVICE, INC.

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We, the undersigned, heroby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, and under the provisions of the statutes of the State of Florida providing for the formation, liability, rights, privileges and immunities of a corporation for profit.

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be GULF COAST CLAIMS SERVICE, INC.

ARTICLE II

The principal place of business of said corporation shall be in Escambia County, Florida, with the privilege of having branch offices at other places within the State of Florida, and within or without the United States of America, the post office address of said corporation being at 3881 Captains Court, Gulf Breeze, Florida, 32561.

ARTICLE III

The general nature of the business and the objects and purposes to be transacted and carried on are to do any and all things hereinafter mentioned as freely and to the same extent as natural persons might or could do, viz:

(a) To engage in the business of adjusting insurance claims included, but not limited to: fire, and allied lines, including marine, casualty, surety and motor vehicle physical damage;

(b) To purchase, construct, lease, or otherwise acquire, and to hold, own, sell or dispose of, real and personal property of every kind and character and in particular lands, buildings, business concerns and undertakings, shares of stock, mortgages, bonds, notes, debentures and other securities, merchandise, book debts and claims; trade marks, trade names, patent and patent rights, copyrights, and any interest in real and personal property;

(c) To borrow money for its corporate purposes, to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bonds, debentures, or other obligations for the purchase of property, or for any other purpose in and about the business of the company; and, if deemed proper, to secure the payment of any such obligation by mortgage, pledge, deed of trust, or otherwise;

(d) To sell, improve, manage develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise turn to account or deal with, all or any part of the property of the company;

(e) To do all and every thing necessary, suitable, and proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes, or the attainment of any of the objects, or the furtherance of any of the powers hereinbefore set forth, either alone or in association with other corporations, firms, or individuals, and to do every other act or acts, thing or things incident or appurtenant to, or growing out of, or connected with the aforesaid business or powers, or any part or parts thereof, provided the same be not inconsistent with the laws under which this corporation is organized;

(f) Generally to make and perform contracts of any kind and description affecting the corporation; and, for the purpose of attaining any of the objects of the corporation, to do and perform any other act or thing, and to exercise any and all powers which a co-partnership or natural persons could do or exercise, and which are now or hereafter may be authorized by law; and to do and perform any and all things necessary or incident to the performing and carrying out of the powers hereinabove specifically delegated or implied.

#### ARTICLE IV

The amount of capital stock of this corporation shall be one share of common stock of the par value of One (\$1.00) Dollar per share, payable in cash, labor property, or services, at a just valuation to be fixed by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be called for that purpose.

#### ARTICLE V

This corporation shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved by law. Registered agent is President, THEODORE L. WELSH. Incorporator is Theodore L. Welsh, 6924 Old Palafox Street, Pensacola, Florida 32503.

ARTICLE VI

The first Board of Directors and Officers of the corporation and the post office address of each, who shall hold office for the first year or until their successors are chosen, shall be:

THEODORE L. WELSH

President  
3881 Captain's Court  
Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561

SEAN B. WELSH

Vice President  
1806 E. Mallory Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32503

GAIL M. WELSH

Secretary and Treasurer  
3881 Captain's Court  
Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned, being all of the original subscribers to the stock hereinabove named, have hereunto set our hands and seals and acknowledged to be filed in the office of the Department of State, State of Florida, the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, on this 15 day of March, A.D. 1996.



PORTIA D. KOZMA  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION EXPIRES 6-28-97  
COMMISSION # 298185

Theodore L. Welsh (Seal)



PORTIA D. KOZMA  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION EXPIRES 6-28-97  
COMMISSION # 298185

Sean B. Welsh (Seal)



PORTIA D. KOZMA  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION EXPIRES 6-28-97  
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Gail M. Welsh (Seal)

I accept the designation of the Registered Agent.



PORTIA D. KOZMA  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
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COMMISSION # 298185

Theodore L. Welsh

Theodore L. Welsh  
3881 Captain's Court  
Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561


STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 15th day of March  
A.D. 1996, before me personally appeared THEODORE L. WELSH  
and GAIL M. WELSH and SEAN B. WELSH, who is personally known  
to me or who has produced identification - Florida License  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and who did XX DID NOT TAKE  
AN OATH AND WHO SEVERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED TO ME THAT THEY  
EXECUTED THE FOREGOING Articles of Incorporation as their  
free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes  
therein set forth and expressed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and  
affixed the seal of my office at Pensacola, said county and  
state, on the day and year above written.



PORTIA D. KOZMA  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION EXPIRES 6-28-97  
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Notary Public, State of  
Florida at Large Portia Kozma

My commission expires: 6-28-97

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

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PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE  
UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE  
REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is:

Gulf Coast Claims Service Inc  
(must include suffix)

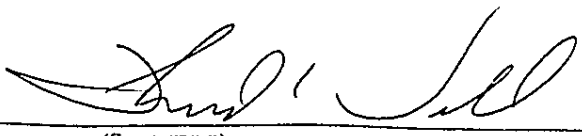
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Theodore L. Welch  
(NAME)

3881 Captains Court  
(P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box **NOT** ACCEPTABLE)

Gulf Breeze FL 32561  
(CITY/STATE/ZIP)

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

  
(SIGNATURE)

3/15/96  
(DATE)

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Sandra B. Northam  
Secretary of State

February 10, 1997

Theodore L. Welsh  
3801 Captains Court  
Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

**SUBJECT: GULF COAST CLAIMS SERVICE, INC.**  
**DOCUMENT NUMBER: P96000028038**

Dear Mr. Welsh:

Through error, your articles of incorporation for GULF COAST CLAIMS SERVICE, INC. were filed April 1, 1996 by one of my staff. We already have a corporation GULF COAST CLAIM SERVICE, INC. that was filed on October 18, 1983.

Therefore because of the similarity of names, it is requested that you amend the name of your corporation to make it distinguishable from the earlier filed entity. I have enclosed guidelines for your convenience in preparing the amendment. There will be no fee charged for filing the amendment.

I apologize for this inconvenience and trust that you will get the amendment properly filled out and returned to my attention as quickly as possible so that we can get our records corrected.

Sincerely,

*Beth Register*

Beth Register, Document Specialist Supervisor  
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS  
PO Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314  
904-487-6919

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**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT  
TO  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF**

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GULF COAST CLAIMS SERVICE, INC.

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(present name)

*Pursuant to the provisions of section 607.1006, Florida Statutes, this Florida profit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation:*

**FIRST:** Amendment(s) adopted: *(Indicate article number(s) being amended, added or deleted)*

Article I      The Name of This Corporation Shall Be Changed  
to NW GULF COAST CLAIM SERVICES, INC.

**SECOND:** If an amendment provides for an exchange, reclassification or cancellation of issued shares, provisions for implementing the amendment if not contained in the amendment itself, are as follows:

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**THIRD:** The date of each amendment's adoption: February 24, 1997

**FOURTH:** Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ The amendment(s) was/were approved by the shareholders. The number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.
- ☐ The amendment(s) was/were approved by the shareholders through voting groups. The following statement must be separately provided for each voting group entitled to vote separately on the amendment(s):
- "The number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval by \_\_\_\_\_ voting group."
- ☐ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors without shareholder action and shareholder action was not required.
- ☒ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the incorporators without shareholder action and shareholder action was not required.

Signed this 24 day of February, 19 97

Signature

Theodore L. Welsh - President

(By the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, President or other officer if adopted by the shareholders)

OR

(By a director if adopted by the directors)

OR

(By an incorporator if adopted by the incorporators)

Theodore L. Welsh

President

Typed or printed name

Title