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May 1, 1996

Office of the Secretary of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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Re:

BJ's HOT SHOP, INC.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find Articles of Incorporation for the above-captioned corporation, along with my firm's check in the amount of \$122.50, payable to the Secretary of State, and representing payment of the following:

a)	Filing fee	\$ 35.00
b)	Certified copy of	
	Articles of Incorporation	52.50
c)	Designation of Registered Agent	<u>_35.00</u>
	Total	\$122.50

Please return the certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation to my attention as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

JEANETTE C. KNOWLES

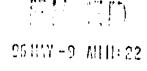
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

May 9, 1996

JEANETTE C. KNOWLES 4830 W KENNEDY BLVD SUITE 147 TAMPA, FL 33609-2522

SUBJECT: BJ'S HOT SHOP, INC. Ref. Number: W96000009964

We have received your document for BJ'S HOT SHOP, 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 document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation"); and the registered agent's signature.

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) 487-6931.

Garrett Blanton Document Specialist

Letter Number: 996A00022789

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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OF

# BJ'S HOT SHOP, INC.

The undersigned subscribers, being natural persons competent to contract, and for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

#### **ARTICLE ONE**

The name of the corporation shall be:

BJ's Hot Shop, Inc.

#### ARTICLE TWO

This corporation shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved according to law and shall commence corporate existence upon the filing of these Articles by the Department of State.

#### **ARTICLE THREE**

This corporation is organized for the purpose of selling, marketing and distributing consumer products and all things subsidiary, necessary, ancillary, and necessary, or convenient for carrying out and into effect the purposes and objects of the corporation, and in respect thereto, and to transact and engage in any activity or business permitted under the Laws of the State of Florida, and of the United States, including but not limited to the following:

a. To purchase or otherwise acquire letters patents, copyrights,

trademarks, concessions, licenses, inventions rights, franchises, and privileges, subject to royalty or otherwise and whether exclusive, non-exclusive or limited, or any part interest in any of the above-enumerated rights whether in the United States or in any other part of the world; to sell, let or grant any of said rights, belonging to the corporation, or which it may let or grant any of said rights belonging to the corporation, or which it may acquire, or any interest in the same; and to register any patent or patents, for any invention or inventions, or any copyrights or trademarks, any concessions, monopolies, franchises, or other right or privileges either in the United States or in any other part of the world.

- b. To manufacture, fabricate, process, deal in, install, store, handle, transport, export, import or otherwise handle any and all goods, materials, appurtenances and processes useful in, necessary for, or convenient in the conducting of the business of the corporation, or of any subsidiary agency or client thereof.
- c. To buy, sell, exchange and generally deal in real properties, improved and unimproved, and buildings of every class and description; to improve, manage, operate, sell, buy, mortgage, lease or otherwise acquire or dispose of any property, real or personal and take mortgages and assignment of mortgages upon the same; to make and obtain loans upon real estate, improved or unimproved, and upon personal property, giving or taking evidences of indebtedness and securing the payment thereof by mortgage, trust deed, pledge or otherwise, to enter into contracts to buy or sell any property, real or personal; to buy and sell mortgages, trust deeds, and contracts and evidences of indebtedness; to purchase or otherwise acquire, for the purpose of holding or disposing of the same, real or personal property of every kind and description, including

the goodwill, stock rights and property of any person, firm, association or corporation, paying for the same in cash, stock or bonds of this corporation; to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute, and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, warrants, bonds, debentures, and other negotiable or transferable instruments or obligations of the corporation, from time to time for any of the operations without restriction of limit as to amount; to purchase, acquire, hold, own, mortgage, sell, convey or otherwise dispose of real and personal property of every class and description in any state district, territory, colony or foreign country; and to act as agent or broker for any other person, firm or corporation in doing any and all acts described herein.

- d. To purchase equities, mortgages, installment sales contracts, notes, drafts, acceptances and commercial paper of every kind and description, including accounts receivable, of other persons, firms or corporations; to hold, collect and otherwise use the same for the benefit of the corporation; and to sell or otherwise dispose of the same.
- e. To operate, conduct and carry on other businesses which may be purchased or otherwise acquired by the corporation, or to lease or rent the same to any other person, firm or corporation, during such period of time as the corporation may own such business or businesses, in order to prevent depreciation in the value of such business or businesses prior to sale or other disposition of the same by the corporation.
- f. To purchase, subscribe for, hold, pledge, transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of or deal in shares of capital stock of corporations, including this corporation, bonds, debentures, notes, or other securities or evidences of indebtedness or

any private or public corporation, to do any other act or thing permitted by law for the preservation, protection, improvements, or enhancement of the value of such shares of stock, bonds, debentures, notes or other securities of evidences of indebtedness including the right to vote thereon, and respecting any of the enumerated times to exercise any and all rights and privileges of ownership thereof.

- g. To transact the business of investing on behalf of itself or others, any part of its capital and such additional funds as it may obtain, or any interest therein in any and all ventures, so far as the same are permissible by law, and selling or otherwise disposing of such investments, or any part thereof, or interest therein.
- h. To engage in the brokerage business, on behalf of itself or others, including but not limited to the business and professions of real estate, securities, insurance and mortgage and to do any and all business which may be delegated to agents or brokers by principals and to conduct and operate general agency and brokerage business of every kind and description.
- i. To do all things which are lawful under the Laws of the State of Florida, which are necessary, suitable, convenient or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes, or attainment of any or all of the objects of the corporation or incidental to the powers herein named which shall at any time appear conducive or expedient for the protection or benefit of the corporation either as holder of or interested in any property or otherwise, with all the powers now or hereafter conferred by the Laws of the State of Florida upon corporations.
  - j. For the accomplishment of any object on or about its business

or affairs, to incur debts without limit, and to raise, borrow and secure the payment of money in any lawful manner.

k. The powers specified herein shall be construed both as purposes and powers and shall be in no wise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from, the terms of any other clause in this or any other article, but the purposes and powers specified in each of the clauses herein shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers, and the enumeration of specific purposes and powers shall not be construed to limit or restrict in any manner the meaning of general terms or of the general powers of the corporation; nor shall the expression of one thing be deemed to exclude another; although it be of like nature not expressed.

# ARTICLE FOUR

This corporation is authorized to issue 500 shares of One and No/100 (\$1.00) par value common stock which shall be designated "Common Stock." Such shares shall have unlimited voting rights and shall be entitled to receive the net assets of the corporation upon dissolution.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE**

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 pro rata share thereof (as nearly as may be done without the issuance of fractional shares) at the price at which it is offered to others.

#### ARTICLE SIX

The street address of the initial principal office of this corporation is 4923

17th Street, Zephyrhills, Florida 33540, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation is John P. Knowles, Jr., whose post office address and mailing address is 4923 17th Street, Zephyrhills, Florida 33540

#### ARTICLE SEVEN

This corporation shall have four director(s) initially. The number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time by the by-laws of this corporation, but shall never be less than one. The names and addresses of the initial directors of this corporation are:

NAME	STREET ADDRESS
John P. Knowles, Jr.	4923 17th Street Zephyrhills, FL 33540
Joan C. Knowles	4923 17th Street Zephyrhills, FL 33540
William Ward	11845 Carmen Ave. Dade City, FL 33525
Jennifer Ward	11845 Carmen Ave. Dade City, FL 33525

### **ARTICLE EIGHT**

The name and street address of the officers of this corporation who, subject to the provisions of the certificate of incorporation, shall hold office for the first year of the corporation's existence, or until his successor is elected and has qualified are:

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#### **STREET ADDRESS**

William Ward - President

11845 Carmen Ave. Dade City, FL 33525 Jennifer Ward - Vice President

11845 Carmen Ave. Dade City, FL 33525

Joan C. Knowles - Secretary

4923 17th Street

Zephyrhills, FL 33540

John P. Knowles, Jr. - Treasurer

4923 17th Street

Zephyrhills, FL 33540

#### ARTICLE NINE

Members of the Board of Directors may participate in meetings of the Board of Directors by means of conference telephone as provided by law.

# ARTICLE TEN

The directors of this corporation may take action by written consent as provided by law.

### ARTICLE ELEVEN

This corporation shall indemnify any officer or director or any former officer or director to the fullest extent permitted by law.

# ARTICLE TWELVE

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.

#### ARTICLE THIRTEEN

The name of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation as incorporator is John P. Knowles, Jr. and whose mailing address is 4923 17th Street, Zephyrhills, Florida 33540.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation in duplicate on the 200 day of 0000, 1996.

John P. Knowles, Jr., Treasurer and Incorporator

STATE OF FLO	RIDA
COUNTY OF	Pasco

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this the 30 day of 1996, by JOHN P. KNOWLES, JR., who is personally known to me or produced \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida

My Commission Expires:

LEIGH J. CLASS NOTARY PULLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA My commission explica blar, 21, 1997 Commission No. C C 270381

# STATEMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT ACCEPTING APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT AND DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to Sections 48.091 and 607.0501, Fla. Statutes 1995, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

First, BJ'S HOT SHOP, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its registered office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at the City of Zephyrhills, County of Pasco, State of Florida, has named John P. Knowles, Jr., 4923 17th Street, Zephyrhills, Florida 33540, County of Pasco, as its Registered Agent.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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 acknowledge that I am familiar with the obligations of that position, and hereby accept the appointment to act as registered agent and agree to comply with the provisions of the above-referenced laws.

John/P. Knowles, Jr.

(Registered Agent)