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Florida Department of State
Sandra B. Mortham
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RE: Articles Of Incorporation
Benton Auto Sales, Inc.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed please find the Articles of Incorporation for Benton Auto Sales, Ins.. This Document requires filing with the State. Also enclosed is an attorney's account check in the amount of \$ 122.50 for filing fees and services. If we can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to contact our office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Teresa L. Mills
Office of Val R. Patarini, Esq.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

BENTON AUTO SALES INC.

The undersigned, acting as Incorporator's to these Articles of Incorporation, of a Corporation under the Florida General Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Corporation is BENTON AUTO SALES, INC.

ARTICLE 11

To own and operate an automobile sales business and to buy and sell motor vehicles in both the wholesale and retail markets. To also sell and distribute automobile parts and accessories and to maintain a service and repair department for automobiles.

To carry on any business whatsoever that this corporation may deem proper or convenient in connection with any of the foregoing purposes or otherwise, or that it may deem calculated, directly or indirectly, to improve the interest of this corporation, and to

have and to exercise all powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida on corporations formed under the laws pursuant to which and under which this corporation is formed, as such laws are now in effect or may at any time hereafter be amended, and to do any and all things herein above set forth to the same extent and as full as natural persons, firms, associations, or corporations, and in any part of the world.

The foregoing statement of purposes shall be construed as statement of both purposes and powers, shall be liberally construed in aid of powers of this corporation, and the powers and purposes stated in each clause shall, except where otherwise stated, be in no wise limited or restricted by any term or provision of any other clause, and shall be regarded no only as independent purposes, but the purposes and powers stated shall be construed distributively as each object expressed, and the enumeration as to specific powers shall not be construed as to limit in any manner the aforesaid general powers, but are in furtherance of, and in addition to and not limitation of said general powers.

ARTICLE III

CAPITAL STOCK

The maximum number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any time is 1,000 shares of common stock, each share having a par value of \$2.00. Said authorized shares shall be voting shares.

Authorized capital stock may be paid for in cash, services or property at a just value to be fixed by the Board of Directors of this corporation at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE IV

INITIAL CAPITAL

The amount of capital with which this corporation shall begin business is \$2,000.00.

ARTICLE V

TERMS OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VI

ADDRESS

The initial street address of the principal of this corporation is to be at 11350 Rock Ridge Road, Lakeland, Florida 33809. The Board of Directors from time to time designate such other address and place for the principal office of this corporation as it may seem fit.

ARTICLE VII

REGISTERED AGENT

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

That BENTON AUTO SALES, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office in the City of Lakeland, County of Polk, has named WILLIAM C. BENTON, located at 11350 Rock Ridge Road, Lakeland, Florida 33809, as its agent to accept service of process within the State; That the Registered Agent's home address is 11350 Rock Ridge Road, Lakeland, Florida 33809.

ARTICLE VIII

DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have two (2) Directors initially. The number of Directors may be increased or diminished from time to time by the by-laws but shall never be less than one (1).

ARTICLE IX

INITIAL DIRECTORS

The name and street address of the Initial Director's, who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have qualified, are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHYSICAL AND MAILING ADDRESS</u>
WILLIAM C. BENTON	11350 Rock Ridge Road, Lakeland, Florida 33809
CLESLIE DAVID ALLEN	11233 Country Haven Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33809.

The Officers of the Corporation, who shall hold office until successors are elected by the Board of Directors, shall be:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHYSICAL AND MAILING ADDRESS</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
WILLIAM C. BENTON	11350 Rock Ridge Road, Lakeland, Florida 33809	President/Treasurer
CLESLIE DAVID ALLEN	11233 Country Haven Drive Lakeland, Florida 33809	Vice President / Secretary

ARTICLE X

SUBSCRIBERS

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>SHARES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
WILLIAM C. BENTON	900	\$1,800.00
CLESLIE DAVID ALLEN	100	200.00

ARTICLE XI

EFFECTIVE DATE



These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective on the granting of the Corporation by the State of Florida.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by the law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by it to the stockholders, and approved at a stockholder's meeting by a majority (51%) of the intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF , We have hereunto set our hands and seals, acknowledged, and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida, this 20th day of December, 1996.


WILLIAM C. BENTON

CLESIE DAVID ALLEN

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STATE OF FLORIDA:
COUNTY OF HARDEE:

SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this the 20th day of December, 1996 by William C. Benton and Cleslie David Allen.


VAL R. PATARINI
Notary Public/State of Florida



Val R. Patarini
COMMISSION # CCS68150 EXPIRES
July 28, 2000
BACKED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

ACCEPTANCE

HAVING BEEN NAMED to accept service of process for the above-styled corporation, at the 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.


WILLIAM C. BENTON