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Department of State Corporate Records P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

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Dear Secretary of State:

Enclosed find one original and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of The Tobacco Merchant Corporation.

Also find enclosed a check made payable to the Secretary of State in the amount of \$131.25 which includes the statutory filing fee. Your assistance in establishing the corporation to be known as The Tobacco Merchant Corporation is appreciated.

Respectfully,

Gene Haggins
Secretary

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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THE TOBACCO MERCHANT CORPORATION 97 JAN 10 PM 3:59

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

# ARTICLE ONE

The name of the corporation is <u>The Tobacco Merchant Corporation</u>. The principal office and mailing address is 1877 West State Road 434, Longwood, Florida 32750.

### ARTICLE TWO

The period of its duration is perpetual.

### ARTICLE THREE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Corporation Act.

# ARTICLE FOUR

The aggregate number of shares which the corporation shall have authority to issue is one thousand of the par value of dollars (\$1.00) each.

# ARTICLE FIVE

The corporation will not commence business until it has received for the issuance of shares consideration of the value of \$1,000 consisting of money, labor done or property actually received.

### ARTICLE SIX

The street address of its initial registered office is <u>1877 West State</u> Road 434, Longwood, Florida, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is <u>Gene Higgins</u>.

The registered office address is the same as the principal address.

I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation.

Signature

Registered Agent

# ARTICLE SEVEN

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is two, and the name and address of the person's who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of the shareholders or until successors are elected and qualified are:

Name

Mailing Address

Gene Higgins

1877 West State Road 434
Longwood, FL 32750

Dianne Higgins

1877 West State Road 434
Longwood, FL 32750

# ARTICLE EIGHT

The Board of Directors is empowered to make, alter or repeal the Bylaws of the corporation without restriction of their powers conferred by statute.

### ARTICLE NINE

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Gene Higgins

Name

Mailing Address

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1877 West State Road 434 Longwood, FL 32750

(signed)

ARTICLE TEN

The powers of the incorporators cease upon filing of the Articles of Incorporation.