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Re: 1st Choice Motors, Inc.

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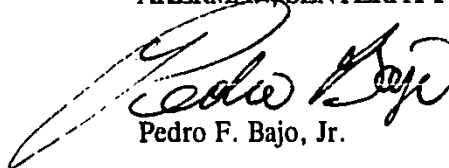
To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is the original and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation for 1st Choice Motors, Inc., along with the \$70.00 filing fee. Please return a date stamped copy of the Articles of Incorporation in the pre-paid, self-addressed envelope once the filing is complete.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

AKERMAN, SENTERFITT & EIDSON, P.A.


Pedro F. Bajo, Jr.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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March 6, 1997

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SUBJECT: 1ST CHOICE MOTORS, INC.
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We have received your document for 1ST CHOICE MOTORS, INC. and check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(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.

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) 487-6925.

Brenda Baker
Corporate Specialist

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March 10, 1997

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Loria Poole
409 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: 1st Choice Motors, Inc.

Dear Ms. Poole:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation this morning, I am resubmitting the Articles of Incorporation of 1st Choice Motors, Inc. You indicated that the denial was most likely an error. As you requested, I have highlighted the name 1st Choice Motors, Inc. and circled the word Choice and I have also highlighted First Coast Motor, Inc. and circled the word Coast. As I mentioned to you, time is of the essence to my client. If you could please expedite the process and return the date stamped copy of the Articles of Incorporation to me in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

AKERMAN, SENTERFITT & EIDSON, P.A.



Pedro F. Bajo, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Joel Menard (without enclosures)

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STATE OF FLORIDA
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
1ST CHOICE MOTORS, INC.

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The undersigned Subscriber hereby makes, subscribes, acknowledges, and files with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation for profit in accordance with Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, known as the Florida Business Corporation Act (FBCA).

ARTICLE ONE

NAME OF CORPORATION

The corporate name that satisfies the requirements of Section 607.0401 is: 1st Choice Motors, Inc.

ARTICLE TWO

ADDRESS OF CORPORATION

The address of the principal office, and the mailing address of the corporation is 3311 Nakora Drive, Tampa, Florida 33618.

ARTICLE THREE

STOCK

The number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue is: 10,000 shares, all of which shall be common shares with a par value of \$1.00.

ARTICLE FOUR

PURPOSE

The purpose for which this Corporation is organized is to transact any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Business Corporation Act.

ARTICLE FIVE

CORPORATE EXISTENCE AND DURATION

This corporation shall commence existence on February 26, 1997 and shall exist perpetually thereafter unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE SIX

BYLAWS

Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE SEVEN

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation in the State of Florida is Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A., 100 South Ashley Drive, Suite 1500, Tampa, Florida 33602 and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is Pedro F. Bajo, Jr.

ARTICLE EIGHT

DIRECTORS

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is three (3), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are elected and shall qualify are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Joel M. Menard	3311 Nakora Drive Tampa, Florida 33618
H. Jane Menard	3311 Nakora Drive Tampa, Florida 33618
Omer M. Bunn	104 Hill Street Grundy, Virginia 24614

ARTICLE NINE

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Joel M. Menard	3311 Nakora Drive Tampa, Florida 33618


The undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 26 day of February, 1997.


Joel M. Menard

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26th day of February, 1997 by Joel M. Menard, who is personally known to me or _____ who has provided _____ as identification and who did (did not) take an oath.


(Signature)
Judy A. Barton
(Type or Print Name)
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____
My Commission Number is: _____



JUDY A BARTON
My Commission CC383907
Expires Jun. 16, 1998
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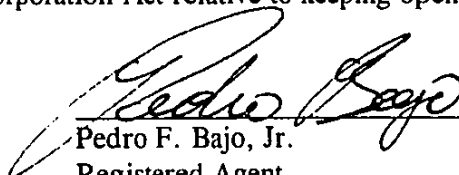
**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED
OFFICE FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE**

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

1st Choice Motors, Inc., desiring to be organized under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal place of business in Tampa, Florida, has named Pedro F. Bajo, Jr., located at Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A., 110 South Ashley Drive, Suite 1500, Tampa, Florida 33602 as its agent to accept service within this state.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation of the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act, in this capacity as Registered Agent as required in Section 607.0501(3), Florida Statutes, and agreed to comply with the provision of the Florida Business Corporation Act relative to keeping open said office.

February 26, 1997
Date



Pedro F. Bajo, Jr.
Registered Agent

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