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September 25, 1997

**CAPITAL CONNECTION, INC.**  
**417 E. VIRGINIA ST.**  
**STE. 1**  
**TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301**

**SUBJECT: AFFORDABLE JEWELRY & LOAN OF TAMPA BAY INC.**  
**Ref. Number: W97000022026**

We have received your document for AFFORDABLE JEWELRY & LOAN OF TAMPA BAY 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):

You must list the corporation's principal office and/or a mailing address in the document.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
AFFORDABLE JEWELRY & LOAN  
OF  
TAMPA BAY INC.**

**ARTICLE I - Name**

The name of this corporation is **AFFORDABLE JEWELRY & LOAN OF TAMPA BAY, INC.** The Principal Address for the corporation shall be 10006 North 30th Street, Tampa, FL 33612.

**ARTICLE II - Purpose**

1. This corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and/or all lawful business including, a pawn shop and retail and wholesale sale of consumer merchandise and all other related business matters.

2. To act on its own behalf in all legal or equitable proceedings or suits.

3. To acquire, hold, use, deal in, encumber, dispose of property, real or personal, and any interest therein.

4. To contract debts and borrow money, issue and sell or pledge bonds, debentures, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, and execute such mortgages, transfers of corporate property, or other instruments to secure the payment of corporate indebtedness as required.

5. To purchase the corporate assets of any other corporation and engage in the same or other character of business.

6. To guarantee, endorse, purchase, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, pledge or otherwise acquire or dispose of the shares of the capital stock of, or any bonds, securities, or other evidences of indebtedness created by any other corporation of the State of Florida or any other state or government, and while owner of such stock to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the right to vote such stock.

7. To enter into, make, perform, and carry out contracts and agreements of every kind, for any lawful purposes, with limit as to amount, with any person, firm, association, or corporation; and to transact any further and other business necessarily connected with the purposes of this corporation, or calculated to facilitate the same.

8. To carry on any or all of its operation and businesses and to promote its objects within the State of Florida or elsewhere, without restriction as to place or amount; and to have, use, exercise and enjoy all of the general powers of like corporations.

9. To do any or all of the things herein set forth to the same extent as natural persons might or could do, in any part of the world as principals, agents, contractors, or otherwise, alone, or any company with others, and to do and perform all such other things and acts as may be necessary, profitable, or expedient in carrying on any of the business or acts above named.

10. The intention is that none of the objects and powers as hereinabove set forth, except where otherwise specified in this Article, shall be in any way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other objects, powers or clauses of this Article or any other Articles; but that the objects and powers specified in each of the clauses in the Article shall be regarded as independent objects and powers.

### ARTICLE III - Capital Stock

The maximum number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding any time shall consist of 10,000 shares of common stock having a par value of \$1.00 per share.

### ARTICLE IV - Initial Registered Office and Agent

The name of the original registered agent and the street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is:

KEVIN J. MERRILL  
14854 PAR CLUB CIRCLE  
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33624  
(813) 264-0211

**ARTICLE V - Initial Board of Directors**

This corporation shall have ONE (1) Director(s) initially. The number of Directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the bylaws but shall never be less than one. The names and addresses of the initial Director(s) of this corporation are:

KEVIN J. MERRILL  
14854 PAR CLUB CIRCLE  
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33624  
(813) 264-0211

**ARTICLE VI - Incorporator**

The name and address of the person signing these Articles is:

KEVIN J. MERRILL  
14854 PAR CLUB CIRCLE  
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33624  
(813) 264-0211

**ARTICLE VII - Duration**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

**ARTICLE VIII - Bylaws**

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors and the shareholders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 24th day of September, 1997.

  
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KEVIN J. MERRILL  
Subscriber

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

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Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in Article IV, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

KEVIN J. MERRILL

Date: 9/24, 1997

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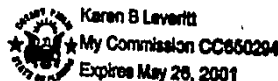
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COUNTY OF PINELLAS :

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT acknowledged before me this 24th day of September, 1997, by KEVIN J. MERRILL, the individual described herein as Incorporator/Subscriber and who acknowledged before me that the Articles were executed for the purposes therein expressed and who is personally known to me or who has produced: (X) Driver's License ( ) Passport (X) Social Security Card ( ) Other as identification.

Karen B. Leveritt  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:



(Official Stamp)

STATE OF FLORIDA :

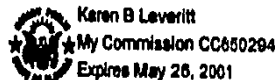
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COUNTY OF PINELLAS :

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT acknowledged before me this 24TH day of September, 1997, by KEVIN J. MERRILL, Registered Agent, who is personally known to me or who has produced: (X) Driver's License ( ) Passport (X) Social Security Card ( ) Other as identification.

Karen B. Leveritt  
Notary Public

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