

**CAPITAL CONNECTION, INC.**

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

FIRST INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

ARTICLE I - CORPORATE NAME

The name of the Corporation is:

FIRST INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

The principal address of the Corporation shall be:

3550 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD  
SUITE #500  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33137

ARTICLE II - NATURE OF CORPORATE BUSINESS

The Corporation may engage in or transact any or all activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States of America and of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE III - CAPITAL STOCK

The Corporation is authorized to issue and have outstanding at any one time an aggregate number of 500 shares of one class of common stock having \$1.00 par value.

The consideration to be paid for each share of stock shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV - PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

All Shareholders of the Corporation shall be vested with full preemptive rights.

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**ARTICLE V - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT  
AND INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE**

The Corporation's initial Registered Agent and Registered Office in the State of Florida is:

STEVEN M. ROSEN  
5601 Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami, Florida 33137

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named Initial Registered Agent to accept service of process on the Corporation at the Initial Registered Office designated in this Article of Incorporation, I hereby accept such status and consent to act in this capacity and agree to comply with all the requirements of law pertaining thereto.

  
REGISTERED AGENT, STEVEN M. ROSEN

**ARTICLE VI - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The number of directors constituting the Initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is one (1).

**ARTICLE VII - INITIAL DIRECTOR**

The name and address of the Initial Board of Director is:

ROLANDO BARBERIS  
3550 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD  
SUITE 500  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33137

ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator executing this Article of  
Incorporation is:

  
ROLANDO BARBERIS

ARTICLE IX

STATE OF FLORIDA                     )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE         )

BEFORE ME, personally appeared ROLANDO BARBERIS, to me well known  
and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the  
foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged before me that he  
executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESSED my hand and official seal in the County and State named  
hereto above, this 7 day of August, 1998.

My Commission Expires:

  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

STEVEN M. ROSEN  
PRINTED NAME OF NOTARY

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