

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
YOUR NONPROFIT NAME

The undersigned incorporators, who are individuals 18 years of age or older, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States and pursuant to the nonprofit corporation laws of this state, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this corporation is: _____

ARTICLE II. REGISTERED OFFICE

The physical address of the registered office for this corporation is at: _____, _____,
_____.

(This is required by most states and can be amended, if need be, at a later date.)

ARTICLE III. REGISTER AGENT

The name and address of the initial register agent is: _____, _____.

(The registered agent is your organizations representative (or the public face of your organization). They are responsible for receiving legal and corporate documents on behalf of your organization. Anyone can be the registered agent. Many organizations appoint a board member or their Executive Director to this position. Some corporations choose to have a lawyer as their registered agent. The registered agent can (and most likely will) be changed through your organizations existence.)

ARTICLE IV. DURATION

The period of duration is: Perpetual

(This means that the organization will continue to exist even if the directors, officers and/or members change over the years.)

ARTICLE V. PURPOSE

The specific purpose of this corporation is:

- Purpose one _____;
- Purpose two _____;
- Purpose three _____; and
- etc.

(This is your statement of specific purpose typically requested by your secretary of state. You may also need to declare your NAICS code (North American Industry Classification System). To learn more about NAICS codes and find what NAICS code best describes your organization visit: www.census.gov)

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt

organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(Important. This statement is a requirement for federal tax exempt status.)

ARTICLE VI. INITIAL DIRECTORS

The number of directors, and the method of selecting directors, shall be fixed by the Bylaws of this corporation. The initial directors shall be three (3) in number. The names and addresses of these initial directors are as follows:

John Jones, 123 Main St., Harbor City, OH 44123
Betty Smith, 321 Front St, Harbor City, OH 44123
Alex Doe, 888 Noble Lane, Harbor City, OH 44123

(This is your acting board of directors until you hold your first meeting. At which point you will select your board of directors as well as your officers (president, vice president, treasurer, etc). Most states require you to have a minimum number of initial directors on your board. Check your secretary of state webpage for more information.)

ARTICLE VII. MEMBERS

The classes, rights, privileges, qualifications, and obligations of members of this corporation are determined by the bylaws of this corporation.

(If your organization will not have members, you can simply state, "This corporation does not have members" for this article.)

ARTICLE VIII. INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the incorporators of this corporation are:

John Jones, 123 Main St., Harbor City, OH 44123
Betty Smith, 321 Front St, Harbor City, OH 44123
Susan Doe, 888 Noble Lane, Harbor City, OH 44123

(The incorporators are the people who are founding your organization. The incorporators are typically required to sign the articles of incorporation, though some states require the initial directors to sign.)

ARTICLE IX. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof.
2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future

federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(This language is required by the IRS to obtain tax exempt status. The IRS also advises: "If reference to federal law in articles of incorporation imposes a limitation that is invalid in your state, you may wish to substitute the following for the last sentence of the preceding paragraph: "Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.")

4. No member, officer, or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers, or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned, being the Incorporators of [name of nonprofit] executed these Articles of Incorporation on _____, 20__.

John Jones, Incorporator

Betty Smith, Incorporator

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Susan Jones, Incorporator