

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
BUSINESS CORPORATION

ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation under Chapter 7-1.1 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

FIRST. The name of the corporation is OCEAN STATE HEARING AID CENTER, INC.

(A close corporation pursuant to §7-1.1-51 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended) (strike if inapplicable)

SECOND. The period of its duration is (if perpetual, so state) perpetual

THIRD. The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

To engage in and carry on any lawful purpose or purposes for which a corporation may be organized under the Rhode Island Business Corporation Act.

The corporation shall have power: (See §7-1.1-4 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended.)

- (a) To have perpetual succession by its corporate name unless a limited period of duration is stated in its articles of incorporation.
- (b) To sue and be sued, complain and defend, in its corporate name.
- (c) To have a corporate seal which may be altered at pleasure, and to use the same by causing it, or a facsimile thereof, to be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced.
- (d) To purchase, take, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use and otherwise deal in and with, real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- (e) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets.
- (f) To lend money and to use its credit to assist its employees.
- (g) To purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge or otherwise dispose of, and otherwise use and deal in and with, shares or other interests in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district or municipality or of any instrumentality thereof.
- (h) To make contracts and guarantees and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, and income.
- (i) To lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.
- (j) To conduct its business, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by this chapter, within or without this state.
- (k) To elect or appoint officers and agents of the corporation, and define their duties and fix their compensation.
- (l) To make and alter by-laws, not inconsistent with its articles of incorporation or with the laws of this state, for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the corporation.
- (m) To make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific or educational purposes.
- (n) To transact any lawful business which the board of directors shall find will be in aid of governmental authority.
- (o) To pay pensions and establish pension plans, pension trusts, profit-sharing plans, stock bonus plans, stock option plans and other incentive plans for any or all of its directors, officers and employees.
- (p) To provide insurance for its benefit on the life of any of its directors, officers, or employees, or on the life of any stockholder for the purpose of acquiring at his death shares of its stock owned by such stockholder.
- (q) To be a promoter, partner, member, associate, or manager of any partnership, enterprise or venture.
- (r) To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect its purposes.

FOURTH. The aggregate number of shares which the corporation shall have authority to issue is:

(a) *If only one class:* Total number of shares 2000 without par value

(If the authorized shares are to consist of one class only, state the par value of such shares or a statement that all of such shares are to be without par value.)

or

(b) *If more than one class:* Total number of shares _____

(State (A) the number of the shares of each class thereof that are to have a par value and the par value of each share of each such class, and/or (B) the number of such shares that are to be without par value, and (C) a statement of all or any of the designations and the powers, preferences and rights, including voting rights, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, which are permitted by the provisions of title 7 of the General Laws in respect of any class or classes of stock of the corporation and the fixing of which by the articles of association is desired, and an express grant of such authority as it may then be desired to grant to the board of directors to fix by vote or votes any thereof that may be desired but which shall not be fixed by the articles.)

RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER OF SHARES: No stockholder shall during his lifetime encumber or dispose of any portion or all of his stock interest in the corporation except that if a stockholder should desire to dispose of any of his stock in the corporation during his lifetime, he shall first offer to sell all of his stock to the corporation. Any shares not purchased by the corporation within sixty (60) days after receipt of such offer in writing shall be offered at the same price to the other stockholders, each of whom shall have the right to purchase such portion of the remaining stock offered for sale as the number of shares owned by all the other stockholders excluding the selling stockholders, provided, however, that if any stockholder does not purchase his full proportionate share of the stock, the balance of the stock may be purchased by the other stockholders equally. If the stock is not purchased by the corporation within sixty (60) days or the remaining stockholders within the sixty (60) day period after the receipt of the offer to them, then stockholder desiring to sell his stock may sell it to any other person.

No shares of stock shall be sold or transferred on the books of the corporation until these provisions have been complied with, but the Board of Directors may in any particular instance waive the requirement.

FIFTH. Provisions (if any) dealing with the preemptive right of shareholders pursuant to §7-1.1-24 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended:

None.

SIXTH. Provisions (if any) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation:

Shares of stock may be issued by the Board of Directors of the Corporation from time to time for such consideration consisting of cash, services, personal property, both tangible and intangible, or real property or as may be fixed from time to time by said Board of Directors.

SEVENTH. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is
725 Howard Building, Providence, Rhode Island, 02903 (add Zip Code)
and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is:
John H. Hines, Jr., Esquire

EIGHTH. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is one (1) 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:

(If this is a close corporation pursuant to §7-1.1-51 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, state the name(s) and address(es) of the officers of the corporation.)

Name	Address
ANTHONY LANCIA	Smith Avenue, Greenville, R. I. 02828

NINTH. The name and address of each incorporator is:

Name	Address
John H. Hines, Jr.	41 Roger Williams Drive, Greenville, R.I. 02828

TENTH. Date when corporate existence to begin (not more than 30 days after filing of these articles of incorporation):

Dated January 23, 1975

John H. Hines, Jr.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND } In the City } of Providence
COUNTY OF Providence } Town }
in said county this 23rd day of January, A. D. 19 75
then personally appeared before me ~~*****~~ JOHN H. HINES, JR.

each and all known to me and known by me to be the parties executing the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged said instrument by them subscribed to be their free act and deed.

Arthur L. Haines, Jr.
Notary Public

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Armand Lanoie Hearing Aid Center

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Date Filed

January 10, 1984

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

(Sec. 7-1.1-8 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended)

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE FOR RESERVATION OF CORPORATE NAME

Armand Lanoie Hearing Aid Center

42 Weybosset St. Providence, R. I. 02903

Anthony Lancia
(Signature)

BY Anthony Lancia

DATE: Jan. 4, 1984

THIS RESERVATION EXPIRES 120 DAYS FROM DATE RECEIVED

expires 5/9/84

FILING FEE: \$10.00

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ARMAND LANOIE HEARING AID CENTER

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November 4, 1983

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APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE FOR RESERVATION OF CORPORATE NAME

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ARMAND LANOIE HEARING AID CENTER

(Proposed Name of Corporation)

42 Weybosset Street Providence, R. I.

Anthony Lancia
(Signature)

Anthony Lancia

DATE: Nov. 1, 1983

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Armand Lanoie Hearing Aid Center

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE FOR RESERVATION OF CORPORATE NAME

Armand Lanoie Hearing Aid Center

(Proposed Name of Corporation)

Anthony Lancia
(Signature)

DATE: July 8, 1983

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Expires 11-14-83

<p>THE LITTLE SHOP</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Do Not Write Above This Line)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Sec. 7-1.1-8 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE FOR RESERVATION OF CORPORATE NAME</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE LITTLE SHOP</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Proposed Name of Corporation)</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> <i>Carmel M. Lancia</i> <small>(Signature)</small> Mailing address C70 Ocean State H. A. Ctr. 42 Weybosset St. Providence, R.I. 02903 </p> <p>DATE: <u>March 3, 1983</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">THIS RESERVATION EXPIRES 120 DAYS FROM DATE RECEIVED</p> <p>FILING FEE: \$10.00 FORM 1 5M 1/78</p>	<p>Date Filed</p> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">MAR 7 - 1983</p> <p style="font-size: small;">7 83</p> <p style="font-size: small;">5411A14 005 1400 081</p> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">7-5-83</p>
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The Little Shop

Date Filed
Oct 13, 1983

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE FOR RESERVATION OF CORPORATE NAME

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The Little Shop

(Proposed Name of Corporation)

Carmel M. Lancia

(Signature)

42 Weybosset St.
Providence, R.I.

DATE: 10-11-83

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The Little Shop

Date Filed
January 10, 1984

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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The Little Shop

(Proposed Name of Corporation)

42 Weybosset St. Providence, R. I. 02903

Carmel M. Lancia

(Signature)

Carmel Lancia

DATE: 1/4/84

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