

**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 ARROW FLORIST, 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 the business of propagating, growing, harvesting, buying, selling, and dealing in, at whole sale and retail, flowers, ferns, palm, shrubs, plants, and vegetable growths of all kinds. To make and perform contracts for designing, arranging, and furnishing floral pieces and floral decorations of all kinds. To acquire, by purchase, lease or otherwise, hold, improve, develop, let, sell, and generally deal in real properties of all kinds and rights and interests therein. To build, maintain, and operate greenhouses, hot beds, cold frames, cellars, storage plants, equipment for transporting its products and supplies, stores, stands, and other places for the marketing of its goods, wares, and products, and to do such other things as are incidental, proper, or necessary to the operation of the business or to the carrying out of any or all of the purposes, and to do everything done by those engaged in a similar line of business or any other business connected therewith, and for any other lawful purpose.

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 ... 600 no 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 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.)

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

In the event of the increase of the authorized common stock of the corporation, the holders of the common stock of the corporation, at that time outstanding, shall have the exclusive right to subscribe in proportion to their holdings for the common stock so to be issued.

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

In the event that any stockholder, or the respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors, or assigns of any stockholder, or any person or persons to whom title of any stockholder in stock of this corporation may devolve or pass by assignment for the benefit of creditors, appointment of a receiver, filing of a petition in bankruptcy, or by operation of law or otherwise, shall desire to sell the whole or any portion of his stock of this corporation, he shall, before offering the same for sale to any other party, give notice in writing to the corporation of his desire to sell the same to the corporation at the lowest price at which he is willing to sell said stock. Within twenty (20) days after the receipt of any such notice the Board of Directors shall elect to purchase the shares so offered, the Secretary or treasurer or some other Officer designated by the Board of Directors shall forthwith and within said twenty (20) days deliver in person to such stockholder or mail by registered mail,

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postage prepaid addressed to him at his usual post office address as stated on the books of the corporation, a notice in writing, signed by the Secretary or Treasurer or such other officer of the election by the corporation to purchase such stock. Such notice shall state that such stockholder may receive the purchase price for such stock at the office of the corporation upon transfer to the corporation of the shares sold. If such notice of election to purchase shall not be given within the time above limited, the stockholder shall be at liberty to sell his stock to any other party, provided that such sale is made within fifteen (15) days after the expiration of said twenty (20) days and at a price not less than the price at which it was offered to the corporation.

SEVENTH. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 1441 Park Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island (add Zip Code) and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is: Frank Mastrati, Jr.

EIGHTH. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is ONE 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
Frank Mastrati, Jr.	132 Chandler Avenue, Cranston, RI

NINTH. The name and address of each incorporator is:

Name	Address
Frank Mastrati, Jr.	132 Chandler Avenue, Cranston, RI

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

Dated March 13, 1985

Frank Mastrati Jr.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND } City  
COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE } In the Town of Cranston  
in said county this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 1985  
then personally appeared before me Frank Mastrati, 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.

*Karen L. DeLisella*  
Notary Public

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