



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the Secretary of State**

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**Non-Profit Corporation
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is BLACK FIREARMS ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is Perpetual

ARTICLE III

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

TO PROMOTE THE AWARENESS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF BLACK,
LATINO X,
AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO PRIVATELY OWN, POSSESS, AND PROTECT THEIR
PERSONS AND FAMILIES WITH FIREARMS, WHILE EDUCATING THEM ABOUT GUN
SAFETY, RIGHTS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

ARTICLE IV

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

A. SAID 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.

B. 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. 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. 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.

C. 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.

ARTICLE V

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 2050 SMITH STREET
UNIT 113928
 City or Town: NORTH PROVIDENCE State: RI Zip: 02911

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is AMIR SHAKIR

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 3 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	AMIR SHAKIR	2050 SMITH STREET UNIT 113928 NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI 02911 USA
DIRECTOR	MICKEY BENTSON	2050 NORTH SMITH STREET UNIT 113928 NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI 02911 USA
DIRECTOR	AL MCFARLAN	2050 NORTH SMITH STREET UNIT 113928 NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI 02911 USA

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	AMIR SHAKIR	2050 SMITH STREET UNIT 113928 NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI 02911 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 07/14/2020

(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Signed this 14 Day of July, 2020 at 7:41:40 PM by the incorporator(s). *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

Enter signature(s) below.

AMIR SHAKIR

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Nellie M. Gorbea, *Secretary of State*

I, NELLIE M. GORBEA, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations, hereby certify that this document, duly executed in
accordance with the provisions of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as
amended, has been filed in this office on this day:

July 14, 2020 07:41 PM

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nellie M. Gorbea". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

