



**State of Rhode Island  
Office of the Secretary of State**

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Division Of Business Services  
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Providence RI 02904-2615  
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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 Rhode Island Food Policy Council

**ARTICLE II**

The period of its duration is X Perpetual     

**ARTICLE III**

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

A) TO PROMOTE A MORE EQUITABLE, ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT, AND ENVIRONMENTALLY

SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM IN RHODE ISLAND BY CREATING PARTNERSHIPS, DEVELOPING

POLICIES, AND ADVOCATING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS.

B) 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.

C) 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, 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.  
D) 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 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:

N/A

#### ARTICLE V

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

No. and Street: 10 DAVOL SQUARE  
SUITE 100

City or Town: PROVIDENCE

State: RI

Zip: 02903

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is NESSA RICHMAN

#### ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 4 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	DIANE LYNCH	10 DAVOL SQUARE, SUITE 100 PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA
DIRECTOR	THEA UPHAM	10 DAVOL SQUARE, SUITE 100 PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA

DIRECTOR	JOSH DALY	10 DAVOL SQUARE, SUITE 100 PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA
DIRECTOR	STEVE ARTHURS	10 DAVOL SQUARE, SUITE 100 PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 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	NESSA RICHMAN	10 DAVOL SQUARE, SUITE 100 PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA

## ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 10/27/2020

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

**Signed this 27 Day of October, 2020 at 4:13:42 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.**

NESSA RICHMAN

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**Nellie M. Gorbea**, *Secretary of State*

I, NELLIE M. GORBEA, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island,  
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:

October 27, 2020 04:10 PM

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

Nellie M. Gorbea  
*Secretary of State*

