

**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 A J'S MINI MARKET, 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 merchandise, sell, offer for sale, and distribute at wholesale and retail, giftware, foods and foodstuffs of all kinds and descriptions, whether in bulk, package, bottle, or can, including beverages of all kinds and for all purposes, and to generally deal in groceries and grocery products and giftware.

To transact and carry on any and all lawful business.

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 . 8000

(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.)

NO PAR VALUE

(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:

The corporation shall have the right in case of sale of any common stock by any holder thereof to purchase said stock at the lowest price at which such stockholder is willing to sell the same before such stock may be sold to any other party; and no sale of any such stock to any other party then the corporation shall be valid unless the offer to sell such stock, at the lowest price at which the holder thereof is willing to sell, shall have first been received in writing by the corporation. The corporation shall have ten (10) days in which to accept or reject said offer.

Any stockholder who shall have offered his stock for sale to the corporation in accordance with the foregoing provisions, any, at any time within twenty (20) days after the rejection of such offer by the corporation, or if within such period the corporation shall neither accept nor reject such offer, then within twenty (20) days after such offer shall have been received by the corporation, sell the stock so offered to the corporation to any other party, but not for a price lower than that at which such stock shall have been previously offered to the corporation, and the corporation may require affidavits from the stockholder and the purchaser of such stock as to the price paid therefor before transferring such stock upon the books of the corporation.

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

SEVENTH. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is  
501 Great Road, North Smithfield, RI 02895 (add Zip Code)  
and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is: Howard S. Portney

EIGHTH. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is 0 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.)

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>
President	Jack Aoude	241 Pond Street, Franklin, MA 02038
Vice President	Antoine El Hosri	300 Cass Avenue, Woonsocket, RI 02895
Secretary	Jack Aoude	241 Pond Street, Franklin, MA 02038
Treasurer	Antoine El Hosri	300 Cass Avenue, Woonsocket, RI 02895

NINTH. The name and address of each incorporator is:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>
Howard S. Portney	501 Great Road, North Smithfield, RI 02895

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, 1989

*Handwritten signature: J - S. Portney*

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
COUNTY OF Providence

} In the ~~City~~  
Town }

of North Smithfield

in said county this 13th day of March, A.D. 1989

then personally appeared before me Howard S. Portney

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.

*Suzanne R. Berard*

Suzanne R. Berard/ Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6/30/91

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