

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 Ernie's Auto Care 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 the business of auto repair, the retail sale of automotive/truck parts and supplies, and any activities related thereto, and to engage in and carry on any other lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Rhode Island Business Corporations 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 . 2,000

(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 . n/a

(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: None

SIXTH. Provisions (if any) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation: See "Schedule A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SEVENTH. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is
128 Dorrance St., Providence, RI 02903 (add Zip Code)
and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is:
Paul D. Ragosta, Esq.

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
Ernesto R. Muccio	1156 Plainfield St., Johnston, RI


NINTH. The name and address of each incorporator is:

Name	Address
Paul D. Ragosta, Esq.	128 Dorrance St., Prov., RI 02903

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

January 1, 1991

Dated December 31, 1990


Paul D. Ragosta, Esq.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND } City
COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE } In the ~~PROV~~ } of PROVIDENCE

in said county this _____ day of December, A.D. 19 90

then personally appeared before me . PAUL D. RAGOSTA

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.

Myrna Velucci
Notary Public

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The common stock, without par value, may be issued by the corporation from time to time for such consideration, consisting of cash services, personal property, tangible or intangible, or real estate, as the incorporators at their first meeting may agree, and thereafter as may be fixed from time to time by the stockholders of the corporation, and any and all such shares so issued, the full consideration for which has been paid or delivered, shall be deemed full paid stock and not liable to any further call or assessment thereon and the holder of any such shares shall not be liable for any further payment thereon.

The corporation shall have the right in case of sale of any stock by any stockholder 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 stock to any other party other than 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 fifteen (15) days in which to accept or reject said offer. A majority of the Directors present at the meeting at which said offer is made, although said majority may not be a quorum, shall have the power to accept or reject such offer on behalf of the corporation. If a Board of Directors has not been elected, the vote of a majority of the Stockholders shall be necessary to accept or reject such offer on behalf of the corporation.

Any stockholder who shall have offered his stock for sale to the corporation in accordance with the foregoing provisions, may, at any time within thirty (30) days after the rejection of such offer by the corporation or if the corporation shall neither accept nor reject such offer, then, within sixty (60) 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 price paid therefor before transferring such stock upon the books of the corporation.

SCHEDULE A