

# State of Rhode Island Office of the Secretary of State

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Business Corporation
Articles of Incorporation

(Chapter 7-1.2- of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is **SMOKEHOUSE RESTAURANT, INC.** 

X This is a close corporation pursuant to § 7-1.2-1701 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended. (Uncheck if inapplicable.)

#### **ARTICLE II**

The total number of shares which the corporation has authority to issue is: (Unless otherwise stated all authorized shares are deemed to have a nominal or par value of \$0.01 per share.)

Class of Stock	Par Value Per Share	Total Authori <i>Number o</i>	
CWP	\$0.0100	1,000.00	

A statement of all or any of the designations and the powers, preferences, and rights, including voting rights, and the qualifications, limitations, or restrictions of them, which are permitted by the provisions of Chapter 7-1.2 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, in respect of any class or classes of shares of the corporation and the fixing of which by the articles of association is desired, and an express grant of the authority as it may then be desired to grant to the board of directors to fix by vote or votes any of them that may be desired but which is not fixed by the articles:

#### **ARTICLE III**

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

No. and Street: 321 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 400

City or Town: PROVIDENCE State: RI Zip: 02903

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is JEAN A. HARRINGTON, ESQ.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

The corporation has the purpose of engaging in any lawful business, and shall have perpetual existence until dissolved or terminated in accordance with Chapter 7-1.2.

Fee: \$230.00

## **ARTICLE V**

Additional provisions, if any, not inconsistent with Chapter 7-1.2 which the incorporators elect to have set forth in these Articles of Incorporation:

<u>5. PROVISIONS FOR THE REGULATION OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION:</u>

I. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY THE RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS

CORPORATION ACT, AS HAS BEEN OR MAY HEREAFTER BE AMENDED (THE "ACT"), ANY

<u>ACTION REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE TAKEN AT A MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS</u>
BY THE

ACT, BY THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BY THE BY-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION

MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT A MEETING UPON THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF LESS THAN ALL OF THE

SHAREHOLDERS ENTITLED TO VOTE THEREON IF THE SHAREHOLDERS WHO SO CONSENT WOULD

BE ENTITLED TO CAST AT LEAST THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF VOTES WHICH WOULD BE

REQUIRED TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AT A MEETING AT WHICH ALL SHAREHOLDERS ENTITLED TO

VOTE THEREON ARE PRESENT.

II. (A) A DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT BE PERSONALLY

<u>LIABLE TO THE CORPORATION OR ITS SHAREHOLDERS FOR MONETARY DAMAGES</u> <u>FOR BREACH</u>

OF THE DIRECTOR'S DUTY AS A DIRECTOR, EXCEPT FOR (I) LIABILITY FOR ANY BREACH

OF THE DIRECTOR'S DUTY OF LOYALTY TO THE CORPORATION OR ITS SHAREHOLDERS, (II)

<u>LIABILITY FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS NOT IN GOOD FAITH OR WHICH INVOLVE INTENTIONAL</u>

MISCONDUCT OR A KNOWING VIOLATION OF LAW, (III) LIABILITY IMPOSED PURSUANT TO

THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 811 OF THE ACT, OR (IV) LIABILITY FOR ANY TRANSACTION

(OTHER THAN TRANSACTIONS APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 807 OF THE ACT)

FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR DERIVED AN IMPROPER PERSONAL BENEFIT. IF THE ACT IS

AMENDED TO AUTHORIZE CORPORATE ACTION FURTHER ELIMINATING OR LIMITING THE

PERSONAL LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS, THEN THE LIABILITY OF A DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE ELIMINATED OR LIMITED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT SO PERMITTED.

ANY REPEAL OR MODIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION BY THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT

ADVERSELY AFFECT ANY RIGHT OR PROTECTION OF A DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION

EXISTING PRIOR TO SUCH REPEAL OR MODIFICATION.

(B) THE DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION MAY INCLUDE PROVISIONS IN THE CORPORATION'S BY-LAWS, OR MAY AUTHORIZE AGREEMENTS TO BE ENTERED INTO WITH

EACH DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE OR OTHER AGENT OF THE CORPORATION (AN "INDEMNIFIED PERSON"), FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDEMNIFYING AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON IN

THE MANNER AND TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE ACT.

IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY CONFERRED UPON THE DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION BY THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPH, THE DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION MAY

INCLUDE PROVISIONS IN ITS BY-LAWS, OR MAY AUTHORIZE AGREEMENTS TO BE ENTERED

INTO WITH EACH INDEMNIFIED PERSON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDEMNIFYING SUCH PERSON

IN THE MANNER AND TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED HEREIN:

(I) THE BY-LAW PROVISIONS OR AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED HEREBY MAY PROVIDE THAT THE CORPORATION SHALL, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE,

<u>PAY, ON BEHALF OF AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON ANY LOSS OR EXPENSES ARISING FROM ANY</u>

<u>CLAIM OR CLAIMS WHICH ARE MADE AGAINST THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON</u>
(WHETHER

INDIVIDUALLY OR JOINTLY WITH OTHER INDEMNIFIED PERSONS) BY REASON OF ANY COVERED ACT OF THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON.

# (II) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, WHEN USED HEREIN

(1) "DIRECTORS" OR "OFFICER" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS OR WAS A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION OR THOSE ONE OR MORE SHAREHOLDERS OR

OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE EXERCISING ANY POWERS NORMALLY VESTED IN THE BOARD OF

DIRECTORS. DIRECTOR OR OFFICER INCLUDES, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, THE ESTATE OR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIRECTOR OR OFFICER;

(2) "LOSS" MEANS ANY AMOUNT WHICH AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON IS LEGALLY OBLIGATED TO PAY FOR ANY CLAIM FOR COVERED ACTS AND SHALL INCLUDE,

<u>WITHOUT</u>

BEING LIMITED TO, DAMAGES, JUDGMENTS, SETTLEMENTS, FINES (INCLUDING AN EXCISE

TAX ASSESSED WITH RESPECT TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS), PENALTIES, OR, REASONABLE

EXPENSES ACTUALLY INCURRED;

(3) "EXPENSES" MEANS ANY EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFENSE AGAINST ANY CLAIM FOR COVERED ACTS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT BEING LIMITED

TO, LEGAL, ACCOUNTING OR INVESTIGATIVE FEES AND EXPENSES OR BONDS NECESSARY TO

PURSUE AN APPEAL OF AN ADVERSE JUDGMENT; AND

(4) "COVERED ACT" MEANS ANY ACT OR OMISSION OF AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON IN THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON'S OFFICIAL CAPACITY WITH THE CORPORATION AND

WHILE SERVING AS SUCH OR WHILE SERVING AT THE REQUEST OF THE CORPORATION AS A

<u>DIRECTOR</u>, OFFICER, PARTNER, TRUSTEE, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF ANOTHER FOREIGN OR

<u>DOMESTIC CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP, JOINT VENTURE,</u>

TRUST, OTHER ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN OR OTHER ENTITY.

(III) THE BY-LAW PROVISIONS OR AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED HEREBY MAY COVER LOSS OR EXPENSES ARISING FROM ANY CLAIMS MADE AGAINST A RETIRED INDEMNIFIED

<u>PERSON, THE ESTATE, HEIRS OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF A DECEASED INDEMNIFIED</u>

PERSON OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF AN INCOMPETENT, INSOLVENT OR BANKRUPT

INDEMNIFIED PERSON, WHERE THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON WAS AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON AT

THE TIME THE COVERED ACT UPON WHICH SUCH CLAIMS ARE BASED OCCURRED.

(IV) ANY BY-LAW PROVISIONS OR AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED HEREBY MAY
PROVIDE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EXPENSES TO AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON PRIOR
TO THE

FINAL DISPOSITION OF ANY ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING, OR ANY APPEAL THEREFROM,

INVOLVING SUCH INDEMNIFIED PERSON AND BASED ON THE ALLEGED COMMISSION BY SUCH

INDEMNIFIED PERSON OF A COVERED ACT, SUBJECT TO (I) A WRITTEN AFFIRMATION BY

THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON OF HIS OR HER GOOD FAITH BELIEF THAT HE OR SHE HAS

MET

THE STANDARD OF CONDUCT NECESSARY FOR INDEMNIFICATION AND (II) AN UNDERTAKING

BY OR ON BEHALF OF SUCH INDEMNIFIED PERSON TO REPAY THE SAME TO THE CORPORATION

IF THE COVERED ACT INVOLVES A CLAIM FOR WHICH INDEMNIFICATION IS NOT PERMITTED

UNDER CLAUSE (V), BELOW, AND THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF SUCH ACTION, SUIT, PROCEEDING OR APPEAL RESULTS IN AN ADJUDICATION ADVERSE TO SUCH INDEMNIFIED

PERSON.

(V) THE BY-LAW PROVISIONS OR AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED HEREBY MAY NOT INDEMNIFY AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON FROM AND AGAINST ANY LOSS, AND THE CORPORATION

SHALL NOT REIMBURSE FOR ANY EXPENSES, IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CLAIM OR CLAIMS

MADE AGAINST AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON WHICH THE CORPORATION HAS DETERMINED TO HAVE

RESULTED FROM: (1) ANY BREACH OF THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON'S DUTY OF LOYALTY TO

THE CORPORATION OR ITS STOCKHOLDERS; (2) ACTS OR OMISSIONS NOT IN GOOD FAITH OR

WHICH INVOLVE INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR KNOWING VIOLATION OF LAW; (3) ACTION

<u>CONTRAVENING SECTION 811 OF THE ACT; OR (4) A TRANSACTION (OTHER THAN A TRANSACTION APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 807 OF THE ACT) FROM WHICH THE</u>

PERSON SEEKING INDEMNIFICATION DERIVED AN IMPROPER PERSONAL BENEFIT.

### **ARTICLE VI**

The name and address of the each incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	JEAN A HARRINGTON	321 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 400 PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA

#### **ARTICLE VII**

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective upon filing unless a specified date is provided which shall be no later than the 90th day after the date of this filing.

Later Effective Date:

**Signed this 18 Day of March, 2024 at 4:06:19 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 § 7-1.2.

<BR> JEAN A HARRINGTON

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