

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BUREAU OF CORPORATIONS AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS**

**Articles of Incorporation-Nonprofit**  
(15 Pa.C.S.)

\_\_\_ Domestic Nonprofit Corporation (§ 5306)  
\_\_\_ Nonprofit Cooperative Corporation (§ 7102)

Name		
_____		
Address		
_____		
City	State	Zip Code
_____	_____	_____

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Fee: \$125

In compliance with the requirements of the applicable provisions (relating to articles of incorporation or cooperative corporations generally), the undersigned, desiring to incorporate a nonprofit/nonprofit cooperative corporation, hereby state(s) that:

1. The name of the corporation is:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Complete part (a) or (b) – not both:

(a) The address of this corporation's current registered office in this Commonwealth is:  
(post office box alone is not acceptable)

\_\_\_\_\_

Number and Street	City	State	Zip	County
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(b) The name of this corporation's commercial registered office provider and the county of venue is:

c/o: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Commercial Registered Office Provider	County
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3. The corporation is incorporated under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988 for the following purpose or purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. The corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise.

5. Check and complete one:

\_\_\_ The corporation is organized on a nonstock basis.

\_\_\_ The corporation is organized on a stock share basis and the aggregate number of shares authorized is: \_\_\_\_\_

6. *For unincorporated association incorporating as a nonprofit corporation only. Check if applicable:*  
\_\_\_\_\_ The incorporators constitute a majority of the members of the committee authorized to incorporate such association by the requisite vote required by the organic law of the association for the amendment of such organic law.

7. *For Nonprofit Corporation Only:*  
  
*Check one:* \_\_\_\_\_ The corporation shall have no members.  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ The corporation shall have members.

8. *For Nonprofit Cooperative Corporation Only:*  
  
*Check and complete one:*  
\_\_\_\_\_ The corporation is a cooperative corporation and the common bond of membership among its members is: \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The corporation is a cooperative corporation and the common bond of membership among its shareholders is: \_\_\_\_\_.

9. The name(s) and address(es) of each incorporator(s) is (are) *(all incorporators must sign below)*:

Name(s)	Address(es)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

10. The specified effective date, if any, is:  
\_\_\_\_\_ month      day      year      hour, if any

11. Additional provisions of the articles, if any, attach an 8½ x 11 sheet.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the incorporator(s) has/have signed these Articles of Incorporation this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



**Department of State  
Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations  
P.O. Box 8722  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8722  
(717) 787-1057  
Web site: [www.dos.state.pa.us/corps](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/corps)**

**Instructions for Completion of Form – (Articles of Incorporation–Nonprofit):**

- A. Typewritten is preferred. If not, the form shall be completed in black or blue-black ink in order to permit reproduction. The filing fee for this form is \$125 made payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Checks must contain a commercially pre-printed name and address.
- B. Under 15 Pa.C.S. § 135(c) (relating to addresses) an actual street or rural route box number must be used as an address, and the Department of State is required to refuse to receive or file any document that sets forth only a post office box address.
- C. The following, in addition to the filing fee, shall accompany this form:
- (1) One copy of a completed form DSCB:15-134A (Docketing Statement).
  - (2) Any necessary copies of form DSCB:17.2 (Consent to Appropriation of Name).
  - (3) Any necessary governmental approvals.
- D. *For Domestic Nonprofit Corporation Only:* For general instructions relating to the incorporation of nonprofit corporations see 19 Pa. Code Ch. 41 (relating to nonprofit corporations generally). These instructions relate to such matters as corporate name, stated purposes, term of existence, authorized share structure, inclusion of names of first directors in the Articles of Incorporation, provisions on incorporation of unincorporated associations, etc.
- E. *For Nonprofit Cooperative Corporation Only:* For general instructions relating to the incorporation of cooperative corporations see 19 Pa. Code Ch. 51 (relating to cooperative corporations). Under 15 Pa.C.S. § 7103 (relating to use of term "cooperative" in corporate name) the corporate name in Paragraph 1 must, unless otherwise provided by statute, contain one of the terms "cooperative" or "coop." See 19 Pa. Code § 17.7 (relating to cooperative names). See also the general instructions relating to the incorporation of nonprofit corporations, 19 Pa. Code Ch. 41 (relating to nonprofit corporations generally). These instructions relate to such matters as corporate name, stated purposes, term of existence, authorized share structure, inclusion of names of first directors in the Articles of Incorporation, provisions on incorporation of unincorporated associations, etc.
- Under 15 Pa.C.S. § 7102(a) the articles of the corporation must set forth a common bond of membership among its members or shareholders by reason of occupation, residence or otherwise.
- F. One or more corporations or natural persons of full age may incorporate a nonprofit/nonprofit cooperative corporation.
- G. 15 Pa.C.S. § 5307 (relating to advertisement) requires that the incorporators shall advertise their intention to file or the corporation shall advertise the filing of articles of incorporation. Proofs of publication of such advertising should not be submitted to, and will not be received by or filed in, the Department, but should be filed with the minutes of the corporation.
- H. This form and all accompanying documents shall be mailed to the address stated above.

### **NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS ONLY**

Pursuant to 15 Pa.C.S. § 5110, a nonprofit corporation is required to annually notify the Department of State of any change of its officers. If no change of officers has occurred since the last report, the report need not be filed. These annual reports are submitted on form DSCB:15-5110 (Annual Statement-Nonprofit Corporation). No fee is required for this filing.

Please forward annual report to the Department of State, Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations, P.O. Box 8722, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8722.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS**

Nonprofit corporations that solicit funds from citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania must register with the Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations of the Department of State, unless exempt from registration requirements. Please contact the Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations at 207 North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, (717) 783-1720 or 1-800-732-0999 within Pennsylvania, for more information on registration.

Pennsylvania sales tax exempt status may be obtained from the Department of Revenue, Registration Division, Exemption Unit, Department 280901, Harrisburg, PA 17128-0901. Any other type of exempt status may be obtained or explained by contacting your local Federal Internal Revenue Service.

Please be advised that the date and signature of the Secretary of the Commonwealth indicate the filing in the Department of State. **NO CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION IS ISSUED** for nonprofit corporations.