

Pennsylvania Department of State
Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations
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Instructions for Completion of Form – (Articles of Incorporation–Nonprofit):

- A. Typewritten is preferred. If handwritten, the form shall be legible and completed in black or blue-black ink in order to permit reproduction.

The nonrefundable filing fee for this form is \$125 made payable to the Department of State. Checks must contain a commercially pre-printed name and address. Filers requesting a veteran/reservist-owned small business fee exemption should attach proof of the veteran's or reservist's status to the Articles of Incorporation form when submitted. For more information on the fee exemption, see [Fees and Payments](#).

Enter the name and mailing address to which any correspondence regarding this filing should be sent. This field must be completed for the Bureau to return the filing. If the filing is to be returned by email, an email address must be provided. An email will be sent to address provided, containing a link and instructions on how a copy of the filed document or correspondence may be downloaded. Any email or mailing addresses provided on this form will become part of the filed document and therefore public record.

- 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:19-17.2 (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. Per 15 Pa.C.S. § 5307 (relating to advertisement), 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.