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**WEST VIRGINIA
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
WITH NON-PROFIT IRS ATTACHMENT**

Office Hours: Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST

FILING FEE: \$25 (non-profit)

*** Fee Waived for Veteran-owned corporation**

Control # _____

***** The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) according to the West Virginia Code §31E-2-202, adopt the following ***
following Articles of Incorporation for a West Virginia Non-Profit Domestic Corporation, which shall be perpetual.**

1. The name of the West Virginia corporation shall be: PARKERSBURG SOAP BOX DERBY, INCORPORATED
[The name MUST contain one of the required corporate name endings*
per §31D-4-401 of the West Virginia Code (*see attached instructions for
the list of required name endings)]. This name is your official name and
must be used in its entirety when in use unless a Trade Name (DBA) is
registered with the Office of the Secretary of State, according to
[Chapter 47-8](#) of the West Virginia Code.] _____

CHECK BOX to indicate you've included one of the REQUIRED CORPORATE NAME ENDINGS (See instructions for name endings).

2. The address of the principal office of the corporation will be:
Street: 903 CAMDEN AVE
City: PARKERSBURG State: WV Zip Code: 26101
County: Wood
Located in the County of (required):
The mailing address of the above location, if different, will be:
Street: SAME
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

3. The physical address (not a PO Box) of the principal place of business in West Virginia, if any:
Street: 903 CAMDEN AVE
City: PARKERSBURG State: WV Zip Code: 26101
County: Wood
Located in the County of:
The mailing address of the above location, if different, will be:
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

4. The name and address of the person (agent) to whom notice of process may be sent, if any, will be:
Name: ROBERT E. MERCER
Street: 903 CAMDEN AVE
City: PARKERSBURG State: WV Zip Code: 26101

5. E-mail address where business correspondence may be received: BOBMERCER80@YAHOO.COM

6. Website address of the business, if any (ex: yourdomainname.com): NONE YET

7. Do you own or operate more than one business in West Virginia? Yes * Answer a. and b. below. No Decline to answer

If "Yes"... a. How many businesses? ONE OTHER b. Located in how many West Virginia counties? 1 - WOOD

8. The corporation is organized as (check the box below):

NON-PROFIT, NON-STOCK (If you plan to apply for 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, you will need to include specific language that is required by the IRS to be included in your Articles of Incorporation. That language is included as an attachment to this application - see last page of this application.)

9. a. The purpose for which this corporation is formed is as follows:

(Describe the type(s) of business activity which will be conducted, for example, "agricultural production of grain and poultry", "construction of residential and commercial buildings", "manufacturing of food products", "commercial painting", "retail grocery and sale of beer and wine." Purpose may conclude with words "...including the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated in West Virginia.")

To work with the youth of the mid-Ohio Valley (and their parents) through the national Soap Box Derby program,

teaching them to become a better, more imaginative, self-confident team player, which will prepare them for the future.

b. Is the business a Scrap Metal Dealer?

Yes [If "Yes," you must complete the Scrap Metal Dealer Registration Form (Form SMD-1) and proceed to Section 10.]
 No [Proceed to Section 10.]

10. FOR NON-PROFIT ONLY (Check the statement that applies to your entity.):

Corporation will have **NO MEMBERS**.
 Corporation will have **MEMBERS** (See *NOTE below.)

*NOTE: If the corporation has one or more classes of members, the designation of a class or classes is to be set forth in the articles of incorporation and the manner of election or appointment and the qualifications and rights of the members of each class is to be set forth in the articles of incorporation or bylaws. If this applies to your entity then you will need to attach a separate sheet listing the above required information, unless it will fit in the space provided below.

11. The name(s) and address(es) of the incorporator(s) is (You must list at least ONE incorporator.):

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>
a)	ROBERT E. MERCER	903 CAMDEN AVE	PARKERSBURG	WV	26101
b)	RICKARD L. SAWYER	344B MURPHYTOWN CIR	DAVISVILLE	WV	26142

12. Is the organization a "veteran-owned" organization?

Effective **JULY 1, 2015**, to meet the requirements for a "veteran-owned" organization, the entity filing the registration must meet the following criteria per West Virginia Code §59-1-2a:

- 1. A "veteran" must be honorably discharged or under honorable conditions, and
- 2. A "veteran-owned business" means a business that meets one of the following criteria:
 - o Is at least fifty-one percent (51%) unconditionally owned by one or more veterans; or
 - o In the case of a publicly owned business, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock is unconditionally owned by one or more veterans.

Yes (If "Yes," attach Form DD214)  CHECK BOX indicating you have attached Veteran Affairs Form DD214

No

You may obtain a copy of your Veterans Affairs Form DD214 by contacting:

**National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records**
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138
Toll free: 1-86-NARA-NARA or 1-866-272-6272
Phone: 314-801-0800
www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

Per WV Code 59-1-2(j) effective July 1, 2015, the registration fee is waived for entities that meet the requirements as a "veteran-owned" organization. See attached instructions to determine if the organization qualifies for this waiver. In addition, a "veteran-owned" entity will have four (4) consecutive years of Annual Report fees waived AFTER the organization's initial formation [see WV Code 59-1-2a(m)].

13. The number of acres of land it holds or expects to hold in West Virginia is: NONE

14. **Contact and Signature Information*** (See below Important Legal Notice Regarding Signature):

a. Contact person to reach in case there is a problem with filing: RICKARD L SAWYER Phone: 3044949957

b. Print name of person who is signing articles of incorporation: RICKARD L SAWYER

c. Signature of Incorporator: *Rickard L Sawyer* Date: 21 Feb 2024

***Important Legal Notice Regarding Signature:** Per West Virginia Code §31E-1-129. **Penalty for signing false document.** Any person who signs a document he or she knows is false in any material respect and knows that the document is to be delivered to the secretary of state for filing is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or confined in the county or regional jail not more than one year, or both.

Important Note: This form is a public document. Please **do NOT** provide any personal identifiable information on this form such as social security number, bank account numbers, credit card numbers, tax identification or driver's license numbers.

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Statement Required by IRS to be Included in Articles of Incorporation, Restatement or Amendment for 501(c)(3) Status Approval

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes, included, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of the corporations shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.