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## SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FEE, FILING, AND MAILING INFORMATION.

| 1. Name of the limited liability company as reflected in the Articles of Organization or as last amended and filed with the Secretary of State  |                     |                         |                               |  |  |  |
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| 2. Federal ID Number  | 3. Telephone Number | er                      | 4. Toll-Free Telephone Number |  |  |  |
| 5. Complete address of the principal executive office (street/RR, PO box, City, State, ZIP+4) Street address MUST be provided; may not be only a post office box.   |                     |                         |                               |  |  |  |
| 6. The following amendment has been adopted pursuant to the provisions of the North Dakota Limited Liability Company Act, N.D.C.C., Chapter 10-32.1: (PLEASE CHECK NAME REQUIREMENTS NOTED ON PAGE 2)   |                     |                         |                               |  |  |  |
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| 7. The amendment shall be effective: (check one)  When filed with the Secretary of State  |                     | Later on (month, day, y | /ear):                        |  |  |  |
| 8. "I, the undersigned person authorized by the limited liability company to sign this amendment:   |                     |                         |                               |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Have read the foregoing Articles of Amendment;</li> <li>Know the contents thereof, and believe the statements to be true;</li> <li>Authorize the Secretary of State to correct numbers 1 and 6 if not correctly reflected; and</li> <li>Understand that if I make a false statement in this document, I may be subject to criminal penalties.</li> </ul> |                     |                         |                               |  |  |  |
| Signature   |                     |                         | Date                          |  |  |  |
| 9. Name of person to contact about this document  | Email Address       |                         | Daytime Telephone Number      |  |  |  |

### BUSINESS / FARM / PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

North Dakota business, farm, and professional LLCs may amend their Articles of Organization as provided in North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 10-32.1.

**FILING FEES:** \$50.00. Additional fees may be required if the LLC amends its name to a name that is the same as or deceptively similar to the name of another organization name registered with the Secretary of State. An additional \$10 is required for filing each Consent to Use Business Name.

Checks must be payable to "Secretary of State" and must be for U.S. negotiable funds. Payment may also be made by credit card using Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

**INITIAL REPORT FOR FARMING OR RANCHING:** If a business LLC is converting to a farm LLC, the Initial Report for Farming or Ranching must be filed with the amendment. For a form, contact the Secretary of State's Office.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** If a business LLC, farm LLC, or professional LLC amends to another type of LLC, an annual report for the originating LLC structure may be required. Contact the Secretary of State's Office for verification of this requirement.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:** A LLC that amends its name and is the owner of a trademark or trade name, is a general partner named in a fictitious name certificate, or is a general partner in a limited partnership or a limited liability limited partnership, or is a managing partner of a limited liability partnership that is on file with the Secretary of State, it must change or amend the LLC's name in each registration when the LLC files a name change amendment.

The following numbers correspond to the numbered sections on the form.

- 1. Provide the LLC name <u>exactly</u> as currently provided in the Articles of Organization or as last amended and filed with the Secretary of State. If the name in number 1 is not the name as registered, the name will be corrected by the Secretary of State when the document is received.
- To properly maintain LLC records, the Federal ID number is requested if the corporation has one.
   Privacy: In compliance with N.D.C.C. Section 10-32.1-95, social security or Federal ID numbers are not disclosed to the public. They are used by the Secretary of State to maintain accurate LLC files. Therefore, while voluntary disclosure is requested, failure to do so will not result in rejection of the document.
- 1. The telephone number of the LLC's principal executive office is requested.
- 2. Provide a toll-free telephone number if the LLC has one.
- 3. Provide the <u>complete</u> physical and mailing address of the LLC's principal executive office wherever located. <u>This address cannot be only a post office</u> box number.
- 4. Provide the article(s) to be amended. More than one article may be amended on a single amendment form.

**LLC NAME:** If the LLC name is being changed, the name must be in the English language or as those letters or characters appear in the American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) table. The name of a business or farm LLC must include the words "limited liability company", or must contain the abbreviation "L.L.C." or "LLC". The name of a professional LLC must include the words "professional limited liability company" or "limited liability company", or must contain the abbreviation "P.L.C.", "PLC.", "P.L.L.C.", "PLLC", "L.L.C." or "LLC".

The name may not include such words as "bank", "banker", "banking", "trust", or "trust company", or any other word or words of like import unless the articles of amendment are supported by a written approval for the use from the North Dakota Department of Financial Institutions. These words are preserved by North Dakota law for use by the Bank of North Dakota, state and national banks, and trust companies. Contact information:

ND Department of Financial Institutions 2000 Schafer St Ste G Bismarck, ND 58501-1204 Phone: (701) 328-9933 Email: dfi@nd.gov

The name may not be the same as, or deceptively similar to, any other name of a registered LLC, corporation, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability limited partnership, trade name, fictitious name, trademark or service mark, or a name that is in any manner reserved with the Secretary of State. The name may be used if the amendment is accompanied by a signed Consent to Use Business Name from the holder of the previously registered name and \$10, or by a certified copy of a judgment of a court in this state establishing the prior right of the applicant to the use of the name.

Filing of the articles of organization, or any amendment to the name, with the Secretary of State provides protection of the name in North Dakota. However, if a mark is registered with the Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, DC, the federal registration may supersede the protection afforded by state law.

**COMMERCIAL OR NONCOMMERCIAL REGISTERED AGENT:** A LLC must continuously maintain a commercial or noncommercial registered agent. If an alternate commercial or noncommercial registered agent is being appointed, or if the address of the noncommercial registered agent is being changed, the change can be reflected on this amendment.

A <u>commercial registered agent</u> must be registered as a commercial registered agent with the North Dakota Secretary of State. The appointed agent can verify their status as a commercial registered agent from their acknowledged filing and from the list of commercial registered agents maintained on the Secretary of State's website at <u>sos.nd.gov</u>.

A noncommercial registered agent may be one of the following:

- a. An individual <u>residing</u> in North Dakota,
- b. A domestic or foreign corporation, or
- c. A domestic or foreign LLC.

#### BUSINESS / FARM / PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT (continued)

A corporation or LLC appointed as a noncommercial registered agent <u>must be registered with the Secretary of State</u>, be in good standing, and have a <u>business address in North Dakota</u>. If a corporation or another LLC is named as a noncommercial registered agent, provide the "correct" name of the organization.

Seek the approval of the party before naming them as the commercial or noncommercial registered agent. Proof of the approval is not required to be filed with the Secretary of State. Failure to seek consent from the party named as agent may result in involuntary dissolution of the LLC.

Provide the correct name of the commercial registered agent, OR the correct name and address of the noncommercial registered agent. If the name of a commercial registered agent is not the same as registered by the commercial registered agent, the name will be corrected by the Secretary of State when the document is received. If a corporation or another LLC is appointed as registered agent, and the name of that organization is not the same as registered, the name will be corrected by the Secretary of State when the document is received.

If a new noncommercial registered agent is being appointed, provide the complete address in North Dakota which may not be only a post office box. Do not provide an address if a commercial registered agent is appointed. If a commercial registered agent is named and an address is provided, the address will be removed by the Secretary of State.

If adequate space is not provided on the form, continue the amendments on a separate sheet of paper as an Attachment.

- Check the box for the desired effective date. Articles of Amendment may be effective at the time filed by the Secretary of State or within 90 days after filing. If a later date is specified, include the month, day, and year. If neither box is checked, the Articles of Amendment will be effective when the Secretary of State files the document.
- 2. The amendment must be signed and dated by an individual authorized to sign on behalf of the LLC.
- List the name, email address, and daytime telephone number of a contact person if this office has any questions or needs additional information to file
  the Articles of Amendment. The email address is not disclosed to the public; this information is privatized in accordance with N.D.C.C. Section
  44-04-18.21.

ASSISTANCE: If assistance is required to complete this document, contact the Secretary of State.

**FAX FILING**: Documents and Credit Card Payment Authorization may be faxed to (701) 328-2992. A faxed filing does not expedite the process of the document in the office of the Secretary of State.

**EMAIL:** Email is not a secure utility for the transmission of private information or credit card authorizations. **DO NOT EMAIL YOUR DOCUMENT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.** 

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Send articles of amendment and fee to:

Secretary of State State of North Dakota 600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 108 Bismarck ND 58506-5513

Telephone: (701) 328-2904 Toll-Free: (800) 352-0867 (option 3) Fax: (701) 328-2992 Website: sos.nd.gov

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