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(Two if you want a filed
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FEE: \$50

APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION

Hrs: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET

Control # _____

1. The **name** of the **Voluntary Association** shall be: _____

If the Association is formed under the laws of _____
another state, list the state and date of origin.

2. The **address** of the **principal office** of the association will be: _____
Street: _____

located in the county of: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

The mailing address of the above location, if different, will be _____
County: _____
Street/Box: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

3. The name and address of the **person to whom notice of process** may be sent, if any, will be: _____
Name: _____
Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

4. E-mail address where business correspondence may be received: _____

5. The association is organized as: (check one below)

NON-PROFIT, NON-STOCK **FOR PROFIT**

6. The purpose of the voluntary association is:

7. The name and address of one or more of the **organizers of the association**: (Attach additional sheet if necessary)

- 8. The names and addresses of the officers, owners or members of the voluntary association **who have authority to sign documents** are: (at least two must be listed)

- 9. Attach any additional statement which may be required for the type of business to be conducted.

Check here if you have attached a separate additional statement.

Check here acknowledging that the members of the association consent to recognition of the application by the laws of the State of West Virginia with respect to corporation to the voluntary association.

Check here if the association will apply for a license to sell alcoholic beverages. The members agree to the following:

The purpose of this restaurant and business establishment will be that of selling, servicing and disbursing alcoholic beverages, providing that a West Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission License is issued, and for the disbursing of food and foodstuffs from its kitchen facilities located on said premise and any and all other business activities pertinent to and being a common part of the general business of restaurants, bars, supper clubs and related businesses of this type.

The aforesaid officers, hereinabove stated, mutually covenant and agree that they join themselves together for a common business purpose and, as such association members and officers, they fully intend to perform all the duties and functions of their particular offices, and that by their subsequent signatures to their Agreement of Association, they do pledge themselves to join in a common effort for the promotion and financial success of this said restaurant business.

Said officers further mutually covenant and agree that they shall not knowingly violate any law of the State of West Virginia and or the United States of America and that they shall operate said restaurant business establishment at all times in a lawful manner and in a clean and decent atmosphere. Said officers further mutually covenant and agree that they shall make a proper accounting of said business and meet their obligations in as responsible a business manner as is available to them, and that no officer nor member of this association shall, in any way, cause his or her interest to be sold or disposed of unless first offering his or her interest to be sold to other members of this association as their right of first refusal to purchase the same.

This Agreement of Association is made and entered into by all members hereto as a joint venture and shall be treated as such until otherwise indicated. The members of this association by their signatures to this agreement, mutually covenant and state that they have read the foregoing agreement and consent to all the terms and conditions herein contained.

- 10. The number of acres of land it holds or expects to hold in West Virginia is _____

11. Signature and Contact Information

Contact Name and Number of person to reach in case of a problem with filing.

Contact Name	Phone Number
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Date	Print Name of Signer	Signature
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING ARTICLES OF VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION

BEFORE you fill out the application: The association name you select will be approved **only** if it is available – that is, if the name is not the same as and is distinguishable from any other name which has been reserved or filed. If you prepare association papers without applying for and receiving a name reservation, you do so at your own risk. A telephone check on availability of a name is NOT a guarantee.

You may apply for a name reservation in writing, accompanied by a \$15 fee payable to the Secretary of State, mailed to the address on the top of the application. Once approved, the name will be held for 120 days.

If you plan to do business under any other name, other than the name on your certificate of association, you must register that trade name with the Secretary of State. Failure to do so could result in a fine or imprisonment.

FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION:

Section 1. Enter the exact **name** of the association. The name **may not** contain any word or phrase which implies that it is organized for any purpose other than those contained in these articles of association, and may not contain a word indicating it is incorporated. [WV Code 47-9A-4, 31D-4-402, 31E-4-402]

If the association was formed in another state, list the state and the date it was formed.

Section 2. The **principal office** may be located within West Virginia or another state. List the address of the principal office.

Section 3. Enter the name of a person or business as “**agent of process**” who can receive service of a summons or complaint, if you have one. If you change your agent of process, you must file the change with the Secretary of State.

Section 4. Enter your business e-mail address where correspondence from our office can be received.

Section 5. In a **non-profit corporation**, no part of the income or profit of the association may be distributed to members, directors or officers. In a **for-profit association**, the assets and profits of the association “belong to” the members, and can be distributed to them. Check the appropriate box.

Section 6. It is important to describe the **purposes** of the association clearly to insure you receive all the necessary information about registering with the required state agencies. Attach an extra page if needed.

Section 7. List the full names and addresses of one or more of the people who organize the voluntary association.

Section 8. Enter the full names and addresses of **at least two** people who have the **authority to sign documents** for the association. These may be officers, owners or members of the association.

Section 9. If any additional statement is required for the type of business the association will conduct, attach it and check the first box. If the association intends to apply for a license to sell alcoholic beverages, read the agreement that follows Section 8 and check the second box.

Section 10. Enter the number of acres the company desires to hold in West Virginia. If your company holds more than 10,000 acres of land, you must submit a fee of 5¢ for each acre over 10,000.

Section 11. At least one organizer or member must sign the application.

FILING THE ARTICLES – ONE ORIGINAL REQUIRED – AND PAYING THE FEE
Send an additional original if you want a filed copy returned to you

The filing fee will consist of paying a registration fee and excess acreage fee, if applicable.

Registration fee:	\$50	
Excess acreage fee:	+ _____	For each acre over 10,000 – 5¢ per acre
\$15 per certified copy:	_____	
Total Fee:	= _____	

Make your checks payable to: WV Secretary of State

DISSOLUTION: An association is a legal entity which can only be dissolved through formal action – not by a letter or phone call. You remain liable for all taxes, assessments, fines, penalties and interest until you receive a certificate of dissolution from the Secretary of State. Contact us for more information.

CHARITABLE REGISTRATION: if your company receives contributions, donations or grants, registration as a charitable organization may be required. Contact our office for more information or visit our website at www.wvsos.com.