

The State of South Carolina,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

CHARTER
BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WHEREAS, J. W. BALLENTINE AND ROBERT M. BALLENTINE

both of Easley, S. C.

did on the 31st. day of December, 1956, file with the Secretary of State a written Declaration, signed by themselves, setting forth:

FIRST: That their names and residences are as above given.

SECOND: That the name of the proposed corporation is BALLENTINE'S, INC.

THIRD: That the principal place of business is EASLEY, S. C.

FOURTH: That the general nature of the business which it is proposed to do is to engage in the operation, at wholesale or retail, of a general grocery business; to operate grocery stores, selling at wholesale or retail; to buy and sell groceries, sundries and all lines of goods, wares and merchandis; to buy and sell trade, develop, improve, lease as lessor and mortgage real estate and personal property; to lease and sublease as lessee and sublessee real estate, equipment and other personal property; to operate parking lots; to own, sell or pledge stocks, bonds and other securities; and to do any and all other things conferred upon corporations by law and necessary and incidental to the carrying on of such business.

FIFTH: That the amount of the capital stock is Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars payable in cash or equivalent, at the call of the Directors

SIXTH: That the number of shares into which the capital stock is divided is One Hundred Thousand (100,000) of the par value of Two and 50/100 (\$2.50) -----Dollars.

SEVENTH: That, after due notice, a meeting of the subscribers was held on the 24th. day of December, 1956, at which a majority of all stock in value being present in person or by proxy, the following were elected directors:

J. W. Ballentine and Robert M. Ballentine

EIGHTH: That subsequently there was elected as President, J. W. Ballentine ;
as Vice-President, Robert M. Ballentine ; as Secretary, Robert M. Ballentine ;
as Treasurer, J. W. Ballentine

NINTH: That all requirements of Title 12, Article 1, Chapter 2, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1952, and all amendments thereto have been duly and fully complied with, 50 per cent. of the aggregate amount of the capital stock having been subscribed by bona fide subscribers, 20 per cent. of the capital stock subscribed having been paid to the Treasurer, and three days' public notice of the intention to file this Declaration with the Secretary of State having been given in The Easley Progress

a newspaper published in the County of Pickens

NOW, THEREFORE, I, O. FRANK THORNTON, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the aforesaid Code and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby certify that the said Company has been fully organized according to the laws of South Carolina, under the name and for the purposes indicated in their written declaration, and that they are fully authorized to commence business under their charter; and I do hereby direct that a copy of this certificate be filed and recorded in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance or Clerk of Court in each county where such Corporation shall have a business office.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the State, at Columbia,

this 31st. day of December

in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and

fifty-six

and in the one hundred and

eighty-first

year of the Independence of the

United States of America.

O. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State.

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