

The State of South Carolina,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

CHARTER
BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WHEREAS,

HORACE E. BALLENGER and B.L. BOLAND,
both of Greenville, S.C.,

did on the 2nd day of August, 1948, 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 **BALLENGER HARDWARE COMPANY, INC.**
- THIRD: That the principal place of business is **210 Pendleton St., GREENVILLE, S.C.**

FOURTH: That the general nature of the business which it is proposed to do is **retail and wholesale hardware business and all its allied branches thereto and pertaining to the hardware business; to rent, lease and sublease, to buy personal and real property; to sell personal and real property and to do anything that is necessary in the carrying on the business that is permitted under the law.**

FIFTH: That the amount of the capital stock is **Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.00) - - - - - Dollars** payable full amount paid in cash.

SIXTH: That the number of shares into which the capital stock is divided is **one hundred twenty (120)** of the par value of **One Hundred (\$100.00) - - - - - Dollars.**

SEVENTH: That, after due notice, a meeting of the subscribers was held on the **16th** day of **July**, 1948, at which a majority of all stock in value being present in person or by proxy, the following were elected directors: **Ansel M. Smith, Horace E. Ballenger and O.W. Sutton**

EIGHTH: That subsequently there was elected as President, **Horace E. Ballenger** ; as Vice-President, **Ansel M. Smith** ; as Secretary, **O.W. Sutton** ; as Treasurer, **Horace E. Ballenger**

NINTH: That all requirements of Article 2, Chapter 153, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1932, 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 **Greenville Piedmont** a newspaper published in the County of **Greenville**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. P. BLACKWELL, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the afore-said 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 **2nd** day of **August** in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and **forty-eight** and in the one hundred and **seventy-third** year of the Independence of the United States of America.

W. P. Blackwell
Secretary of State.



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