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ARTICLES OF MERGER OF DOMESTIC CORPORATIONS
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LOWE'S OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC.
(FORMERLY LOWE'S OF SUMTER, INC.)

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The undersigned corporations hereby execute these Articles of Merger for the purpose of merging into one of such corporations:

I. The following Plan of Merger was duly approved by the shareholders of each of the undersigned corporations in the manner prescribed by law:

A. CORPORATIONS PARTICIPATING IN MERGER.

The names of the corporations proposing to merge hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Merging Companies" and individually as the "Merging Company") are:

- ✓ Lowe's of Charleston, Inc.
- ✓ Lowe's of Anderson, Inc.
- Lowe's of Manning, Inc.
- Lowe's of Florence, Inc.
- Lowe's of Spartanburg, Inc.
- Lowe's of Aiken, Inc.
- ✓ Lowe's of Easley, Inc.
- Lowe's of Greenville, Inc.
- Lowe's of Columbia, Inc.
- Lowe's of Myrtle Beach, Inc.
- Lowe's of Orangeburg, Inc.
- Lowe's of Rock Hill, Inc.
- Lowe's of Gaffney, Inc.
- Lowe's of Laurens, Inc.

The name of the corporation into which the Merging Companies propose to merge is Lowe's of Sumter, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Surviving Company", which shall be the surviving corporation.

B. NAME OF SURVIVING COMPANY.

The name of the Surviving Company shall be LOWE'S OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC., which will be an amendment to the charter of Lowe's of Sumter, Inc.

C. MERGER OF MERGING COMPANIES INTO SURVIVING COMPANY.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Plan, the Merging Companies shall be merged into the Surviving Company. Upon the merger of the Merging Companies into the Surviving Company, the corporate existence of the Merging Companies shall cease and the corporate existence of the Surviving Company shall continue. The time at which the merger becomes effective is hereinafter referred to as the "Effective Date", which shall be defined in the Articles of Merger as at the close of business January 31, 1979.

D. CONVERSION AND EXCHANGE OF SHARES.

Upon the merger becoming effective, the outstanding shares of the corporations participating in the merger shall be converted and exchanged as follows:

- 1. Shares of surviving company. The shares of the Surviving Company outstanding on the Effective Date shall not be converted nor altered in any manner as a result of the Merger and shall remain outstanding as shares of the Surviving Company.
- 2. Shares of merging companies. Each outstanding share of each Merging Company shall be cancelled. All of the merging companies

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