

State of Idaho

Department of State

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF

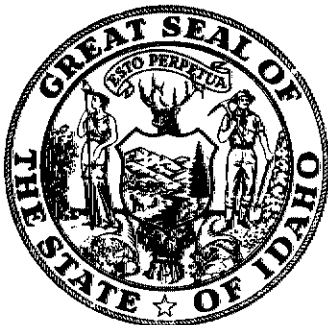
ERNST HOME CENTER, INC.

File number C 107683

I, PETE T. CENARRUSA, Secretary of State of the State of Idaho, hereby certify that duplicate originals of an Application of ERNST HOME CENTER, INC. for a Certificate of Authority to transact business in this State, duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the Idaho Business Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I issue this Certificate of Authority to ERNST HOME CENTER, INC. to transact business in this State under the name ERNST HOME CENTER, INC. and attach hereto a duplicate original of the Application for such Certificate.

Dated: September 16, 1994



Pete T. Cenarrusa
SECRETARY OF STATE

By *Cara Smith*

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

(Profit Corporation)

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To the Secretary of State of Idaho

Pursuant to Section 30-1-110, Idaho Code, the undersigned Corporation hereby applies for a Certificate of Authority to transact business in your State, and for that purpose submits the following statement:

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1. The name of the corporation is Ernst Home Center, Inc.

2. The name which it shall use in Idaho is Ernst Home Center, Inc.

(To be used only when required to avoid a conflict with a name already on file. Must be accompanied by a Board of Directors resolution adopting assumed name in Idaho.)

3. It is incorporated under the laws of Delaware

4. The date of its incorporation is August 30, 1994 and the period of its duration, if other than perpetual, is perpetual

5. The address of its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated is 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, County of New Castle

6. The address to which correspondence should be addressed, if different than item 5, is _____

7. The street address of its proposed registered office in Idaho is 300 North 6th Street
Boise, Idaho 83701, and the name of its proposed registered agent in Idaho at that address is C T CORPORATION SYSTEM

8. The purpose or purposes which it is proposed to pursue in the transaction of business in Idaho are:
To engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of Delaware and under the laws of the State of Idaho also.

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Submit applications and certificate of status to:

Office of the Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
Statehouse, Room 203
Boise, Idaho 83720

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Address</u>
Victor H. Palmieri	Chairman of the Board and Director	1511 Sixth Ave. Seattle, WA 98101
Hal Smith	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	Same as above
Michael J. Baumann	Executive Vice President - Administration, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer	Same as above
Thomas C. Stanton	Executive Vice President - Operations	Same as above
Monty E. Reese	Senior Vice President - Marketing and Advertising	Same as above
William D. Crayton	Vice President - Merchandising	Same as above
Gordon M. Erickson	Vice President - Merchandising	Same as above
Peter A. Martosella, Jr.	Director	Same as above

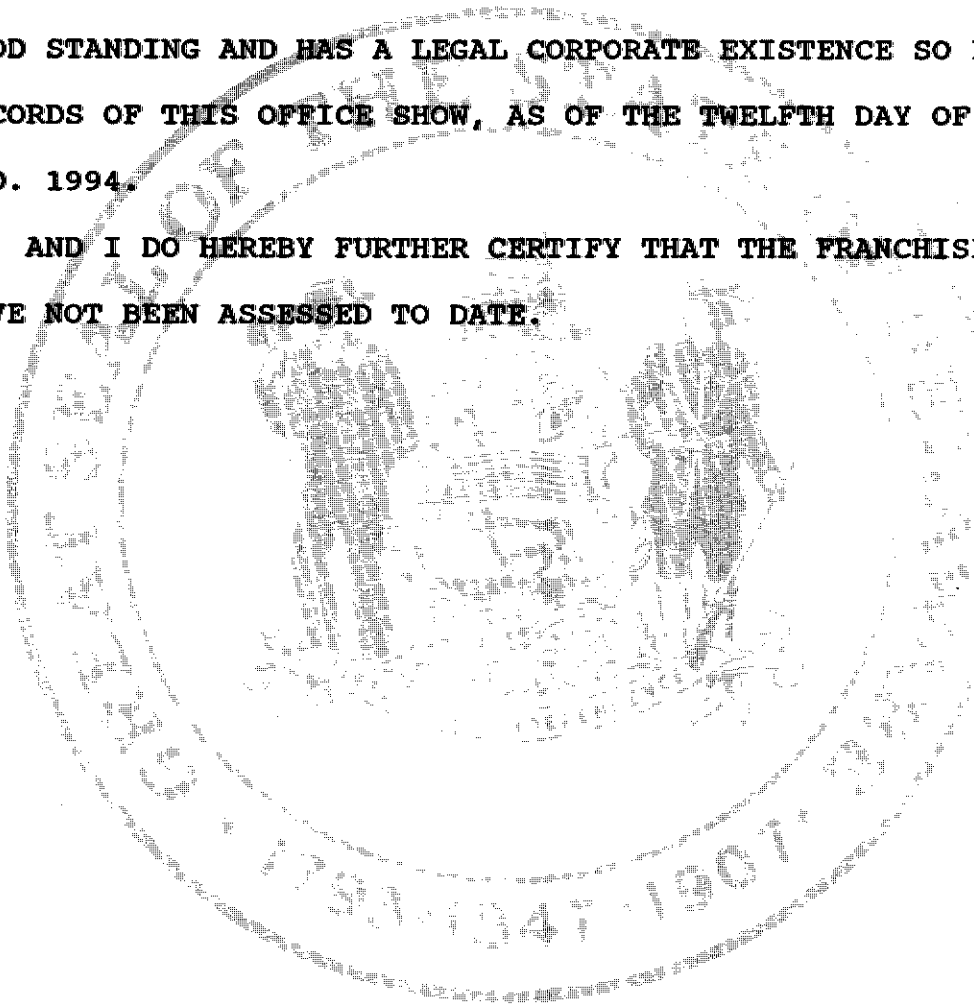
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I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "ERNST HOME CENTER, INC." IS DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE TWELFTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1994.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN ASSESSED TO DATE.



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Edward J. Freel

Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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