

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, } BY THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE.
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, John E. Johnston and M. M. Rast, both of Greenville, S. C.

did on the 15th day of March, 1940, 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 Best's Insurance Agencies, Inc.

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

FOURTH: That the general nature of the business which it is proposed to do is the writing of a general fire and casualty insurance business, with power to carry on any other lawful business whatsoever in connection with the foregoing, which is calculated directly or indirectly to promote the interests of the corporation, or to enhance the value of the properties, and to have and exercise all rights, powers and privileges which are now or may hereafter be conferred under the laws of South Carolina upon the corporation.

FIFTH: That the amount of the capital stock is Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, payable in cash.

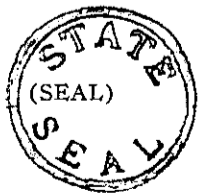
SIXTH: That the number of shares into which the capital stock is divided is fifty (50) of the par value of One hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

SEVENTH: That, after due notice, a meeting of the subscribers was held on the 14th day of March, 1940, at which a majority of all stock in value being present in person or by proxy the following were elected directors: John E. Johnston and M. M. Rast,

EIGHTH: That subsequently there was elected as President M. M. Rast, as Vice-President John E. Johnston; as Secretary John E. Johnston as Treasurer M. M. Rast.

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 The Greenville News, Greenville 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 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 15th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty and sixty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

W. P. Blackwell Secretary of State.

Recorded April 10th 1940 at 2:47 o'clock P. M. BY: E.G.