

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
COALITION TO REPRESENT AMERICAN FLAVOR & TRADITION IN BREWING &
DISTILLING (CRAFT)

The undersigned, intending to form a Virginia nonstock corporation pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 13.1 of the Code of Virginia, state(s) as follows:

ARTICLE I
CORPORATE NAME

The name of the corporation is Coalition to Represent American Flavor & Tradition in Brewing & Distilling (CRAFT).

ARTICLE II
PURPOSES

The Coalition to Represent American Flavor & Tradition in Brewing & Distilling (CRAFT) exists to preserve, empower, and advance independent producers whose work reflects the heritage, resilience, and diversity of America. Our purpose is to operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, with a focus on:

Honoring the deep military lineage that has shaped the history of alcohol in America, beginning with veteran-owned breweries and distilleries.

Providing mentorship, advocacy, and community support to help independent producers thrive in an industry dominated by large corporations.

Expanding support to other underrepresented producers, uniting these voices to ensure authenticity, diversity, and community-driven traditions in American brewing and distilling.

Advancing education, training, and mentorship in brewing, distilling, hospitality, and entrepreneurship, with a focus on transitioning veterans and underrepresented groups.

Supporting sustainable, locally sourced production and promoting authenticity, craftsmanship, and community through public education and outreach.

Hosting competitions, festivals, and charitable events that celebrate heritage and craftsmanship, generating proceeds to fund veteran business mentorship, technical training, and start-up programs.

Preserving American traditions in brewing and distilling and promoting inclusivity in the industry, cultivating the next generation of producers.

Our mission and vision are rooted in:

Service: Honoring those who serve and strengthening communities.

Tradition: Preserving America's brewing and distilling heritage.

Innovation: Encouraging creativity, sustainability, and modern craft solutions.

Equity: Providing opportunities for underrepresented and emerging businesses.

Community: Building bridges between farmers, producers, and consumers.

We envision a future where independent craft producers stand shoulder to shoulder with the largest corporations, empowered by their heritage, creativity, and authenticity. CRAFT will preserve traditions, empower entrepreneurs, champion diversity, and strengthen communities through transparency, storytelling, and shared experience.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III **MEMBERS**

The corporation shall have one or more classes of members with such designations, qualifications and rights as set forth in the bylaws.

ARTICLE IV **DIRECTORS**

The directors shall elect their successors, by majority vote of the remaining directors. All directors shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal in accordance with the bylaws.

All elections, appointments, and removals shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the nonprofit and charitable purposes of the corporation and in accordance with Virginia law and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE V **REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The name of the corporation's initial registered agent is Michael A. Waskewich Jr., who is a resident of Virginia and an initial director of the corporation.

The address of the corporation's initial registered office, which is identical to the business office of the initial registered agent, is 7615 Cervantes Ct., Springfield, VA 22153. The registered office is located in the County of Fairfax.

ARTICLE VI **INITIAL DIRECTORS**

The names and addresses of the initial directors are:

Michael A. Waskewich Jr., 7615 Cervantes Ct., Springfield, VA 22153
Ronald D. Sullivan, 4511 Aria Cove, Round Rock, TX 78681
Amy J. Luyster, 12800 Chapel St, Clifton, VA 20124
Paul E. Reynolds Jr., 601 Montrose Dr., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
Dolly R. Gray, 7615 Cervantes Ct., Springfield, VA 22153
Allan Cogan, 83 McNeill Mill Rd., Broadway, NC 27505
Nicholas Valade, 700 SW 338th St., Federal Way, WA 98023
Michelle E. Crawford, 1403 Masthead Dr, Mt Pleasant, SC 29466

ARTICLE VII **LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its directors, officers, or other private persons except for reasonable compensation for services rendered in furtherance of the organization's purposes.

The corporation shall not participate in or intervene in, including publishing or distributing statements, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

The corporation shall only engage in limited lobbying activity. The organization may support lobbying efforts of a different organization or lobbying efforts that extend to the interests of the organization but is not intended to become a lobbying organization.

All activities of the corporation shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE VIII **DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution, all assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or to the federal, state, or local government for public purposes. Preference shall be given to organizations that support veteran entrepreneurship, education, or workforce development in brewing and distilling.

ARTICLE IX **AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended as provided in the Bylaws and as permitted by law.

Signed by the Incorporator(s) as of December 4, 2025



Incorporator:

Michael A. Waskewich Jr.

7615 Cervantes Ct., Springfield, VA 22153.