

Articles of Incorporation of Illinois Terminal Division NFP

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986 of Illinois, do hereby certify:

First: The name of the Corporation shall be Illinois Terminal Division NFP.

Second: The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is 2103 S. Anderson Street in the City of Urbana, 61801, Champaign County. Other offices may be located by action of the Division board of directors.

Third: The purpose of the Illinois Terminal Division NFP (hereinafter referred to as the Division) is to serve the membership's educational, pleasure, and recreational needs by promoting, stimulating, fostering, and encouraging the art and craft of model railroading through fellowship in the preservation of the history, science, and technology thereof. It is organized as an Internal Revenue Service 501c7 social club in order to educate and support its membership's desires to create railroad models and their historical context in miniature. To encourage growth of the hobby and lessen the burden on government, the Division will also sponsor outreach to educate the public about model railroading, prototype railroads, and safety along the tracks through an associated charitable 501c3 organization under IRS regulation. Said corporations are organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under sections 501c3 and 501c7 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The Division will comply with the state and local laws and ordinances relating to alcoholic liquors.

Fourth: The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial trustees of the Illinois Terminal Division NFP corporation are as follows:

Mike Lehman, Superintendent/Chair of Board of Directors, 608 E. Green St,
Urbana, IL 61802

Allen Byrne, Chief Clerk/Treasurer, Registered Agent for ITD at this address, 2103
S. Anderson, Urbana, IL 61801

Mark Schleeter, Director, 3358 N. Taylor St, Decatur, IL 62526

Buzz Swett, Director, 1863 Bucks Pond Rd, Monticello, IL 61856

Larry Tschopp, Assistant Superintendent/Vice Chair Board of Directors, PO Box 706, Savoy, IL 61874

Fifth: No part of the net earnings of the Division shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Three hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Division shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Sixth: The Illinois Terminal Division NFP does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

Seventh: Upon the dissolution of the Division, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Eighth: Illinois Terminal Division NFP is committed to operating in furtherance of its tax-exempt purposes and in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including those concerning accounting and auditing, and prohibits fraudulent practices by any of its board members, officers, employees, or

volunteers. The Division supports a vigorous whistleblower policy, which is detailed in its By-Laws.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Mike Lehman, Superintendent and
Chair of the Board of Directors, 608 E. Green St, Urbana, IL 61802

Allen Byrne, Treasurer & Registered
Agent for the Division at this address, 2103 S. Anderson, Urbana, IL 61801

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