

The State of South Carolina,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

CHARTER  
BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WHEREAS,

HAROLD F. GODSHALL, JAMES A. BROWN, JR. and JAMES L. SWINDLER,  
all of Greenville, S.C.,

did on the 8th day of April, 1948, 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 **PIEDMONT VARIETY AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY**

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 to conduct a general  
wholesale and retail mercantile, supply, variety and equipment business and  
to own, buy and sell real estate.

FIFTH: That the amount of the capital stock is **Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00)** - - - - - Dollars,  
payable when issued.

SIXTH: That the number of shares into which the capital stock is divided is **one hundred (100)**  
of the par value of **One Hundred (\$100.00)** - - - - - Dollars.

SEVENTH: That, after due notice, a meeting of the subscribers was held on the **7th** day of  
**April**, 1948, at which a majority of all stock in value being present in person or by proxy, the follow-  
ing were elected directors: **Harold F. Godshall, James A. Brown, Jr. and**  
**James L. Swindler,**

EIGHTH: That subsequently there was elected as President, **Harold F. Godshall** ;  
as Vice-President **James A. Brown, Jr.** ; as Secretary, **James L. Swindler** ;  
as Treasurer, **Harold F. Godshall**

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 **Greenville Piedmont**  
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 afore-  
said 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 **8th** day of **April**,  
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and  
**forty-eight** and in the one hundred and  
**seventy-second** year of the Independence of the  
United States of America.

*W. P. Blackwell*  
Secretary of State.

