

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE SYRACUSE REAL FOOD COOPERATIVE, INC., PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 2 OF THE COOPERATIVE CORPORATIONS LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

We, the subscribers, desiring to form a cooperative nonstock general corporation pursuant to the Cooperative Corporations Law, do hereby certify:

1. The name of the proposed corporation is the Syracuse Real Food Cooperative, Inc.
2. This corporation is formed under and pursuant to the provisions of Article 2 of the Cooperative Corporations Law of the State of New York. Its purposes are for mutual help, not having capital stock and not being conducted for profit; to operate the facilities for the benefit of consumer members for the production, financing, purchase, acquisition, and distribution of food goods and services; to convert building space for the operation of centers for the distribution of goods to members as the need for such centers is determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Bylaws of the corporation; to involve the entire community in the cooperative process; to associate with other cooperative societies for mutual and cooperative development; to possess and exercise all powers, rights and privileges necessary, suitable, or incidental to the purposes or activities for which the corporation is organized and in which it is engaged.
3. Its duration shall be perpetual.
4. The principle office of the corporation shall be located in the City of Syracuse, County of Onondaga, and State of New York.
5. The number of its directors shall not be less than five (5) and shall not be more than twelve (12), as the Bylaws may from time to time provide.

6. The names and post office addresses of the persons constituting the Board of Directors until the first annual meeting of the corporation, at least one of whom is a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of New York, are: (redacted)
7. The corporation is organized without capital stock.
8. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Syracuse Real Food Cooperative, Inc. upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the corporation served upon him or her to : (redacted)
9. The subscribers are all of full age; at least two-thirds of them are citizens of the State of New York; at least one of them is a resident of the State of New York; of the persons named herein as directors at least one is a citizen of the State of New York.
10. The name and post-office address of each subscriber of this certificate of incorporation is: (redacted)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we make, sign, acknowledge, and file this certificate this 20th day of May, 1977.