

**Application for Recognition of Exemption
 Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code**

OMB No 1545-0056

Note: If exempt status is approved, this application will be open for public inspection.

Read the instructions for each Part carefully.
A User Fee must be attached to this application.
 If the required information and appropriate documents are not submitted along with Form 8718 (with payment of the appropriate user fee), the application may be returned to you.

Complete the Procedural Checklist on page 8 of the instructions.

Part I Identification of Applicant

1a Full name of organization (as shown in organizing document) THE LAWKEEPERS CO.		2 Employer identification number (EIN) (if none, see page 3 of the Specific Instructions.) 76-0703028
1b c/o Name (if applicable) DON H. THOMPSON		3 Name and telephone number of person to be contacted if additional information is needed DON H. THOMPSON
1c Address (number and street) 500 KAPPOCK STREET	Room/Suite 7M	(718) 884-2045
1d City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP + 4. If you have a foreign address, see Specific Instructions for Part I, page 3. BRONX, NEW YORK 10463		4 Month the annual accounting period ends DECEMBER
1e Web site address WWW.THELAWKEEPERS.ORG		5 Date incorporated or formed JUNE 11, 2002
7 Did the organization previously apply for recognition of exemption under this Code section or under any other section of the Code? If "Yes," attach an explanation.		6 Check here if applying under section: a <input type="checkbox"/> 501(e) b <input type="checkbox"/> 501(f) c <input type="checkbox"/> 501(k) d <input type="checkbox"/> 501(n) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
8 Is the organization required to file Form 990 (or Form 990-EZ)? If "No," attach an explanation (see page 3 of the Specific Instructions).		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9 Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns or exempt organization information returns? If "Yes," state the form numbers, years filed, and Internal Revenue office where filed.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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10 Check the box for the type of organization. ATTACH A CONFORMED COPY OF THE CORRESPONDING ORGANIZING DOCUMENTS TO THE APPLICATION BEFORE MAILING. (See Specific Instructions for Part I, Line 10, on page 3.) See also Pub. 557 for examples of organizational documents.)

- a Corporation—Attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (including amendments and restatements) showing approval by the appropriate state official; also include a copy of the bylaws.
- b Trust— Attach a copy of the Trust Indenture or Agreement, including all appropriate signatures and dates.
- c Association—Attach a copy of the Articles of Association, Constitution, or other creating document, with a declaration (see instructions) or other evidence the organization was formed by adoption of the document by more than one person; also include a copy of the bylaws.

If the organization is a corporation or an unincorporated association that has not yet adopted bylaws, check here

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

Please Sign Here



(Signature)

(Type or print name and title or authority of signer)

x August 14, 2002
 (Date)

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