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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

BUTTERFIELD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. A Non-Profit Corporation

Pursuant to Chapter 55A-2-02 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation:

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is BUTTERFIELD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter called the "Association".

#### ARTICLE II

The principal and registered office of the Association is located at 3436 Birchwood Drive, Farmville, Pitt County, North Carolina, 27828. The mailing address of the Association is 3436 Birchwood Drive, Farmville, North Carolina, 27828.

#### ARTICLE III

Daniel B. Griffis, Jr., whose address is 3436 Birchwood Drive, Farmville, North Carolina, 27828 is hereby appointed the initial registered agent of this Association. The mailing address of the initial registered agent of the Association is 3436 Birchwood Drive, Farmville, North Carolina, 27828.

# ARTICLE IV PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is formed are to provide for maintenance, preservation and architectural control of the residence Lots and Common Area within that certain tract of property described as:

#### BUTTERFIELD SUBDIVISION

and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents within the above-described property and any additions as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this Association for this purpose to:

(a) exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Butterfield Subdivision, hereinafter called the "Declaration", applicable to the property and recorded or to be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Lenoir County,

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North Carolina, by Sovereign Real Estate Corporation, hereinafter called the "Declarant", and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration being incorporated herein as if set forth at length;

- (b) fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, all shares or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Association, including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Association;
- (c) acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate for public use or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the Association;
- (d) borrow money, and, after Class B Lots cease to exist, with the assent of Members entitled to at least eighty percent (80%) of the votes of the entire membership of the Association and at least two-thirds (2/3's) of the votes appurtenant to each Class of Lots, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred, provided that the rights of any mortgagee in said properties shall be subordinate to the rights of the homeowners as set forth in the Declaration;
- dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public or quasi-public agency, authority or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Members. After Class B Lots cease to exist, no such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless the Members entitled to at least eighty percent (80%) of the votes of the entire membership of the Association and at least three-fourths (3/4's) of the votes appurtenant to each Class of Lots agree to such dedication, sale or transfer and signify their agreement by a signed document recorded in the applicable public registry for Lenoir County, North Carolina. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit the Board of Directors of the Association, without consent of the Members, from granting easements over and across the Common Area to any public agency, authority or utility for the installation and maintenance of sewerage, utility (including telephone, electrical, water, gas, sewer and cable television) or drainage facilities when, in the opinion of the Board, such easements are necessary for the convenient use and enjoyment of properties within the Subdivision. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Common Area shall be preserved for the perpetual benefit of the owners of Lots within the Subdivision and shall not be conveyed except to a

governmental entity or another non-profit corporation organized for similar purposes.

- (f) annex additional properties in such manner and upon such terms as set out in a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions which is recorded, or to be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Lenoir County, North Carolina.
- (g) have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of North Carolina by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.

This corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively as a homeowners association and not for profit. No part of the earnings of this corporation or the funds contributed by any person or corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member of the corporation, or any private individual (other than by acquiring, constructing, or providing management, maintenance, and care of Association property, and other than by a rebate of excess membership dues, fees, or assessments), except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes. In the event of the liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, voluntary or involuntary, no director or officer of the corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to any distribution or division of its remaining property or its proceeds, and the balance of all money and other property received by the corporation from any source, after the payment of all debts and obligations of the corporation, shall be used or distributed exclusively to an entity or entities whose purposes are substantially similar to those set forth in this Article IV and within the intendment of Section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the regulations thereunder as the same now exist or as they may be hereafter amended from time to time or to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those stated in this Article IV or to an organization which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, the corporation shall not possess or exercise any power or authority either expressly, by implication, or by operation of law that will prevent it at any time from qualifying as a "Residential Real Estate Management Association" as defined in Section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended and the regulations thereunder, nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity which would cause the loss of such qualification or deny it such election under such section of the Internal Revenue Code.

## ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot which is subject by covenants of record to assessment by the Association, including contract sellers, shall be a member of the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment by the Association.

### ARTICLE VI VOTING RIGHTS

The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A members shall be all Owners, with the Class A. exception of Declarant. Class A members shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest (other than a leasehold or security interest) in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they determine, but fractional voting shall not be allowed, and in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot. Provided, however, the vote as expressed by the Owners of Lots upon which is situated any building or other structure which is leased (or rented to, or otherwise occupied by, persons other than the Owner) shall not be entitled to any weight greater than forty-nine percent (49%) on any matter voted on by the members of the Association. Provided further, however, that Class A members shall not be entitled to exercise any vote until the expiration of the Development Period as hereinafter defined.

Class B. The Class B member(s) shall be Declarant. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership upon the expiration of the Development Period. "Development Period" means the period commencing on the date on which the Declaration is recorded in the Lenoir County Register of Deeds and terminating on the earlier to occur of (i) when Declarant no longer owns any Lots or Units (as defined in the Declaration) in the Subdivision, including any additional property annexed into the Subdivision; or (ii) the date that Declarant relinquishes in writing Declarant's Class B membership. When the Class B membership cease to exist and is converted to Class A membership, Declarant shall have the same voting rights as other Class A members.

### ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors whose number shall be not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9). The number of directors may be changed by amendment of the By-Laws of the Association. The Directors shall be elected in the manner as provided in the By-Laws. The Directors shall be members of the Association as set forth in the By-Laws. The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of initial directors until the selection of their successors are:

| NAME                   | ADDRESS   |
|------------------------|---|
| Daniel B. Griffis, Jr. | 3436 Birchwood Drive Farmville, N.C. 27828        |
| J. Michael Dunn        | 1 Blounts Creek Lane<br>Blounts Creek, N.C. 27814 |
| Walter R. Poole        | 4206 West Vernon Avenue<br>Kinston, N.C. 28504    |

## ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3's) of each class Upon dissolution of the Association, other than of members. incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of the Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which the Association was created. the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall granted, conveyed and assigned to any nonprofit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

## ARTICLE IX DURATION

The corporation shall exist perpetually.

# ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Amendment of these Articles shall require the lesser of two-thirds (2/3)'s) of the members' votes cast or a majority of the members' votes entitled to be cast on the amendment, at a meeting of members or by written consent or by written ballot obtained after furnishing a copy or summary of the amendment. Provided, however, any such amendment shall also require the written approval of the Declarant.

# ARTICLE XI INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

Joseph S. Bower White & Allen, P.A. P.O. Box 3169 Kinston, NC 28502-3169

This the 12th day of November, 2008.

seph S. Bower, Incorporator

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