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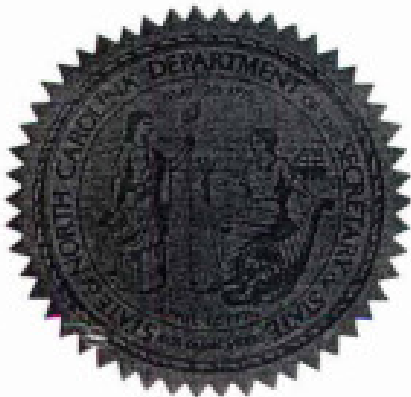
Department of The
Secretary of State

To all whom these presents shall come, Greetings:

I, **Rufus L. Edmisten**, *Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina*, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached to be a true copy of

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
SOMERSET FARM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

the original of which was filed in this office on the 7th day of June, 1995.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Raleigh, this 7th day of June, 1995.

Rufus L. Edmisten

Secretary of State

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SOMERSET FARM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 55A of the North Carolina General Statutes, the undersigned, a natural person of full age, has this day executed these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation and hereby certifies as follows:

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the corporation is SOMERSET FARM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (hereinafter the "Association").

ARTICLE II
REGISTERED OFFICAL AND INITIAL AGENT

The registered office of the Association is located at 2245 North Hills Drive, Suite G, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina 27612. The location of the registered office may be changed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The name of the initial registered agent at the above address is Catherine T. Six.

ARTICLE III
PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association does not contemplate a pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof. The specific purposes for which the Association is formed are to own and maintain the Common Area (as that term is defined in that certain Declaration Of Covenants, Conditions And Restrictions For The Somerset Farm Homeowners Association, Inc., to be recorded in the Wake County Registry, as from time to time amended, said; document, together with all amendments thereto being hereinafter referred to as the "Declaration") within the community known as SOMERSET FARM, and to enforce the provisions of the Declaration and any other restrictions or covenants applicable to Somerset Farm, and for these purposes, 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 the Declaration;
- (b) fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, all charges or assessments made pursuant to the terms of the Declaration;
- (c) pay all expenses incurred in connection with collection of the charges and assessments set forth in subparagraph (b) above, and pay all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Association, including all taxes, licenses and other governmental charges levied or imposed against property owned by the Association;

(d) acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain and, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (f) below, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate for public use, or otherwise dispose of real or property in connection with the affairs of the Association;

(e) borrow money and, with the assent of Members entitled to at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes appurtenant to each Class of Lots (Class A and Class S, as defined in Article III, Section 2 of the Declaration), mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred, subject to the property rights of the Members as provided in Article IV of the Declaration;

(f) dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed upon by the Members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless a document has been signed by Members entitled to at least three-fourths (3/4) of the votes appurtenant to each Class of Lots, agreeing to such dedication, sale or transfer. 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 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 to the perpetual benefit of the owners of Lots within Somerset Farm and shall not be conveyed except to the Town of Holly Springs or other appropriate governmental entity or to another non-profit corporation organized for similar purposes;

(g) participate in mergers or consolidations with other nonprofit corporations organized for the same or similar purposes, provided that any such merger or consolidation shall have the consent of the Members as provided in subparagraph (f) above; and

(h) have and exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the Non-Profit Corporation Act of the State of North Carolina by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.

ARTICLE IV FINANCE

The Association is a non-stock corporation and non-profit of the profits, if any, of the Association shall inure to the pecuniary benefit of its Members, or any of them, or to any other person.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot which is subject by the Declaration 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.

The voting rights of the Members shall be provided in the Declaration and By-Laws of the Association.

ARTICLE VI

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an initial Board of three (3) Directors. The persons who are to act in the capacity of Director until their successors elected are:

Name	Address
Catherine T. six	2245 North Hills Drive, Suite G Raleigh, North Carolina 27612
Steve M. Simpson	2245 North Hills Drive, Suite G Raleigh, North Carolina 27612
Thomas F. Cunningham	2245 North Hills Drive, Suite G Raleigh, North Carolina 27612

The number of directors of the Association shall be three (3) until the first annual meeting of the Association, at which time the number of Directors shall be increased to five (5). At the first annual meeting, the Members shall elect one Director to serve a term of one year, two Directors to serve a term of two years, and two Directors to serve a term of three years.

At each annual meeting thereafter, the Members shall elect the number of directors needed to fill the vacancy or vacancies created by the Director of Directors whose term(s) is (are) expiring, to serve for a term of three years (except in the case of the initial election of a Director, in which case the term of that Director may be shortened to provide for the staggering set forth in this Article, or in the case of the filling of a vacancy, in which case the Director elected to fill the vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of the Director whose vacancy is being filled).

The term of office of the Directors shall be staggered so that, except for an election to fill a vacancy or to fill a newly created directorship, the terms of not less than one nor more than three Directors shall expire at each annual meeting. Each Director shall hold office until his/her death, resignation, retirement, removal or disqualification, or until his/her successor is elected and qualified. Directors need not be Members of the Association.

The Members of the Association may, by a majority of the votes cast at any duly called annual or special meeting of the Members at which a quorum is present, increase or decrease the number of directors of the Association, provided, however, that the number of directors shall not be increased to more than nine (9) or decreased to less than five (5) without amendment of the By-Laws of the Association.

ARTICLE VII DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved only upon the signed written assent of Members entitled to at least three-fourths (3/4) of the votes appurtenant to each Class of Lots. Upon dissolution, other than

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. In the event that such dedication is not accepted, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to a nonprofit corporation, association, trust or other organization devoted to similar purposes. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Common Area shall be preserved to the perpetual benefit of the owners of Lots within Somerset Farm and shall not be conveyed except to the Town of Holly Springs or other appropriate governmental entity or to another non-profit corporation organized for similar purposes.

ARTICLE VIII
DURATION

The period of existence of the Association is perpetual.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENTS

Amendment of these Articles shall require the assent of Members entitled to at least three-fourths (3/4) of the votes of the entire membership.

ARTICLE X
FHA/VA APPROVAL

As long as there is Class B membership, the following actions require the prior approval of the Federal Housing Administration or the Secretary of Veterans Affairs: annexation of additional property, mergers or consolidation, dissolution, mortgaging of Common Area, dedication or otherwise deeding of Common Area to persons other than the Association, and amendment of these Articles of Incorporation.

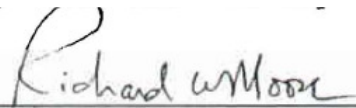
ARTICLE XI
INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator are:

Richard W. Moore

3716 National Drive, Suite 100
Raleigh, North Carolina 27612

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned incorporator, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 7th day of June, 1995.


Richard W. Moore (SEAL)
INCORPORATOR

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA -- WAKE COUNTY:

I, Tamela B. Gilmore, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that Richard W. Moore personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official stamp, this the 7th day of June, 1995.

TAMELA B. GILMORE
NOTARY PUBLIC
WAKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
My Commission Expires February 17, 1997

Tamela B. Gilmore
Tamela B. Gilmore
My commission expires: 2/17/97