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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
HACKBERRY PLACE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

The undersigned, being of the age of eighteen years or more, does hereby make and acknowledge the Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under and by virtue of Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina and the laws of the State of North Carolina.

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the corporation is HACKBERRY PLACE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (hereafter referred to as the "Association").

**ARTICLE II
DURATION**

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSED AND POWERS**

The purpose and powers for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

1. To operate and manage a planned unit subdivision development known as HACKBERRY PLACE SUBDIVISION, AKA HACKBERRY, located in Cabarrus County, North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as the "**Subdivision**").
2. To undertake the performance of, and carry out the acts and duties incident to the administration of the operation and management of the Association in accordance with the terms, provisions, conditions and authorizations contained in both these Articles and in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Hackberry Place Subdivision AKA Hackberry (the "**Declaration**") which has been or will be recorded in the Public Records of Cabarrus County, North Carolina, at such time as the real property and the improvements thereon are submitted to said Declaration.
3. To make, establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the subdivision development common elements, land, and other real and personal property which may be owned by the Association itself.

4. To make, levy and collect assessments against lot owners; to provide the funds to pay for common expenses of the Association as provided in the Declaration and to use and expend the proceeds of assessments in the exercise of the powers and duties of the Association; to use said assessments to promote the recreation, acquisition, improvement and maintenance of properties, services and facilities devoted to this purpose and related to the use and enjoyment of the common areas and facilities thereon, including, but not limited to, the cost of repair, replacement and additions thereto, the cost of labor, equipment, materials, management, supervision thereof, the maintenance of insurance in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association (the "Bylaws"), including the employment of attorneys to represent the Association when necessary for such other needs as may arise.
5. To maintain, repair, replace and operate the properties for which the Association is responsible.
6. To enforce by any legal means, the provisions of the Declaration, the Bylaws and the rules and regulations for the use of the Association property.
7. If deemed in the best interest of the Association by the Board of Directors, to contract for the management of the recreational property and to delegate to such manager or managers all powers and duties of the Association except those powers and duties which are specifically required to have approval of the Board of Directors or the membership of the Association.
8. To have all of the common law and statutory powers of a non-profit corporation and also those powers as set out in the Declaration and all powers reasonably necessary to implement the purposes of the Association.
9. To 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.
10. To borrow money, and with the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members, mortgage, pledge or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred.
11. To 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 to by the Association's members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument has been signed by eighty percent (80%) of each class of members, agreeing to such dedication, sale or transfer.

12. To participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes or annex additional residential property and Common Area which is not provided for in the Declaration, provided that any such merger, consolidation or additional annexation shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members.
13. The Association is not organized for pecuniary profit, nor shall it have any power to issue certificates of stock or pay dividends, and no part of the net earnings or assets of the Association shall be distributed, upon dissolution or otherwise, to any member, director or officer of the Association. If the Association is dissolved, the assets shall be dedicated to a public body, or conveyed to a non-profit organization with similar purposes.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

1. The membership of the Association shall consist solely of the owners of lots in the Subdivision, and the owners of any other lands which may be added thereto pursuant to the Declaration. Membership shall be established by acquisition of fee title to a lot in the Subdivision whether by conveyance, devise, descent, or judicial decree. A new owner designated in such deed or other instrument shall thereupon become a member of the Association, and the membership of the prior owner as to a lot designated shall be terminated. Membership shall be appurtenant to, and inseparable from, ownership of a lot. Each new owner shall deliver to the Association a true copy of such deed or instrument of acquisition of title.
2. Neither one's membership in the Association nor a member's share in the funds and assets of the Association may be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to the applicable lot owned by a member in the Subdivision.
3. The members of the Association shall have the right to vote for the election and removal of directors and upon such other matters with respect to which the right to vote is given to members under the Declaration or under the provisions of Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the voting rights of the members being more particularly described in the Declaration and in the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE V VOTING RIGHTS

The voting rights of the Membership shall be appurtenant to the ownership of Lots (as defined in the Association's Bylaws) and shall be divided into two classes of voting membership as follow:

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1. Class A Members. The Class A members shall be all owners of Lots with the exception of those Lots owned by a Declarant, as hereafter defined. Each Class A lot shall entitle the owner(s) of said Lot to one vote. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons or entities shall be considered members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as such parties determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any such Lot. For purposes hereof, the “**Declarant**” shall mean and refer to Lawing Pond, LLC and also shall mean and refer to any person, firm or corporation which shall also be designated as a “**Declarant**” by Lawing Pond, LLC hereafter when such designee becomes vested with title to two or more undeveloped Lots for the purpose of causing dwellings to be constructed thereon, and any such designee shall be a Declarant during such period of time as said party is vested with title to two or more such Lots (whether undeveloped or developed and unconveyed), but no longer; provided, however, if such designee thereafter defaults under its applicable agreement to purchase Lots from Lawing Pond, LLC, then the designation of “**Declarant**” for such party shall be automatically terminated.

2. Class B Members. The Class B member shall be the Declarant as defined in the Declaration. The Class B memberships shall be converted to Class A memberships on the happening of any of the following events, whichever occurs earlier: (i) when the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equals the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership (ii) December 15, 2013, or (iii) when the Declarant voluntarily relinquishes majority control of the Association by a duly recorded instrument. The Declarant shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Class B Lot owned by it.

ARTICLE VI DIRECTORS

1. The number of Directors and the method of election of the Directors shall be fixed by the Bylaws; however, the number of Directors shall not be less than two (2).
2. The first election by the members of the Association for Directors shall not be held until after the Declarant has relinquished control of the Association as set out in the Declaration. Thereafter, the election of Directors shall take place at the annual meeting of the membership as provided in the Bylaws. After the Declarant has relinquished control, there shall be a special meeting of the membership for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to serve until the next annual meeting and until new Directors are elected and qualified.

**ARTICLE VII
INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be two (2) and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the first Board of Directors are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
1 Todd Warshauer	7301 Carmel Executive Park #101 Charlotte, NC 28226
2 Curtis McCurry	7301 Carmel Executive Park #101 Charlotte, NC 28226

**ARTICLE VIII
TAX STATUS**

The Association shall have all the powers granted non-profit corporations under the laws of the State of North Carolina. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Association hereby elects tax-exempt status under Section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Association shall not carry on any activities prohibited by a corporation electing tax-exempt status under Section 528, or any corresponding sections or provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. It is further provided that no distributions of income of the Association are to be made to members, directors or officers of the Association provided, however, that members of the Association may receive a rebate of any excess dues and assessments previously paid.

**ARTICLE IX
REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation in the State of North Carolina is 7025 Rocky Falls Road, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, NC 28211 and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Pivot Management Group, Inc.

**ARTICLE X
PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The address of the principal office of the Association is Timberstone Homes, Inc., 7301 Carmel Executive Park #101, Charlotte, NC 28226.

**ARTICLE XI
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is Todd Warshauer, 7301
Carmel Executive Park #101, Charlotte, NC 28226.

**ARTICLE XII
LIMITATION OF DIRECTOR LIABILITY**

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Director of the Corporation shall have any personal liability arising out of any action whether by or in the right of the Corporation of otherwise for monetary damages for breach of any duty as a Director. This paragraph shall not impair any right to indemnity from the Corporation that any Director may now or hereafter have. Any repeal or modification of this Paragraph shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any limitation hereunder on the personal liability of a Director with respect to acts or omissions occurring prior to such repeal or modification.

**ARTICLE XIII
DISSOLUTION**

The Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members. Upon dissolution of the Association, 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 this Association was created. In the event that such dedication is refused acceptance, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.


**ARTICLE XIV
AMENDMENTS**

Any amendment to these Articles shall require the assent of seventy-five percent (75%) of each class of membership.

**ARTICLE XV
PLANNED COMMUNITY ACT**

Except as otherwise provided herein, all applicable required terms of the North Carolina Planned Community Act (the "Act") set forth in NCGS Chapter 47F are incorporated herein by reference. To the extent any conflict exists between the terms hereof and a required provision of the Act, the required provisions of the Act shall govern and control such conflict.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporated has hereunto set his hand and seal this 9 day of June, 2012.



Todd Warshauer, Incorporator