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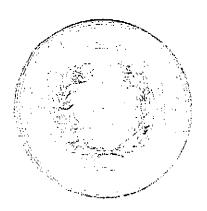
THE UNDERSTUNED, AS SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, HERMAY CERTIFIES THAT THE ATTACHED ARTICLES OF INCURPORATION FOR THE ABOVE NAMED CORPURATION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN THIS SEFICE AND ARE FOUND TO COMPORM TO LAM.

ACCORDINGLY, THE UNDERSIGNED, AS SECRETARY OF STATE, AND BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE SECRETARY BY LAW, HEREBY ISSUES THIS CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

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THE USE OF A CORPORATE MARE IN THIS STATE IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF AVOITHOR UNDER THE FIDERAL TRADEMARK ACT OF 1946, THE TEXAS TRADEMARK LAW, THE ASSUMED BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL NAME ACT OR THE COMMON LAW.

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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# LONE STAR RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS Section

I, the undersigned natural person of the age of 18 years or more, a citizen of the State of Texas, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.:

#### ARTICLE I.

#### <u>NAME</u>

The name of the corporation is LONE STAR RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION hereinafter referred to as "Association."

#### ARTICLE II.

## NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

The Association is a non-profit corporation. Upon dissolution, all of the Association's assets shall be distributed to the State of Texas or an organization exempt from taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) for one or more purposes that are exempt under the Texas franchise tax.

#### ARTICLE III.

#### **DURATION**

The period of its duration is perpetual, and the Association shall continue until dissolved as provided by law.

ARTICLE IV.

<u>PURPOSES</u>

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and the general purposes for which it is formed are to provide for maintenance, preservation and architectural control of the resident's lots and common area within that certain tract of property described as Lone Star Ranch Subdivision, a subdivision in Montgomery County, Texas, containing several Sections out of a 355.0845 acre tract of land in the T. & N.O. R.R. Co. #9 Survey, A-575, Montgomery County, Texas; a portion being an unrecorded subdivision and a portion being platted in Cabinet I, Sheet 150, Map Records of Montgomery County, Texas (the "Subdivision") and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents within the above-described Subdivision and any additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this Association for this purpose, and specifically:

- (a) To promote the health, safety, and welfare of the lot owners of the Subdivision;
- (b) To exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Developer or Grantor as set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Lone Star Ranch Subdivision (the "Declaration") for each Section of said Subdivision as recorded in the Real Property Records of Montgomery County, Texas, and as same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, which will be assigned to the Association by said Developer pursuant to said Declaration, and as may be set forth in any Amendments thereto which may be filed from time to time pursuant to and in accordance with the authority and provisions of the Declaration for Lone Star Ranch Subdivision;
  - charges 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;

- (d) 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;
- (e) To borrow money, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;
- (f) To dedicate, sell, transfer or convey 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 members;
- (g) To participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes or annex additional residential property or common area as provided for in the Declaration, provided that any such merger, consolidation or annexation shall have the prior consent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Members;
- (h) To have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the Non-Profit Corporation Act of the State of Texas by law may now or hereafter have or exercise, but which are consistent with this non-profit corporation claiming and continuing to claim as an exemption from federal income and state franchise taxes.

#### ARTICLE V.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Every owner of a lot located in any Section of Lone Star Ranch Subdivision, or in other additional property brought within the scheme of the Declaration for any section of Lone Star Ranch Subdivision pursuant to the provisions and authority of said Restrictions, which is subject to a maintenance charge assessment by the Developer, or assigns, including contract purchasers, 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.

# RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

The Association shall not pay dividends or other corporate income to its directors or officers or otherwise accrue distributable profits or permit the realization of private gain. The Corporation shall have no power to take any action prohibited by the Texas Non-Profit Act. The Corporation shall not have the power to engage in any activities, except to an insubstantial degree, that are not in furtherance of the purposes set forth above.

## ARTICLE VII.

# INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Association is 6870 FM 1488; Magnolia, Texas 77354. The name of the initial registered agent at this office is Willard Hodge.

## ARTICLE VIII.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The qualifications, manner of selection, duties, terms, and other matters relating to the Board of Directors (referred to as the "Board of Directors") shall be provided in the Bylaws. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) persons. The number of directors may be increased or decreased by adoption or amendment of bylaws. In electing directors, members shall not be permitted to cumulate their votes by giving one candidate as many votes as the number of directors to be elected or by distributing the same number of votes among any number of candidates. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of the following persons at the following addresses:

Name of Director

Street Address

Thomas E. Lipar.

6870 FM 1488

Magnolia, Texas 77354

Willard Hodge

6870 FM 1488

Magnolia, Texas 77354

Rick Gaul

6870 FM 1488

Magnolia, Texas 77354

At the first annual meeting the members shall elect one director for a term of one year, one director for a term of two years and one director for a term of three years; and at each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect one director for a term of three years.

#### ARTICLE IX.

# LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS

A director is not liable to the Association or members for monetary damages for an act or omission in the director's capacity as director except to the extent otherwise provided by a statute of the State of Texas.

#### ARTICLE X.

## INDEMNIEICATION

To the full extent permitted by applicable law, no director of this Association shall be liable to this Association or its members for monetary damages for an act or omission in such director's capacity as a director of this association, except that this Article Six does not eliminate or limit the liability of a director of this Association for:

- a breach of such director's duty of loyalty to this Association or its members;
- an act or omission not in good faith or that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law;

- a transaction from which such director received an improper benefit, whether or not the benefit resulted from an action taken within the scope of such director's office;
- 4. an act or omission for which the liability of such director is expressly provided for by statute; or
- 5. an act related to an unlawful stock repurchase or payment of a dividend.

Any repeal or amendment of this Article by the members of this Association shall be prospective only, and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of a director of this Association existing at the time of such repeal or amendment. In addition to the circumstances in which a director of this Association is not personally liable as set forth in the foregoing provisions of this Article Nine, a director shall not be liable to the full extent permitted by any Amendment to the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act or the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act hereafter enacted that further limits the liability of a director.

To the full extent permitted by applicable law, the Association shall indemnify any director or officer against judgments, penalties (including excise and similar taxes), fines, settlements and reasonable expenses (including court costs and attorneys' fees) actually incurred by any such person who was, is or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in a proceeding because the person is or was a director or officer and shall advance to such person such reasonable expenses as are incurred by him in connection therewith. The rights of directors and officers set forth in this Article shall not be exclusive of any other right which directors or officers may have or hereafter acquire relating to the subject matter hereof. As used in this Article, the terms "director" and "officer" shall mean any person who is or was a director or officer of the Association, is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, partner, venturer, proprietor, trustee, employee, agent or similar functionary of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise. As used in this Article, the term "proceeding" means

any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative or investigative, any appeal in any such action, suit or proceeding and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such an action, suit or proceeding.

## ARTICLE XI

## 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 to 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 nonprofit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

## ARTICLE XII.

## BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors of this Association is expressly authorized to alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws or to adopt new Bylaws of this Association, without any action on the part of the members; but the Bylaws made by the Directors and the powers so conferred may be altered or repealed by the members.

## ARTICLE XIII.

# AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES

Amendment of these Articles shall require the consent of sixty-six percent (66%) of the entire membership.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

## CONSTRUCTION

All references in these Articles of Incorporation to statutes, regulations, or other sources of legal authority shall refer to the authorities cited, or their successors, as they may be amended from time to time.

#### **ARTICLE XV**

## INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator is:

James W. Steele 2040 Loop 336 West, Suite 212 Conroe, Texas 77304

I execute these Articles of Incorporation on March 25, 1999.

INCOBPORATOR:

JAMES W. STEELE

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I, the undersigned Notary Public, do hereby certify that on this the 25th day of March, 1999, personally appeared before me JAMES W. STEELE, who being by me first duly sworn declared that he was the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document as incorporator, and that the statements contained therein are

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