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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

CALDWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

The undersigned, being of the age of eighteen years or more, do hereby make and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55-A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled, "Non-Profit Corporation Act", and the several amendments thereto:

1. The name of the Corporation is "CALDWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC."

2. The period of duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

3. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively for charitable purposes as follows:

(a) To buy, lease, or otherwise acquire any fire fighting equipment, including fire trucks and other fire fighting apparatus;

(b) To acquire by purchase or lease or otherwise, property, both real and personal, for the purpose of operating and maintaining a fire department;

(c) And to do and perform any and all acts necessary or beneficial to the operation of a fire department;

4. The Corporation shall have one class of members, being all resident freeholders, living in that area known as Little River Fire Protection District; and each qualified member shall be entitled to the right to vote.

5. The Directors of the Corporation shall be elected by the members of the Little River Fire Protection District as provided by the by-laws.

6. No part of the net earnings of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private member or individual.

7. The initial registered office of the Corporation shall be Route 1, Box 276-2A, Hillsborough, North Carolina, Orange County; and the name of its initial registered agent at such address shall be L. Phillip Walker.

8. The initial Board of Directors shall be consittuted as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

Robert Helms

Route 1, Box 272-D  
Hillsborough, N. C.

Billy Brown

Route 2, Box 184  
Rougemont, N. C.

James Hamlin

Route 2, Box 96-E  
Rougemont, N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA  
ORANGE COUNTY

I, Brenda Bealock, a Notary Public of  
said State and County, do hereby certify that ROBERT HELMS,  
personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due  
execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

Dec WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal, this 6 day of  
~~November~~, 1977.

Brenda Bealock  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

4-1-81

NORTH CAROLINA  
ORANGE COUNTY

I, Brenda Bealock, a Notary Public  
of said State and County, do hereby certify that BILLY BROWN  
personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due  
execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

Dec WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal, this 6 day of  
~~November~~, 1977.

Brenda Bealock  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

4-1-81

NORTH CAROLINA  
ORANGE COUNTY

I, Brenda Bealock, a Notary Public  
of said State and County, do hereby certify that JAMES HAMLIN  
personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due  
execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

Dec WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal, this 6 day of  
~~November~~, 1977.

Brenda Bealock  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

4-1-81

NORTH CAROLINA  
ORANGE COUNTY

I, Brenda Bealock, a Notary Public of said State and County, do hereby certify that L. PHILLIP WALKER personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

~~Dec.~~ WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal, this 6 day of ~~November~~, 1977.

Brenda Bealock  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

4-1-81

NORTH CAROLINA  
ORANGE COUNTY

I, Brenda Bealock, a Notary Public of said State and County, do hereby certify that ISAAC TORAIN, JR. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

~~Dec.~~ WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal, this 6 day of ~~November~~, 1977.

Brenda Bealock  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

4-1-81

NORTH CAROLINA  
ORANGE COUNTY

I, Brenda Bealock, a Notary Public of said State and County, do hereby certify that L. RUSSELL HALL personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

~~Dec.~~ WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal, this 6 day of ~~November~~, 1977.

Brenda Bealock  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

4-1-81

NORTH CAROLINA  
ORANGE COUNTY

I, Brenda Bealock, a Notary Public of said State and County, do hereby certify that EARL McKEE personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

~~Dec.~~ WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal, this 6 day of ~~November~~, 1977.

Brenda Bealock  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

4-1-81

NAMEADDRESS

L. Phillip Walker

Route 1, Box 276-2A  
Hillsborough, N. C.

Isaac Torain, Jr.

Route 2, Box 164-A  
Rougemont, N. C.

L. Russell Hall

Route 2,  
Rougemont, N. C.

Earl McKee

Route 2, Box 130  
Rougemont, N. C.

9. The names and addresses of the Incorporators of  
this Corporation shall be as follows:

NAMEADDRESS

Robert Helms

Route 1, Box 272-D  
Hillsborough, N. C.

Billy Brown

Route 2, Box 184  
Rougemont, N. C.

James Hamlin

Route 2, Box 96-E  
Rougemont, N. C.

L. Phillip Walker

Route 1, Box 276-2A  
Hillsborough, N. C.

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Route 2, Box 164-A  
Rougemont, N. C.


L. Russell Hall

Route 2,  
Rougemont, N. C.

Earl McKee

Route 2, Box 130  
Rougemont, N. C.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set out hands  
this 6 day of ~~November~~ <sup>Dec.</sup>, 1977.

  
ROBERT HELMS  
BILLY BROWN  
JAMES HAMLIN  
EARL MCKEE  
L. PHILLIP WALKER  
ISAAC TORAIN, JR.  
L. RUSSELL HALL