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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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SECRETARY OF STATE
NORTH CAROLINA

OF

CEDAR GROVE 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 "CEDAR GROVE 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 Cedar Grove 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 Cedar Grove 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 83-A, Hurdle Mills, North Carolina, Orange County; and the name of its initial registered agent at such address shall be EDGAR LONG.

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

NAME:

EDGAR LONG

JIM SPARKS

CAVINESS WHELEY

ADDRESS:Route 1, Box 83-A
Hurdle Mills, N. C.Route 1,
Cedar Grove, N. C.Route 1,
Cedar Grove, N. C.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

MELVIN BEASLEY

Route 1,
Cedar Grove, N. C.

DWIGHT COMPTON

Route 1,
Cedar Grove, N. C.

BILLY POPE

Route 3,
Mebane, N. C.

MERRITT DIXON

Route 3,
Mebane, N. C.

CLABORN ROBERTS

Route 3,
Mebane, N. C.

JAMES BRADSHER

Route 1,
Cedar Grove, N. C.

ROGER TATE

Route 1,
Cedar Grove, N. C.

9. The name and address of the Incorporator of
this Corporation shall be as follows:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

DOUGLAS HARGRAVE

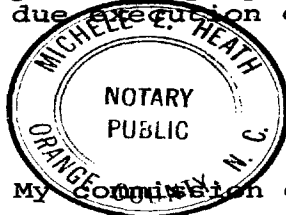
Route 1, Box 114
Hurdle Mills, N. C.
27541

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
this 13th day of December, 1977.

Douglas Hargrave
DOUGLAS HARGRAVE

NORTH CAROLINA
ORANGE COUNTY

I, Michelle E. Heath, a Notary Public
of said State and County, do hereby certify that DOUGLAS HARGRAVE
personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the
due execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.



Michelle E. Heath
Notary Public

My commission expires:

10-2-82