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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

EFLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

The undersigned hereby associate themselves as a non-profit corporation under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, and to that end set forth:

1. The name of the corporation shall be EFLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC., hereinafter referred to as the Corporation.

2. The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

3. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are to provide protection against fire to the residents of the Efland Fire District by all appropriate and feasible means, including the acquisition, maintenance and operation of equipment for the prevention and fighting of fire, the dissemination of information in connection with the prevention of fire, and generally to promote the safety and welfare of residents in the area in which the Corporation will operate and the protection of them and their property as well as the property of the county and state located within that area. In carrying out its purposes and in conducting its activities, the Corporation shall act for the general benefit and welfare of all within the area of its operations. The Corporation shall, however, not be prevented from making reasonable charges for its services when rendered beyond the area of its normal operations, to the extent this may be found to be necessary and reasonable to provide for the continuance and maintenance of the efficiency of its operations.

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4. The Corporation shall have no capital stock. Its affairs shall be conducted primarily by a Board of Directors appointed by the Trustees of The Efland Fire District and by officers elected or appointed by them or by the Board of Directors, as provided in such by-laws. The undersigned incorporators shall, however, act as the initial Board of Directors, pending completion of the organization of the Corporation and the selection of Directors by the Trustees.

5. The Assets and property of the Corporation shall be owned exclusively by the Corporation and no Director, officer or employee of the Corporation shall have any individual right or interest in or title to the assets or property or in any part thereof. No Such person shall receive or be entitled to receive for his personal benefit any of the income or assets or property of the Corporation either during its existence or upon its dissolution. In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, after payment of or provision for all its debts and obligations, its assets and property which are not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance if they cease to be used for the purposes of the Corporation, shall be distributed, paid over and transferred to an organization or institution having similar benevolent and civic purposes, or to the County of Orange for use in carrying out similar activities. *Orange County*

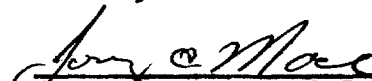
6. The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is: P. O. Box 207, Efland, North Carolina 27243, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is: Robert F. Efland.

7. The number of persons constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is three, they being the undersigned incorporators whose names and addresses are set forth under their respective signatures as appended hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this the 8th day of September, 1972.

 (Seal)  
Robert F. Efland, P. O. Box 38  
Efland, N. C.

 (Seal)  
George E. Whitted, RFD 1  
Efland, N. C.

 (Seal)  
Jerry C. Mace, RFD 1  
Mebane, N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA  
ORANGE COUNTY

I, *Victor Sharpe* a Notary Public  
in and for the County of Orange, State of North Carolina, do hereby  
certify that Robert F. Efland, George E. Whitted, and Jerry C. Mace  
who are known to me to be the identical persons named in and who  
executed the foregoing articles of incorporation of Efland Volunteer  
Fire Company, Inc., did each acknowledge to me and in my presence  
that he signed and sealed the said articles as his voluntary act  
and deed for the purposes therein set forth.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
my notarial seal, this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1972.

*Victor Sharpe*  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

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