

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
MINERAL SPRINGS PLANTATION HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.  
(A Non-Stock Corporation)

In compliance with Chapter 10 of Title 13.1 of the Code of Virginia, of 1950, as amended, the undersigned hereby forms a non-stock corporation not for profit and hereby certifies:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Mineral Springs Plantation Homeowners' Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II

REGISTERED OFFICE

The initial registered office of the Association is located at 3000 Mall Court in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia. The mailing address of the initial registered office is P. O. Box 41070, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22404.

ARTICLE III

REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered agent of the Association is John E. Pruitt, Jr., who is a resident of Virginia and a member of the Virginia State Bar and whose business address is that of the registered office.

ARTICLE IV

INDEMNIFICATION

1. In this Article:

"Applicant" means the person seeking indemnification pursuant to this Article.

"Expenses" includes counsel fees.

"Liability" means the obligation to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine, including any excise tax assessed with respect to an employee benefit plan, or reasonable expenses incurred with respect to a proceeding.

"Official capacity" means, (i) when used with respect to a director, the office of director in the Association or (ii) when used with respect to an individual other than a director, the office in the Association held by the officer or the employment or agency relationship undertaken by the employee or agent on behalf of the Association. "Official capacity" does not include service for any other foreign or domestic corporation or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise.

"Party" includes an individual who was, is, or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in proceeding.

"Proceeding" means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative and whether formal or informal.

2. The Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party to any proceeding, including a proceeding by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association, or is or was .serving at the request of the Association as a director, trustee, partner or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, against any liability incurred by him in connection with such proceeding if (i) he believed, in the case of conduct in his official capacity, that his conduct was in the best interests of the Association, and in all other cases that his conduct was at least not opposed to its best interest, and, in the case of any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, and (ii) he was not guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct. A person is considered to be serving an employee benefit plan at the Association's request if his duties to the Association also impose duties on, or otherwise involve services by, him to the plan or to participants in or beneficiaries of the plan. A person's conduct with respect to an employee benefit plan for a purpose he believed to be in the interests of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan is conduct that satisfies the requirements of this section.

3. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not of itself create a presumption that the applicant did not meet the standard of conduct described in section (2) of this Article.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of section (2) of this Article: no indemnification shall be made in connection with any proceeding charging the applicant with improper benefit to himself, whether or not involving action in his official capacity, in which he was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by him.

5. To the extent that the applicant has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any proceeding referred to in section (2) of this Article, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

6. Any indemnification under section (2) of this Article (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Association only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the applicant is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in sections (2) and (4).

The determination shall be made:

(a) By the Board of Directors by a majority vote of quorum consisting of Directors not at the time parties to the proceeding;

(b) If a quorum cannot be obtained under subsection (a) of this section, by a majority vote of a committee duly designated by the Board of Directors (in which designation directors who are parties may participate)" consisting solely of two or more directors not at the time parties to the proceeding;

(c) By special legal counsel:

(i) Selected by the Board of Directors or its committee in the manner prescribed in subsection (a) or (b) of this section; or

(ii) If a quorum of the Board of Directors cannot be obtained under subsection (a) of this section and a committee cannot be designated under subsection (b) of this section, selected by majority vote of the full Board of Directors, in which selection directors who are parties may participate; or

(d) By the members, but directors who are at the time parties to the proceeding may not vote on the determination.

Authorization of indemnification and evaluation as to reasonableness of expenses shall be made in the same manner as the determination that indemnification is permissible, except that if the determination is made by special legal counsel, authorization of indemnification and evaluation as to reasonableness of expenses shall

be made by those entitled under subsection (c) of this section to select counsel.

7. (a) The Association may pay for or reimburse the reasonable expenses incurred by any applicant who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of the- proceeding if:

(i) The applicant furnishes the Association a written statement of his good faith belief that he has met the standard of conduct described in sections (2) and (4);

(ii) The applicant furnishes the Association a written undertaking, executed personally or on his behalf, to repay the advance if it is ultimately determined that he did not meet the standard of conduct; and

(iii) A determination is made that the facts then known to those making the determination would not preclude indemnification under this Article.

(b) The undertaking required by paragraph (ii) of subsection (a) of this section shall be an unlimited general obligation of the applicant but need not be secured and may be accepted without reference to financial ability to make repayment.

(c) Determinations and authorizations of payments under this section shall be made in the manner specified in section (6).

8. The Board of Directors is hereby empowered, by majority vote of a quorum of disinterested directors, to cause the Association to indemnify or contract in advance to indemnify any person not specified in section (2) of this Article who was or is a party to any proceeding, by reason of the fact that he is or was an employee or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association' as an employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, to the same extent as if such person were specified as one to whom indemnification is granted in section (2). The provisions of sections (3) through 7 of this Article shall be applicable to any indemnification provided hereafter pursuant to this section (8).

9. The Association may purchase and maintain insurance to indemnify it against the whole or any portion of the liability assumed by it in accordance with this Article and may also procure insurance, in such amounts as the Board of Directors may determine, on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against or incurred by him in any such capacity or arising from his status as such, whether or

not the Association would have power to indemnify him ,against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

10. Every reference herein to directors, officers, employees, or agent shall include former directors, officers, employees and agents and their respective heirs, executors and administrators. The indemnification hereby provided and provided hereafter pursuant to the power hereby conferred on the Board of Directors shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any person ma~ be entitled, including any right under policies of insurance that may be purchased and maintained by the Association or others, with respect to claims, issues or matters in relation to which the Association would not have the power to indemnify such person under the provisions of this Article:

## ARTICLE V

### PURPOSE

The Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is formed are (i) to promote the health, safety, recreation and welfare of the residents of Mineral Springs Plantation and (ii) to provide for the maintenance, preservation and architectural control of lots and common areas of Mineral Springs Plantation located in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, the initial portion of which is more particularly described



as follows:

All that certain property known as Lots 1 through 103 of Mineral Springs Plantation Subdivision, Sections One and Two as shown on plat prepared by Commonwealth Engineering and Planning acknowledged and dated August 11, 1988 and August 15, 1988.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A members shall be all owners of single family residences located in Mineral Springs Plantation, and shall be entitled to one vote for each lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such lot shall be exercised as they determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any lot.

Class B. The Class B member shall be Plank Road Company, a General Partnership, and shall be entitled to three votes for each lot owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

(a) When the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership, or

(b) On December 31, 1998.

ARTICLE VII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of directors of the Association shall be fixed by the bylaws of the Association. The names and addresses of the initial directors are:

John E. Pruitt, Jr.  
3000 Mall Court  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

Richard A. Pruitt  
3000 Mall Court  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

ARTICLE VIII

DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than two-thirds of each class of members. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to merger, or consolidation, the assets of the Association shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency or private non-profit organization to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was created. In the event that acceptance of such dedication is refused, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to the Class A members in equal, undivided shares.

Dated: Oct 14 1988

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Incorporator