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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
HARVEST RIDGE OF CLAYTON HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The undersigned natural person of the age of eighteen (18) years or more does hereby execute these Articles of Incorporation pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Non-Profit Corporation Act", and the several amendments thereto, and does hereby make, sign, and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation, and to that end does hereby set forth:

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the corporation is HARVEST RIDGE OF CLAYTON HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter called "the Association".

**ARTICLE II
REGISTERED OFFICE**

The principal and registered office of the Association is located at 205 W. Millbrook Road, Suite 210, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina 27609.

**ARTICLE III
REGISTERED AGENT**

Michael V. Ellis, whose address is 205 W. Millbrook Road, Suite 210, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina 27609, is hereby appointed the initial registered agent of this Association.

**ARTICLE IV
PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is formed are to provide maintenance, preservation and architectural control of the Lots and Common Areas within that certain tract or property (herein referred to as "Properties") described in the certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Harvest Ridge Subdivision recorded in the Register of Deeds of Johnston County, and to promote the health, safety, and welfare of

the residents within the above described Properties and any additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this Association and for those purposes to:

(a) Exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, hereinafter called the "Declaration", applicable to the Properties and recorded, or to be recorded, in the Office of the Johnston County, North Carolina Register of Deeds and as the same may be amended from time to time as therein provided, said Declaration being incorporated herein as if set forth at length;

(b) Fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means of all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the Properties of the Association;

(c) 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, in accordance with the Johnston County Zoning Ordinance.

(d) Borrow money, and with the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred; provided the rights of such mortgagee shall be subordinate to the rights of the Owners and Association in the Common Areas;

(e) Dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas or grant an easement or right of way across the Common Areas to any public agency, authority, utility, or to any other person for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members. No such dedication, sale or transfer shall be effective unless it has been approved by two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members, and any instrument properly executed by the Association has been recorded.

On any instrument of dedication, sale, transfer, easement, lease, right of way, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust or other hypothecation or other disposition of real or personal property, the Secretary of the Association shall certify that two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members have approved the action evidenced by the instrument, and that certificate shall be conclusive that the execution and delivery of such instrument was properly authorized by the Association and its members and shall be relied upon and binding as to any third party or as to any grantee, its successors and assigns; provided, however, conveyances for general service utility purposes as specified in the Declaration may be made without consent of the members, and the Association may execute an instrument of conveyance therefor without such certification;

(f) Subject to the approval of the County of Johnston County Attorney or his deputy, participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations

organized for the same purposes or annex additional property or Common Areas, provided that any such merger, consolidation or annexation shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members, except that annexation of additional property by Declarant may be done without the consent of the members as provided in the Declaration; and

(g) Have and to exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of North Carolina by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.

The Association is organized and shall be operated exclusively as a homeowners association and not for profit. No part of the earnings of the Association or the funds contributed by any person or corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or Member of the Association, other than reimbursement for actual expenses, and other than by a rebate of excess membership dues, fees, or assessments, except that reasonable compensation may be paid to private individuals for services rendered to or for the Association affecting one or more of its purposes. In the event of liquidation or dissolution of the Association, either voluntary or involuntary, no director or officer of the Association or any private individual shall be entitled to any distribution or division of its remaining property or its proceeds, and the balance of all money and other property received by the Association from any source, after the payment of all debts and obligations of the Association, shall be used or distributed exclusively to an entity or entities whose purposes are substantially similar to those set forth in this Article IV and within the intentment of Section 528 or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the regulations thereunder as the same now exist or as they may be hereafter amended from time to time or to an appropriate public agency to be used for the purposes similar to those stated in this Article IV or to an organization which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding the Association shall not possess or exercise any power or authority either expressly, by implication, or by operation of law that will prevent it at any time from qualifying as a "Residential Real Estate Management Association" as defined in Section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended and the regulations thereunder, nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity which would cause the loss of such qualification or deny it each election under such section of the Internal Revenue Code.

In order to properly prosecute the objects and purposes set forth, the Association shall have all the powers vested in corporations by the laws of the State of North Carolina, Chapter 55A, Section 15, and other laws relating to corporations which may appear in the General Statutes of North Carolina, together with all amendments thereto, past and future, which powers shall include, but the inclusion of such powers shall not be deemed as exclusive of other powers vested in the Association, the following powers: The Association shall have full power and authority to acquire real or personal property, tangible or intangible, by gift, contribution, bequest, devise, purchase, lease, exchange or

by any other manner, and to hold legal or equitable title to real and personal property; to borrow money, issue bonds, indentures or other evidences of indebtedness, secured or unsecured; to sell, buy, lease, encumber, mortgage, pledge, donate and otherwise deal with, acquire and dispose of real and personal property, either one or both, and generally to perform all acts which may be deemed necessary – all in accordance with the laws and ordinances of the County of Johnston, expedient or proper by the Association for the successful carrying out of the objectives and purposes for which the Association is formed.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot which is subject by Declaration to assessment by the Association, including contract sellers, 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 or trustees under a security instrument. 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 VOTING RIGHTS

The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

CLASS A. Class A Members shall be all Owners of a Lot in the Property, with the exception of the Declarant, and shall be entitled to one vote for each lot owned. Declarant, if it owns any Lot, shall, however, be a Class A Member upon the termination of Class B Membership. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members; however, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot. Fractional voting is prohibited.

CLASS B. Class B Member(s) shall be the Declarant and the Class B Member(s) shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot in which the Class B Member(s) has an ownership interest; but provided, that the Class B Membership shall cease and be converted to Class A Membership on the happening of the following events whichever shall first occur:

- (a) when the total votes outstanding in Class A Membership exceed the total votes outstanding in Class B Membership, but provided, that the Class B Membership shall be reinstated if thereafter, and before the time stated in subparagraph (b) below, additional lands are annexed to the Property without the assent of Class A Members for the development of such additional lands; or

(b) December 31, 2033; or

(c) When, in its discretion, the Declarant so determines and declares in a recorded instrument.

After termination of the Class B Membership, if the Declarant still owns lots, said Declarant shall, for all purposes, be deemed a Lot Owner and shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges of Class A Members, and shall also have a right to disapprove any action, policy or program of the Association in accordance with the Declaration and By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors, who shall be qualified as set forth in the By-Laws. The initial Board shall be comprised of three (3) members. The number of directors may be changed by amendment of the By-Laws of the Association. The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of directors until the selection of their successors are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Michael R. Coates	12400 NC 50 Hwy North Willow Springs, NC 27592
Joseph D. Coates	12400 NC 50 Hwy North Willow Springs, NC 27592
Michael V. Ellis	205 W. Millbrook Road, Suite 210 Raleigh, NC 27609

ARTICLE VIII
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 for the 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 non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes.

ARTICLE IX
DURATION

The corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE X
INCORPORATOR

NAME

ADDRESS

Howard S. Kohn

205 W. Millbrook Road, Suite 210
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ARTICLE XI
EFFECTIVE DATE

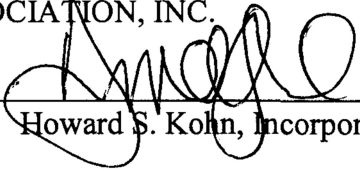
These Articles will be effective upon filing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, the undersigned, constituting the incorporator of this Association, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 11th day of

July, 2008.

HARVEST RIDGE OF CLAYTON HOMEOWNERS'
ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: _____


Howard S. Kohn, Incorporator

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

I certify that the following person(s) personally appeared before me this day, each acknowledging to me that he or she voluntarily signed the foregoing document for the purpose stated therein and in the capacity indicated:

Howard S. Kohn

Date: 07-11-08