# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Secretary of State of Texas

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OF

ESTATES OF LITTLE BEAR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INCORporations Section

I, the undersigned natural person of the age of twenty-one (21) years or more, a citizen of the State of Texas, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

# ARTICLE ONE

The name of the Corporation is Estates of Little Bear Homeowners Association, Inc.

#### ARTICLE TWO

## **Definitions**

The following words when used in these Articles of Incorporation shall have the following meanings:

"Act" shall mean and refer to the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, Articles 1396-1.01 through 1396-11.01, Vernons Tex. Ann. Civil Statutes, and all amendments and additions thereto.

"Common Facilities" shall mean and refer to the areas along the public right-of-way in Block A, Lots 12-19, Block C, Lot 1, Block A, Lot 1 and all landscaping at gated entries located at Little Bear Trail and Allen Drive, as designated on the Final Plat. Common Facilities shall consist of screening walls, landscaping, sidewalks, P.E.D.U.S.E., etc.

"Corporation" shall mean and refer to "Estates of Little Bear Homeowners Association, Inc.", the corporation incorporated hereunder.

"Declarant" shall mean and refer to Estates of Little Bear, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership, its successors and any assignee, other than an Owner, who shall receive by assignment from the said Estates of Little Bear, Ltd. all, or a portion, of its rights under the Declaration as such Declarant, by an instrument expressly assigning such rights as Declarant to such assignee.

"Declaration" shall mean and refer to that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions applicable to the Properties and recorded at Clerk's File No. D202007910 in the Deed Records of Tarrant County, Texas, and as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time as therein provided.

"Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot or tract of land shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the Properties which is shown as a lot thereon and which is or is to be improved with a residential dwelling.

"Member" shall mean and refer to each Owner as provided herein under Article Nine and Article Ten.

"Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot situated upon the Properties but, notwithstanding any applicable theory of the mortgage or other security device, shall not mean or refer to any mortgagee or trustee under a deed of trust unless and until such mortgagee or trustee has acquired title pursuant to foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure.

"Properties" shall mean and refer to the land and premises in the City of Euless, Tarrant County, Texas, containing approximately 17.547 acres of land and known as "Estates of Little Bear", a residential subdivision comprised of 68 single family residential lots, Common Areas, P.E.D.U.S.E. and related amenities, as more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this corporation by annexation as provided in the Declaration (as hereinafter defined).

#### ARTICLE THREE

The Corporation is a non-profit corporation.

#### ARTICLE FOUR

The period of its duration is perpetual.

#### ARTICLE FIVE

This Corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the Members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is formed are:

To provide for maintenance, preservation and architectural control of and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Properties, and to preserve the beautification of the Properties, and for these purposes:

- (a) To 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 Corporation;
- (b) To provide for cleanup and waste collection within the Properties when, in its opinion, same shall be necessary or appropriate to supplement such services provided by the City of Bedford, Texas, and to otherwise supplement municipal services;
  - (c) To maintain the Common Facilities and the areas containing same;
- (d) To exercise all of the powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Corporation as set forth in the Declaration, and reference to the Declaration is hereby made for all purposes;
- (e) To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means, all charges or assessments provided for by the terms of the Declaration and to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Corporation, including any licenses, taxes or governmental charges which may be levied or imposed against any property owned by the Corporation;
- (f) To borrow money, to mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;
- (g) Insofar as permitted by law, to do any other thing that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, will promote the common benefit and enjoyment of the residents of the Properties, provided, that no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any Member, director or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation effecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, director or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation; and provided, further, that no part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; and
- (h) Nothing contained in these Articles of Incorporation shall grant any authority to any officer or director of the Corporation for the exercise of any powers which are inconsistent with limitations on any of the same which may be expressly set forth in the Act.

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#### ARTICLE SIX

HANK DICKERSON

The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is c/o Hank Dickerson & Company, 8333 Douglas Ave., Suite 1300, Dallas, Texas 75225 and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is John F. Dickerson.

## ARTICLE SEVEN

The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by an initial Board of three (3) Directors. The number of directors may be changed by amendment of the By-Laws of the Corporation, but shall in no event be less than three (3). The names and addresses of the persons who are to act initially in the capacity of directors until the selection of their successors are:

John F. Dickerson

8333 Douglas Ave., Suite 1300

Dallas, Texas 75225

Samuel J. Gruner

8333 Douglas Ave., Suite 1300

Dallas, Texas 75225

Becky W. Palmer

8333 Douglas Ave., Suite 1300

Dallas, Texas 75225

At each annual meeting after the date of incorporation hereof and thereafter until the directors are elected by the Class A Members, the Class B Members shall elect three (3) directors for a term of one (1) year each. At the first annual meeting following the date upon which all directors are to be elected solely by Class A Members, the Class A Members shall elect five (5) directors who shall serve for the following terms:

The three directors receiving the highest number of votes shall each serve for a term of two years, and the remaining two directors shall each serve for a term of one year.

At each annual meeting thereafter, the Class A Members shall elect new directors to fill any vacancy created by expired terms of existing directors in a manner so that the Corporation will at all times have five directors, all of whom shall have two-year terms.

#### ARTICLE EIGHT

The name and street address of the incorporator of this corporation is:

John F. Dickerson

8333 Douglas Ave., Suite 1300 Dallas, Texas 75225

#### ARTICLE NINE

Every person or entity who is now or hereafter becomes an Owner shall automatically be a Member of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE TEN

The Corporation shall have two classes of voting membership:

CLASS A. Class A Members shall be all members with the exception of Declarant. Class A Members shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot in which they hold the interest required for membership. When more than one person holds such interest or interests in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members, and 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 such Lot.

CLASS B. The Class "B" Member shall be Declarant. The Declarant shall be entitled to sixty-nine (69) votes for each Lot it owns; provided however, that Declarant shall cease to be a Class "B" Member and shall become a Class "A" Member entitled to one (1) vote per Lot on the happening of either of the following events:

- (i). when the total votes outstanding in the Class "A" membership equals the total votes outstanding in the Class "B" membership, or
- (ii). the expiration of ten (10) years from the recording date of this Instrument in the Deed Records of Tarrant County, Texas.

## ARTICLE ELEVEN

Where the Declaration requires that certain additions to the Properties be approved by this Corporation, such approval must be given in accordance with the terms and conditions of Article Sixteen hereof.

#### ARTICLE TWELVE

To the extent permitted by law, the Corporation may participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purpose, PROVIDED

that any such merger or consolidation must first have the assent of the Members, given in accordance with the terms and conditions of Article Sixteen hereof.

# ARTICLE THIRTEEN

The Corporation shall have power to mortgage its real estate for the purpose of making improvements thereon, PROVIDED that any such mortgage must first have the assent of the Members, given in accordance with the terms and conditions of Article Sixteen hereof.

## ARTICLE FOURTEEN

The Corporation shall have power to dedicate any of its property to an appropriate public authority for public use, PROVIDED that any such dedication must first have the assent of the Members, given in accordance with the terms and conditions of Article Sixteen hereof.

# ARTICLE FIFTEEN

The Corporation may be dissolved only with the assent of the Members, given in accordance with the terms and conditions of Article Sixteen hereof.

#### ARTICLE SIXTEEN

- (a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) of this Article, any action described in Article Eleven, Article Twelve, Article Thirteen, Article Fourteen and/or Article Fifteen hereof shall require the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Member entitled to vote who is voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for that purpose. Written notice of such meeting shall be given to all Members at least thirty (30) days in advance setting forth the purpose of such meeting.
- (b) The quorum required for any action referred to in paragraph (a) of this Article shall be as follows:

At the first meeting called, as hereinafter provided, the presence at the meeting of Members, or of proxies, entitled to cast ten percent (10%) of all of the votes of each class of membership entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present at the meeting, one additional meeting may be called, Subject to the notice requirement hereinafter set forth, and the required quorum at such second meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the quorum required at the preceding meeting, provided, however, that no such second meeting shall be held later than sixty (60) days following the first meeting.

- (c) Notwithstanding any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation to the contrary, any action described in Article Eleven, Article Twelve, Article Thirteen, Article Fourteen and/or Article Fifteen hereof may be taken with the assent given in writing and signed by two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Member then entitled to vote.
- (d) The notice, voting and quorum requirements for any other action to be taken by the Corporation shall be as set forth in its by-laws, as amended from time to time.

## ARTICLE SEVENTEEN

These Articles may be amended in accordance with the law, provided that the voting and quorum requirements specified for any action under any provision of these Articles shall apply also to any amendment of such provision, and provided further that no amendment of Articles Nine and Ten (membership and voting rights) or Article Sixteen shall be effective except as provided in the Declaration and any amendment of same.

## ARTICLE EIGHTEEN

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, both the real and personal assets of the Corporation shall be dedicated to an appropriate public agency to be devoted to purposes as nearly as practicable the same as those to which they were required to be devoted by the Corporation. In the event that such dedication is refused, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization engaged in activities substantially similar to those of the Corporation and which entity is qualified as an exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of families, 2002.

JOHN F. DICKERSON

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on day of faculary, 2002, by John F. Dickerson, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument.

BECKY W. DESCO
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Exp. 02-14-2004

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My Commission Expires:\_\_\_\_