

STATE OF ALABAMA

HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA)
DOMESTIC NONPROFIT CORPORATION CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

PURPOSE: In order to form a Homeowners' Association (hereinafter HOA) under Title 35, Chapter 20 as a Nonprofit Corporation under Article 3 of Chapter 1 and Section 10A-3A-2.02 of the Code of Alabama 1975, this Certificate of Incorporation, all required attachments, and the appropriate filing fees must be filed with the Office of the Alabama Secretary of State. **The information required in this form is required by Title 10A and Title 35.**

INSTRUCTIONS: **Mail 2 copies of this completed form along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:**

***Secretary of State, Business Services, P.O. Box 5616, Montgomery, Alabama 36103.**

*Include a check, money order, or credit card payment for the **\$200.00** processing fee.

*The Secretary of State shall pay the sum of \$100.00 to the county treasurer for the county in which the office of the initial registered agent for that entity is located.

*The Certificate will not be registered if the credit/debit card does not authorize and will be removed from the index if the check is dishonored (\$30 fee).

This form must be typed and will not be accepted via email.

1. The name of the HOA: _____

2. ***A copy of the Name Reservation certificate from the Office of the Secretary of State must be attached.***

3. This is a nonprofit corporation which (MUST check one):

☐ has Members **or** ☐ has no Members

4. The name of the Registered Agent: _____

The entity ID # of the registered agent if the agent is an entity/organization/business – AL ID # 000 - -

Satisfies requirement that entity/organization must be a registered business in Alabama per 10A-1-5.31.

5. Street (**No PO Boxes**) address in Alabama of Registered Agent (must be where registered agent is located):

***COUNTY** of above address: _____

*County of Registered Agent is requested in order to determine distribution of County filing fees

Mailing address of Registered Agent in Alabama (if different from street address): _____

(For SOS Office Use Only)

This form was prepared by: (type name and full address)

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6. Purpose for which corporation is formed: Homeowners' Association – Nonprofit Corporation; the purpose includes the transaction of any lawful business for which HOAs may be incorporated in Alabama under Title 35, Chapter 20 of the Code of Alabama.

7. Period of duration shall be perpetual unless stated otherwise by an attached exhibit.

8. The name of the Incorporator: _____

Address of Incorporator: _____

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Name, address and signature of all Incorporators. (The entity cannot be listed as an Incorporator):
MUST PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE INCORPORATOR

9. A list of initial Directors names and addresses may be attached to this Certificate of Incorporation.

10.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS per Title 35, Chapter
This organization document shall provide for all of the following:

1} methods of efficient communication with the members of the association unless a different method is required by Chapter 3, Title 10A, Code of Alabama 1975. On an attachment list all types of communication such as emails, newsletters, meetings, posted signage, correspondence, etc..

Attach any section of the governing documents that pertains to required communication with the members.

2} rules and regulations for the conduct of any meetings of the association -

Attach the section appropriate of the bylaws or governing documents detailing the conduct of meetings, if any.

3} the compilation, organization, and maintenance of full and complete financial records of the association available to any member at a reasonable time and place upon the payment of reasonable associated costs -

Attach an example of the financial records that will be made available to members upon request and payment.

4} reasonable rules and regulations for the use, maintenance, repair, replacement, or modification of any common areas, if any, including penalties for violations -

Attach copies of the appropriate rules and regulations.

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5} power to grant easements, leases, licenses, and concessions through or over the common areas, if any –
Attach a copy of the document(s) granting these powers.

6} statements regarding the payment of dues and assessments to be provided to any person having an interest upon the payment of reasonable associated costs –
Attach the appropriate statement and/or any document(s) requiring the statements.

7} preparation and submission of the annual budgets of the association to the members –
Attach section of governing documents regarding annual budgets and reporting of same.

8} The undersigned certifies that the Homeowners' Association will do any other act a nonprofit is required to do under the law.

In addition to the required items in item 10 of this document, the organizational documents of a Homeowners' Association may provide for the following – **CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO THIS HOA:**

- ☐ Indemnification and insurance for the association, its officers, and directors
- ☐ Fidelity bonds for any person or entity having custody or control of any funds of the association
- ☐ Periodic audits of the financial records of the association
- ☐ Power to acquire real and personal property for the benefit of the association and its members
- ☐ Power to hire and discharge managing agents and other employees, agents, and independent contractors

11. The undersigned certify that the homeowners' association provided for by declaration and subject to the Alabama Homeowners' Association Act shall be formed by this filing prior to the conveyance of any lot in the development by the declarant in accordance with the requirements of Section 35, Chapter 20.
12. Unless an attachment to this Certificate of Incorporation provides that a change in the number of directors shall be made only by amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation, a change in the number of directors made by amendment to the bylaws shall be controlling. In all other cases, whenever a provision of the Certificate of Incorporation is inconsistent with a bylaw, the provision of the Certificate of Incorporation shall be controlling.
13. If a conflict exists between the declaration and the governing documents of a homeowners' association, the declaration prevails, except to the extent that the declaration is inconsistent with the Alabama Homeowners' Association Act.
14. The filing of the limited liability company is effective immediately on the date filed by the Secretary of State's office or at **the delayed filing date** (cannot be prior to the filing date of the Secretary of State's office) specified in this filing. [10A-1-4.12] If a delayed effective date is not desired do not complete the information in this item.
The undersigned specify ____/____/____ as the delayed effective date (must be on or after the date filed in the office of the Secretary of State, but no later than the 90th day after the date this instrument was signed) and the time of filing to be ____ : ____ ☐ AM or ☐ PM. (cannot be noon or midnight – 12:00)
- ☐ Attached are any other provisions that are not inconsistent with law relating to organization, ownership, governance, business, or regulation of the internal affairs of the HOA nonprofit corporation, including any provisions for distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation.

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Additional Signatures May Be Attached

Date / /
 (MM/DD/YYYY)

Signature as required by 10A-1-3.04

Typed name of above signature

Typed title/capacity to sign under 10A-1-3.04

Date / /
 (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Dear Alabama Business Owner:

Recently, the Alabama Legislature passed ACT 2021-223, which is a new law that requires the Secretary of State's Office to collect data about small businesses, minority-owned businesses, and women-owned businesses. Your participation in this survey will aid the state in identifying businesses that may be eligible for assistance or resources.

Please check the boxes that apply to your business:

SMALL BUSINESS:

- ☐ Any independently owned and operated business with no more than 50 full-time employees, a majority of whom have their permanent place of residence in the state.

MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS: (African American, Hispanic, Asian American, or Native American)

- ☐ An independently owned and operated business that is at least 51% owned or controlled by one or more minority individuals, a majority of whom have their permanent place of residence in the state.

OR

- ☐ A publicly owned business of which at least 51% of the stock is owned and controlled by one or more minority individuals and whose daily management and operations are under the control of one or more of these minority individuals, a majority of whom have their permanent place of residence in the state.

WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESS:

- ☐ An independently owned and operated business that is at least 51% owned or controlled by one or more women, a majority of whom have their permanent place of residence in the state.

OR

- ☐ A publicly owned business of which daily management and operations are under the control of a woman or group of women, a majority of whom have their permanent place of residence in the state, and who own and control at least 51% of the stock of the business or an equivalent ownership stake.

OTHER:

- ☒ Check this box if you prefer not to respond.

If none of these apply to your business, please disregard.

Thank you for your contributions to the State of Alabama.

Secretary of State Credit Card or Prepaid Payment Option/Return/Hold Sheet: If you do not send an acknowledgement copy and a pre-addressed postage paid envelope with the filing you will not receive a receipt from the Secretary of State's Office. Hold for pickup request will have the receipt attached. The document of record will be stamped showing the receipt of the filing fee but will not show convenience fees (these fees are 3% of the total charge plus \$2.00).

Information MUST be typed or filing will be returned without review.

Entity Name: _____

Service Requested: ☒ \$200.00 Homeowners Association Incorporation filing fee

Hold at Front Desk for pick-up by: _____

There is no notification service/call for pick-up.

Choose one of the following:

☐ Check/money order is attached-Please make one check payable for each filing to the Alabama Secretary of State. Do not use one check for multiple filings.

☐ Charge fees to prepaid account: Account Number _____
and Account Name _____

Typed Name & Signature of Authorized Individual on Account

☐ Credit Card Type: _____ (Visa, MC, Discover & AmEx)

Card Number: _____ Expiration Mo/Yr.: ____/____ (MM/YY)

Card Holder Name: _____

Complete Billing Address: _____
Street or PO Box

City State Zip

Signature of Card Holder: _____

MUST be Signature of Card Holder