



NORTH CAROLINA

Department of the Secretary of State

To all whom these presents shall come, Greetings:

I, ELAINE F. MARSHALL, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached to be a true copy of

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

YADKIN COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION, INC

the original of which was filed in this office on the 13th day of March, 2024.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Raleigh, this 13th day of March, 2024.

Elaine F. Marshall

Secretary of State



Yadkin County Fire & Rescue Assoc

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OF

YADKIN COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator for the purpose of creating a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, pursuant to Section 55A-2-02 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Non-Profit Corporation Act", and the several amendments thereto, does hereby set forth:

Article I - NAME

The name of this corporation is *Yadkin County Fire & Rescue Association, Inc.* (the "corporation").

Article II - DURATION

The period of duration of this corporation is *perpetual*.

Article III - NON-PROFIT, CHARITABLE CORPORATION

Yadkin County Fire & Rescue Association, Inc. is organized, and shall exist as a non-profit corporation.

Article IV - MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have members. Qualifications for membership shall be provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation. A meeting of the Members shall be held once a year at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the Members.

Article V - DISTRIBUTIONS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution and winding up of the affairs of the corporation, after all liabilities and obligations of the corporation have been paid, satisfied and discharged, the remaining assets of the corporation, if any, shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of Yadkin County, North Carolina, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.



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ARTICLE VI - REGISTERED OFFICE, PRINCIPAL OFFICE, AND REGISTERED AGENT

- A. The street address and county of the initial registered office and principal office of the corporation is:

4725 Old US Hwy 421 E
Yadkinville, NC 27055
Yadkin County
- B. The mailing address of the initial registered office and principal office is:

4725 Old US Hwy 421 E
Yadkinville, NC 27055
- C. The name of the initial registered agent is: Bryan Southard

ARTICLE VII--PURPOSE

Yadkin County Fire & Rescue Association, Inc. is organized for all lawful purposes for which a non-profit corporation may be organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina, including but not limited to the following purposes:

- A. To perform social welfare, including making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding sections of any future federal tax code.
- B. To maintain a liaison with the Yadkin County Emergency Management; Yadkin County Fire Marshal's Office, Yadkin County Law Enforcement Agencies, the Board of County Commissioners of Yadkin County, and all other governmental agencies; which may be willing, or able to assist in the promotion of fire protection.
- C. To keep fire departments within the County informed of benefits (local, state, and federal) for all firefighters and their families, in all Yadkin County Emergency Service Agencies.
- D. To support fire fighters, and their families across North Carolina in their time of need, to promote fire and burn prevention, advocate for fire fighter health and safety, to provide public education of how to prevent and recover from traumatic events.
- E. To own and acquire land and all types of training equipment for the training of firefighters, rescue or medical personnel of the local fire departments, and rescue squads; to sponsor or hold firefighting and emergency services schools.



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- F. To assist local fire departments in securing additional and better equipment for all fire departments within the County.
- E. To perform all acts which may be deemed necessary or expedient for the proper and successful prosecution of the objects and purposes for which the corporation is created; provided, however, that no such power shall be exercised in a manner which is inconsistent with Chapter 55A of the North Carolina General Statutes or Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.
- F. To perform any activity or task incidental or related to the activities of a Fire & Rescue Association, including the purchase, ownership, and disposition of equipment and land, enhancing community welfare and safety, and the borrowing of money in furtherance of these purposes.

Article VIII - POWERS

The corporation shall have all the powers conferred upon corporations by N.C.G.S. 55A-3-02, and such amendments thereto as may be enacted by law, all of which general powers are by reference made a part hereof as through fully herein written.

Article IX - PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article VII thereof; except as provided, no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall benefit a director, or be distributable to the corporation's directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on the propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted or be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) or the Internal Revenue code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).



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Article X - GOVERNANCE AND INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Board of Directors shall regulate the business and conduct of the corporation. Directors are authorized to reimburse themselves amounts for reasonable expenses incurred. The number of directors of the corporation may be fixed by the Bylaws of the corporation.

Directors of the corporation shall be elected or appointed in the manner and for the terms provided in the Bylaws of the corporation as such shall from time to time be amended.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority by a majority vote to make, change, alter, and rescind the bylaws of the corporation.

Article XI - NON-STOCK CORPORATION

The corporation shall not have or issue any capital stock.

Article XII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

- Bryan Southard - 408 East Birch Street Yadkinville N.C 27055

Article XIII - LIMITATION OF LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no member of the Board of Directors shall have any personal liability for monetary damages arising out of any action, whether by or in the right of the corporation, or otherwise, for the breach of any duty as a member of the Board of Directors, except: (a) for liability for acts or omissions that the member of the Board of Directors at the time of the breach knew or believed were clearly in conflict with the best interests of the corporation, or (b) for liability under sections 55A-8-32 or 55A-8-33 of the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act, or (c) for any transaction from which the member of the Board of Director derived an improper personal financial benefit.

Article XIV - EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions set forth in these Articles of Incorporation shall be effective immediately upon the approval of the State of North Carolina.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, on Feb 08 2024 13:32 EST.

YADKIN COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Bryan Southard

Bryan Southard, Incorporator (Print)

Bryan Southard

Bryan Southard, Incorporator (Signature)