



# NORTH CAROLINA

## Department of the Secretary of State

To all whom these presents shall come, Greetings:

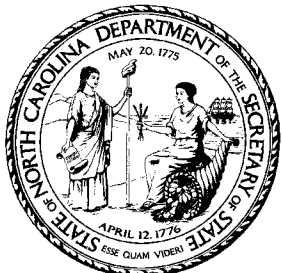
I, ELAINE F. MARSHALL, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached to be a true copy of

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

**STONE CREEK PHASES 3-5 HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

the original of which was filed in this office on the 14th day of November, 2023.



Scan to verify online.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Raleigh, this 14th day of November, 2023.

*Elaine F. Marshall*

Secretary of State

Articles of Incorporation  
Of The  
**Stone Creek Phases 3-5 Homeowners Association, Inc.**

In compliance with the requirements of Chapters 47F and 55A of the North Carolina General Statutes, the undersigned, a natural person of full age, has this day executed these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation and hereby certifies as follows:

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME**

The name of the corporation is **Stone Creek Phases 3-5 Homeowners Association, Inc.** (hereinafter the "Association").

**ARTICLE II**  
**REGISTERED OFFICE AND INITIAL AGENT; PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The registered office of the Association is located at 2420 North Raleigh Boulevard, Raleigh, NC (Wake County), NC 27604. The Registered Agent at such address is Patricia Burch.

The initial principal office of the Association is located at 2420 North Raleigh Boulevard, Raleigh, NC (Wake County), NC 27604. The location of the registered and the principal offices of the Association may be changed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

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

The Association does not contemplate a pecuniary gain or profit to the Members thereof. The specific purposes for which the Association is formed are to own and maintain the Common Elements (as defined in that certain Declaration Of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions For **Stone Creek Phases 3-5**, to be recorded in the Johnston County Registry, as from time to time amended, said document, together with all amendments thereto, if any, being herein referred to as the "Declaration") within the subdivision known as **Stone Creek Phases 3-5** (hereinafter the "Subdivision"), and for these purposes, to:

- (a) exercise all powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in the Declaration, the Bylaws of the Association, and the North Carolina Planned Community Act, N.C.G.S. Chapter 47F (hereinafter the "Act"); and
- (b) have and exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation, N.C.G.S. Chapter 55A, may by law now or hereafter have or exercise.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS**

Every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any real property which is subject by the Declaration to assessment by the Association, including contract sellers, shall be a Member of the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include persons who or entities which hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any real property which is subject to assessment by the Association.

The voting rights of the Members shall be provided in the Declaration and Bylaws of the Association.

**ARTICLE V**  
**FINANCE**

The Association is a non-stock corporation and no part of the profits, if any, of the Association shall inure to the pecuniary benefit of its Members or any of them, or to any other person.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an initial Board of one (1) Director. The person who is to act in the capacity of Director until the selection of his successor(s) is/are selected is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Patrick Busse	2420 North Raleigh Boulevard Raleigh, NC 27604

The election or appointment of Directors of the Association shall be governed by the Bylaws of the Association.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**DISSOLUTION**

The Association may be dissolved only upon the signed written assent of Members entitled to at least eighty percent (80%) of the votes of the Association. Upon dissolution, 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 purposes similar to those for which the Association was created. In the event that such dedication is not accepted, such assets shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization devoted to similar purposes. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Common Area shall be preserved to the perpetual benefit of the owners of Lots within the Subdivision and shall not be conveyed except to Johnston County or to another non-profit corporation organized for similar purposes.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**DURATION**

The period of existence of the Association is perpetual.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**AMENDMENTS**

Amendment of these Articles shall require the assent of Members entitled to at least eighty percent (80%) of votes of the entire membership.

**ARTICLE X**  
**INDEMNIFICATION**

(a) Any person who at any time is serving or has served as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association shall be indemnified by the Association to the fullest extent permitted by law, including specifically the indemnification provided by the provisions of the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act, including but not limited to indemnification against (i) reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, and whether or not brought by or on behalf of the Association, seeking to hold him liable by reason of the fact that he is or was acting in such capacity, and (ii) reasonable payments made by him in satisfaction of any judgment, money decree, fine penalty or settlement for which he may become liable in any such action, suit or proceeding.

The Board of Directors of the Association shall take all such action as may be necessary and appropriate to authorize the Association to pay the indemnification required by the provisions of this Article, including, without limitation, to the extent needed, making a good faith evaluation of the manner in which the claimant for indemnity acted and of the reasonable amount of indemnity due him/her and if required, giving notice to, and obtaining approval by, the Members of the Association.

Any person who at any time serves or has served in any of the aforesaid capacities for, on behalf of, or at the request of the Association shall be deemed to be doing or to have done so in reliance upon, and as consideration for, the right of indemnification provided under this Article. Such right shall inure to the benefit of the legal representatives of any such person and shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which such person may be entitled apart from the provisions of this Article.

If the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act is subsequently amended to eliminate or further limit the personal liability of directors or to authorize corporate action to eliminate or further limit such liability, then the liability of the Directors of the Association shall, without any further action of the Board or the Members, be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act as so amended.

(b) The Association shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is serving or has served as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association against any liability asserted against and incurred by him/her in any such capacity or arising out of his/her status as such, whether or not the Association would otherwise have the power to indemnify him/her against such liability.

(c) In addition to the indemnification authorized under the provisions of this Article and under the provisions of the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act, the Association, acting pursuant to a resolution adopted by its Board of Directors, may by contract or agreement indemnify any person who at any time is serving or has served as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association against liability and reasonable litigation expenses, including attorneys' fees, arising out of his/her status as such or his/her activities in any of the foregoing capacities before or after the date on which the contract is executed; PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the Association may not agree under any such contract to indemnify any such person against any liability or litigation expense he may incur in relation to matters as to which he shall have been adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to have acted in bad faith or to have been liable or guilty by reason of willful misconduct in the performance of duty.

(d) Any repeal or modification of the foregoing provisions of this Article shall not affect any rights or obligations then existing with respect to any claim brought or liability asserted based, in whole or in part, on facts or circumstances then or previously existing or occurring.

(e) This Article is intended to provide indemnification solely for actions taken by a person in his/her capacity as an officer or director of the Association. Nothing herein shall be deemed to provide indemnification to any person for any liability that may result from that person's ownership of property within the Subdivision.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

S. Amanda Palmer	3733 National Drive, Suite 100 Raleigh, North Carolina 27612
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned incorporator, have hereunto set my hand and seal as of November 9, 2023.

S. Amanda Palmer \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)  
S. Amanda Palmer  
Incorporator (non-Member)