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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

<u>OF</u>

SPRINGRIDGE AT HOWARDS WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

In compliance with the requirements of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Corporations and Associations Article, Section 5-201 et seq., the undersigned, a resident of the State of Maryland, of legal age, has this day formed a non-stock corporation, not for profit, and does hereby certify:

ARTICLE I Name

The name of the corporation is:

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SPRINGRIDGE AT HOWARDS WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

hereinafter called the "Association".

ARTICLE II Principal Office

The principal office of the Association is located at 349 Ferry Point Road, Pasadena, Maryland 21122.

ARTICLE III Resident Agent

James F. Muzik, whose address is 349 Ferry Point Road, Pasadena, Maryland 21122, is hereby appointed the initial resident agent of this Association; said resident agent is a citizen of the State of Maryland and actually resides therein.

ARTICLE IV Defined Terms

The terms, "Association", "Builder", "Common Area", "Company", "Lots", "Owner", and "Property" as used in these Articles of Incorporation shall have the meanings set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements relating to the Springridge at Howards Woods Subdivision, situated in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

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ARTICLE V Purpose of Formation

This Association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and the specific purposes for which it is formed is to provide for maintenance, preservation and architectural control of the residential lots and open space and common areas within that certain tract of property (the "Property"), situate in Anne Arundel County, Maryland and depicted on the Plats entitled "Springridge at Howards Woods", which Plats are recorded among the Land Records of said County in Plat Book 249, Pages 39 and 40 (Plats Nos. 13016 and 13017) and Plat Book 251, Page 5 (Plat No. 13082), and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents within the Property and any additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of this Association for this purpose 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 and Easements, hereinafter called the "Declaration", applicable to the Property, intended to be recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, 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, all charges or assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration; to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Association, including all licenses, raxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property 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;
- (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;
- (e) dedicate, sell or transfer all or any part of the common area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members provided, however, that no such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument has been signed by two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members, agreeing to such dedication, sale or transfer;
- (f) participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes;

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

ARTICLE VI Membership

Every person who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot which is subject by covenants of record 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. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment by the Association. The Corporation shall not be authorized to issue stock to any member or entity.

ARTICLE VII Voting Rights

The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A: Class A Members shall be all Owners, with the exception of the Declarant (as defined in the Declaration), and shall be entitled to one vote for each lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

Class B: The Class B Member shall be the Declarant (as defined in the Declaration), and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned. The Class B Membership shall cease and be converted to Class A Membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

(a) when the total votes outstanding in the Class A Membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B Membership; or

(b) on December 31, 2007.

ARTICLE VIII Board of Directors

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

W. Kent Stow James F. Muzik Nancy Stow

ARTICLE IX 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 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 a non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization devoted to such similar purpose.

ARTICLE X Duration

The corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE XI Amendments

Amendment of these Articles shall require the assent of seventy-five percent (75%) of the entire membership. Notwithstanding, and in addition to, any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations, the Declarant shall have the right, and hereby reserves the sole right and authority, to be exercised in its sole discretion without the consent of any other person, at any time and from time to time while it owns any Class B membership, if so required by the FNMA, the FHLMC, the VA, the FHA or any other governmental or quasi-governmental agency, to amend, modify or add to the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, and the other documents and instruments relating to the Association or the Property as need therefore be made. Such right also is reserved to comply with the requirements of any lender or title insurance company, provided such amendments, modifications or additions made pursuant to the requirements of any lender or title insurance company do not adversely or materially affect the interests in the Property of the Owners or mortgagees of any Lots. Any such amendments, modifications of, or additions to these Articles of Incorporation by the Declarant shall be effective on the date specified in the written instrument effecting the same, if any, or, if none, on such date as the instrument is recorded among the records of the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this non-stock corporation under the Laws of the State of Maryland, the undersigned, whose address is 7419 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard, Post Office Box 1330, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 2174 day of 1006.

James C. Fraley

STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL. TO WIT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of June , 2004, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, personally appeared JAMES C. PRALEY, who acknowledged himself to be the Incorporator of SPRINGRIDGE AT HOWARDS WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and that he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

I HEREBY CONSENT to act as Resident Agent in Maryland for the entity named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

James F. Muzik