# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

#### HORN RAPIDS MASTER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Washington Non-Profit Miscellaneous and Mutual Corporations Act (the "Act"), adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for the Horn Rapids Master Homeowners Association.

#### ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this corporation shall be HORN RAPIDS MASTER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (the "Association")

# ARTICLE 2. DURATION

The duration of this Association shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE 3. PURPOSES AND POWERS

- 3.1 <u>Purposes</u>. The purpose for which the Association is organized is to provide an entity for the operation of a residential development known as Horn Rapids located in Benton County, Washington and described on Exhibit A hereto (the "Property"). The Association shall engage in all such activities as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives of the Association and all activities which are permitted to be done by a nonprofit corporation under any laws that may now or hereafter be applicable or available to this Association.
- 3.2 <u>Powers</u>. The powers of this Association shall be subject to and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Horn Rapids, a Master Planned Community, recorded with the Department of Records and Elections of Benton County, Washington, as it may from time to time be amended (the "Declaration"). The powers of this Association shall include, without limitation, the following:
- 3.2.1 The power to perform all duties and obligations of the Association as set forth in the Declaration;
- 3.2.2 The power to fix, levy, collect and enforce payment by any lawful means of all charges or assessments made pursuant to the Declaration and to pay all expenses in connection therewith and all office or other expenses incident to the conduct

of the business of the Association, including all licenses, taxes and governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Association;

- 3.2.3 The power to acquire by gift pledge 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;
- 3.2.4 The power to borrow money, and with the consent of at least 66% of the Board, mortgage, pledge, encumber or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;
- 3.2.5 With the consent of at least 66% of the Board, the power to dedicate, sell, transfer, all or any part of the Common Areas (as defined in the Declaration) to any public agency, authority or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed upon by the Board;
- 3.2.6 The power to participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations for the same purposes, provided that any such merger or consolidation shall have the consent of at least 66% of the Board;
- 3.2.7 The power to have or exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation exercised under the Act may now or hereafter have or exercise; and
- 3.2.8 The power to enter into management contracts as specified in the Declaration.

#### ARTICLE 4. MEMBERS

The Persons constituting the Owners of Membership Units shall become members of the Association automatically upon taking title to a Membership Unit, and cease to be members of the Association upon conveying their interest in the Membership Unit (including by real estate contract) to another. The rights and responsibilities of members of the Association are set forth in detail in the Declaration. Ownership of a fee interest in a Membership Unit shall be the sole qualification for membership in the Association.

# ARTICLE 5. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION OR LIQUIDATION

- 5.1 <u>Consent Required for Dissolution</u>. The Association may be dissolved upon the written approval of Persons holding 66% of the voting power of the Association.
- 5.2 <u>Distribution</u>. Upon dissolution of the Association, the assets, both real and personal of the Association, shall be granted, conveyed and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to purposes and uses that would most nearly reflect the purposes and uses to which they were required to be devoted by the Association.

#### ARTICLE 6. DEVELOPER'S RIGHTS

All the rights, powers and functions of the Association, or the Board of Directors, including the right to do any actions which require the approval of a majority or supermajority of the voting power of the Association, may at the option of Declarant be exercised and or performed by Declarant until the first annual meeting of the Association.

#### ARTICLE 7. REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of the initial registered office of this Association is:

14410 Bel-Red Road, Suite 200 Bellevue, WA 98007

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is Robert Baldwin.

#### ARTICLE 8. DIRECTORS

The number of Directors of this Association shall be fixed by the Declaration and may be increased or decreased from time to time in the manner specified therein. The initial board of directors shall consist of three Directors, two appointed by Declarant, and one by the City of Richland. The names and address of the persons who shall serve as Directors until the first meeting of the member(s) and until their successors are appointed or elected unless they resign or are removed are:

Robert J. Boyle Jr. P.O. Box 840 Richland, WA 99352

Robert Baldwin 14410 Bel-Red Road, Suite 200 Bellevue, WA 98007 William R. King
Deputy City Manager for Community Development
City of Richland
505 Swift Boulevard
Richland, Washington 99352

# ARTICLE 9. <u>INDEMNIFICATION</u>

Each Director, committee member, officer of and Declarant (collectively and individually, "Indemnitee") shall be indemnified by the Association against all expenses and liabilities, including attorneys' fees, reasonably incurred or imposed in connection with any proceeding, dispute, or settlement thereof to which Indemnitee may be a party, or in which Indemnitee may become involved, by reason of any individual Indemnitee's status as Association committee member, Association officer or Director (whether or not the individual Indemnitee holds such position at the time such expenses or liabilities are incurred). The indemnification set forth in the preceding sentence shall not apply: (i) to the extent such expenses and liabilities are covered by insurance; (ii) with regard to acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct by an Indemnitee, or a knowing violation of law by an Indemnitee; or (iii) with regard to any transaction from which an Indemnitee will personally receive a benefit in money, property, or services to which the Indemnitee is not legally entitled. If such liability and expense arise out of the concurrent negligence of Indemnitee and Association, this indemnity shall still apply, but if specifically required by statute, then this indemnification shall apply only to the extent Indemnitee's liability arises out of the negligence of Association, or out of negligence of a third party.

### ARTICLE 10. LOANS TO DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS PROHIBITED

No loans shall be made by the Association to its Directors or officers. The Directors of the Association who vote for or assent to the making of a loan to a Director or an officer of the Association and any officer or officers participating in the making of such loan shall be jointly and severally liable to the Association for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof.

# ARTICLE 11. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Declarant may amend these Articles at any time during the Development Period. The Articles of this Association may also be amended as provided in Section 10 of the Declaration for amendments to the Declaration; provided, that no material amendment to these Articles shall be made unless thirty (30) days written notice of the proposed material amendment is given by the Association to institutional holders of First Mortgages or equivalent liens who have requested notice thereof in writing.

#### ARTICLE 12. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

All terms used in these Articles shall have the same meaning as in the Declaration unless specifically indicated to the contrary. In the case of any conflict between any of these Articles and the By-Laws, these Articles shall control. In the case of any conflict between these Articles and the Declaration, the Declaration shall control.

# ARTICLE 13. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Robert Baldwin 14410 Bel-Red Road, Suite 200 Bellevue, WA 98007

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporator has signed these articles in duplicate as of this the day of t

Robert Baldwin