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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BASCOM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under Florida Statutes Chapter 617, do hereby make and adopt the following articles of Incorporation:

### ARTICLE 1 NAME

The name of the Corporation is BASCOM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

## ARTICLE 2 NOT FOR PROFIT

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the Corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its Members, Trustees or Officers, except to the extent permissible under law.

### ARTICLE 3 DURATION

The duration (term) of the Corporation is perpetual.

### ARTICLE 4 PURPOSES

The Corporation is organized, and shall be operated exclusively, for the following purposes:

A. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or nature without limitation as to its amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of such property and the income, principal and proceeds of such property, for any of the purposes set forth herein.

- B. To do such other things as are incidental to the purposes of the Corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.
- C. Specifically (but without limitation of the foregoing or of any other powers or purposes under applicable Florida law), to provide volunteer fire services within areas of Jackson County, Florida.

### ARTICLE 5

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, Trustees or Officers, but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered (to officers and/or Trustees, or to other persons) and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 4 (Purposes) hereof.

### ARTICLE 6 MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have Voting Members who shall be elected (and may be removed) by the Voting Members and shall have all the rights and privileges of members of Corporation. The Bylaws may provide for Nonvoting Members of one or more classes, who shall be admitted in such manner and who shall have such rights and privileges as are set forth in the Bylaws, but who shall not have the right to vote. The name and address of each initial Voting Member is as follows:

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# ARTICLE 7 INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial Registered Office of the Corporation is 5362 Human Brd Rd Rd Ramin and the name of its initial Registered Agent at that address is Jeffery Shivers. The initial mailing address of the Corporation is P.O. Box 247, Bascom, FL 32423. By his signature to these Articles, the said agent consents to the appointment as such, and by his signature hereto acknowledges that he is familiar with and accepts the obligations of that position. The Board of Directors may move the registered office or appoint a successor resident agent for the Corporation as it deems fit, from time to time.

# ARTICLE 8 INITIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The management of the Corporation shall vested in a Board of Trustees. The numbers of Trustees constituting the initial Board of Trustees is three. The number of Trustees may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three. The Voting Members shall elect the Trustees annually. The Bylaws may provide for ex officio and honorary Trustees, and their rights and privileges. The name and address of each initial Trustee of the Corporation is as follows:

#### Name

#### Address

Jeffery Shivers
Theodore L. Mobbs
Steven King

P.O. Box 247, Bascom, FL 32423 Wolfpond Road, Greenwood, FL 32443 5425 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Malone, FL 32445

### ARTICLES 9 OFFICERS

The Officers of the Corporation shall consists of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer, and such other Officers and Assistant Officers as may be provided in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Trustees (and may be removed by the Board of Trustees) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws. The name and address of each initial Officer of the Corporation is as follows: as President, Jeffery Shivers, P.O. Box 247, Bascom, FL 32423; as Vice-President, Theodore L. Mobbs, Wolfpond Road, Greenwood, FL 32443; and Secretary-Treasurer,

### ARTICLE 10 INCORPORATORS

The name and address of each Incorporator is as follows: Jeffery Shivers, P.O. Box 247, Bascom, FL 32423; and Theodore L. Mobbs, Wolfpond Road, Greenwood, FL 32443.

### ARTICLE 11 AMENDMENT

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon the Members, Trustees and Officers are subject to this reservation. The Articles of Incorporation may be amended in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida, as amended from time to time, unless more specific provisions for amendments are adopted by the Corporation pursuant to law.

### ARTICLE 12 TURNOVER OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which are themselves exempt under Section 501(c)(3) and/or Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding sections of past or future law) or to the federal, state or local government for exclusively public purposes.

### ARTICLE 13 INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify each Officer and Trustee, including former Officers and Trustees, to the full extent permitted by the laws of the State of Florida.

### ARTICLE 14 BYLAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend and repeal the Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Trustees, but all alterations, amendments and repeals of the Bylaws must be approved by a majority of the Voting Members.

### **ARTICLE 15** COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

In accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, the date-when corporate existence shall commence is the date of subscription and acknowledgment of these Articles of Incorporation.

### **ARTICLE 16 NONSTOCK BASIS**

This Corporation is organized on a nonstock basis. This Corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this Feb 18 , 1999.

> Jeffery Shivers JEFFERY SHIVERS

Incorporator and Resident Agent

THEODORE L./MOBBS\_

Incorporator

State of Florida County of Jackson:

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was acknowledged before me this February 18, 1999, by Jeffery Shivers, as Incorporator and Resident Agent, and Theodore L. Mobbs, as Incorporator, who are personally known to me or who have produced Brown \_\_\_\_ as identification and who did take an oath.

**ELIZABETH CONRAD** MY COMMISSION # CC 538077 EXPIRES: Merch 7, 2000 **Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters** 

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