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SUBJECT: Benchmark Home Mortgage Corp.
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certificate of Status

☒ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate of
Status

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Karen M. Rimes
Name (Printed or typed)

27636 Franklin Street
Address

Bonita Springs, FL 34134
City, State & Zip

941-596-8444
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
Benchmark Home Mortgage, Corp.

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I, the undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, natural person competent to contract, hereby form a corporation for profit under the Laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the corporation is Benchmark Home Mortgage, Corp.

ARTICLE II – NATURE OF BUSINESS

The general character or nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation is:

- (a) To acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise, lands and interest in lands, and to own, hold, improve, develop and manage any real estate so acquired, and to erect or cause to be erected, on any lands owned, held, or occupied by the corporation, buildings or other structures, public or private, with their appurtenances, and to manage, operate, lease, rent, re-build, enlarge, alter, or improve any buildings or other structures, now or hereafter erected on any lands so owned, held or occupied, and to encumber or dispose of any lands, or interests in lands, and any buildings or other structures, at anytime owned or held by the corporation. To buy, sell, mortgage, exchange, lease, hold for investment or otherwise use and operate, real estate of all kinds, improved or unimproved, and any right or interest therein.
- (b) To acquire, by purchase, lease, manufacture, or otherwise any personal property deemed necessary or useful in the equipment, furnishing, improvement, development, or management of any property, real or personal, at any time owned, held or occupied by the corporation, and to invest, trade, and deal in any personal property deemed beneficial to the corporation and to lease, rent, encumber, or dispose of any personal property at any time owned or held by the corporation.
- (c) To contract debts and borrow money, issue and sell or pledge bonds, debentures, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, and execute such mortgages, transfers of corporate property, or other instruments to secure the payment of corporate indebtedness as required.
- (d) To purchase the corporate assets of any other corporation and engage in the same or other character of business.

- (e) To guarantee, endorse, purchase, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, pledge or otherwise acquire or dispose of the shares of the capital stock of, or any bonds, securities, or other evidences of indebtedness created by any other corporation of the State of Florida or any other state or government, and while owner of such stock to exercise all the rights, powers, and privileges of ownership, including the right to vote such stock.
- (f) To enter into, make, perform, and carry out contracts and agreements of every kind, for any person, firm, association, or corporation; and to transact any further and other business calculated to facilitate the same.
- (g) To carry on any or all of its operations and business, and to promote its objects within the State of Florida or elsewhere, without restriction as to place or amount; and to have, use, exercise and enjoy all of the general powers of like corporations.
- (h) To engage in any and all lawful businesses, trades, occupations, and professions.
- (i) To do any or all of the things herein set forth to the same extent as natural persons might or could do, and in any part of the world and principals, agents, contractors, or otherwise, alone, or in the company with others, and to do and perform all such other things and acts as may be necessary, profitable, or expedient in carrying on any of the business or acts above named.

The intention is that none of the objects and power as herein above set forth, except where otherwise specified in this Article, shall be in any wise limited or restricted by reference from the terms of any other objects, powers or clauses of this Article or any other Articles, but that the objects and powers specified in each of the clauses in this article shall be regarded as independent objects and powers.

ARTICLE III – CAPITAL STOCK

The maximum number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any time is ONE HUNDRED (100) shares of common stock, each with a par value of \$1.00.

Authorized capital stock may be paid for in cash, services, or property, at a just value to be fixed by the Stockholders of this corporation at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE IV – INITIAL CAPITAL

The amount of capital with which this corporation shall begin business is ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00).

ARTICLE V – TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VI – ADDRESS

The initial street address of the principal office of this corporation is to be 27636 Franklin Street Bonita Springs, FL 34134

ARTICLE VII – MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATION

The business of this corporation shall be managed by the Stockholders of the corporation rather than by a Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII – SUBSCRIBERS

The name and street address of the subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Karen M. Rimes	27636 Franklin Street Bonita Springs, FL 34134
Jennifer R. LaHaie	6054 Timberwood Cr. #242 Ft. Myers, Florida 33908
Terry R. Adkins	5192 West Blvd. Naples, Florida 34103

ARTICLE IX – EFFECTIVE DATE

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective upon incorporation with the Office of the Secretary of the State of Tallahassee, Florida.

ARTICLE X – REGISTERED AGENT

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, I designate Karen M. Rimes 27636 Franklin Street Bonita Springs, FL 34134 as my agent to accept service of process within this state. Having been designated to accept services of process for this corporation, I accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

BY:

Karen M. Rimes
Karen M. Rimes

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manor provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the stockholders at a stockholder's meeting by a majority of the stock entitled to vote thereon, unless all the stockholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

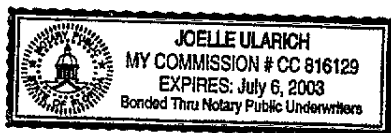
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, acknowledged and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida, this 31st day of March, 1999.

Karen M. Rimes
Karen M. Rimes

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF COLLIER

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, personally appeared, Karen M. Rimes, to me well known and known to me to be the individual described herein and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, acknowledged before me that she executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal in the County and State named above, this the 31st day of March, 1999.



Joelle Ularich
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: