

NONSTOCK ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

STOUGHTON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Executed by the undersigned for the purpose of forming a Wisconsin corporation under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes, without stock and not for profit.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation is **Stoughton Volunteer Firefighters Association, Inc.**

ARTICLE II. PERIOD OF EXISTENCE

The period of existence shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSES

The Corporation is organized as a nonstock corporation under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin statutes. The Corporation is organized and shall at all times be operated on a not-for-profit basis and exclusively for the charitable and educational purposes as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law ("IRC"), and the regulations. Without limiting the generality of the forgoing, the purposes of the Corporation shall include any or all of the following: (a) providing fundraising and financial support to the Stoughton Fire Department of the City of Stoughton, WI to advance the department's capabilities for fire prevention, fire education, fire suppression, and other departmental rescue capabilities in the fire district; (b) facilitating education of the personnel working for the Stoughton Fire Department of the City of Stoughton, WI; (c) providing community outreach on behalf of the Fire Department of the City of Stoughton, WI; (d) aiding in the recruitment and retention of personnel for the Stoughton Fire Department of the City of Stoughton, WI; and (e) conducting all lawful activities in connection with these purposes, provided however, such activities are in furtherance of the Corporation's status as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS.

ARTICLE IV. PROHIBITION AGAINST PRIVATE INUREMENT

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE V. DISSOLUTION

The corporation may be dissolved only upon the adoption of a Plan of Dissolution by a two-thirds majority of the members of the corporation. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall pay or make adequate provision for all liabilities and obligations of the corporation, and shall distribute any remaining assets to the organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), that are designated in the Plan of Dissolution.

ARTICLE VI. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the corporation is located at **2364 Jackson Street #317, Stoughton, Wisconsin 53589.**

ARTICLE VII. REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the initial registered agent is **Eric N. Hohol.**

ARTICLE VIII. ADDRESS OF REGISTERED AGENT

The address of the initial registered agent of the corporation is **Eric N. Hohol, 2364 Jackson Street #317, Stoughton, Wisconsin 53589.**

ARTICLE IX. DIRECTORS

The corporation shall have a Board of Directors which shall be composed of four (4) Corporate Officers. The qualifications and the manner of election, appointment, or designation of these four Corporate Officers shall be fixed by the Bylaws. The names and addresses of the initial members of the Board of Directors are:

President:	Paul Updike,	2364 Jackson Street #317, Stoughton, WI, 53589
Vice President:	Mike Olson,	2364 Jackson Street #317, Stoughton, WI, 53589
Secretary:	Chad Cartwright,	2364 Jackson Street #317, Stoughton, WI, 53589
Treasurer:	Eric Hohol,	2364 Jackson Street #317, Stoughton, WI, 53589

ARTICLE X. MEMBERS

The corporation shall have members as described in its Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

These Articles may be amended only upon the adoption of an amendment by a two-thirds majority of the members of the corporation.

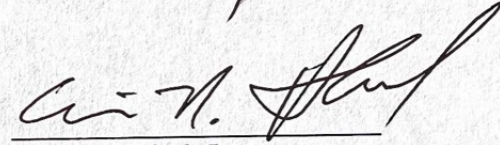
ARTICLE XII. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is **Eric N. Hohol, 2364 Jackson Street #317, Stoughton, Wisconsin 53589.**

ARTICLE XIII. BYLAWS

The aforementioned initial Board of Directors shall formally adopt Bylaws for the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation which are consistent with the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation. The Bylaws of the Corporation thereafter may only be amended upon the adoption of an amendment by a two-thirds majority of the members of the corporation.

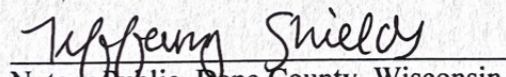
Executed in duplicate as of the 18th day of January, 2024.


Eric N. Hohol, Incorporator

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF DANE

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Personally came before me this 18th day of January, 2024; the above-named **Eric N. Hohol**, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledge the same.


Notary Public, Dane County, Wisconsin.
My commission expires: 2/5/24



This instrument was drafted by and,
after filing, the acknowledgment copy
hereof shall be returned to:

ATTENTION: Eric N. Hohol
Stoughton Volunteer Firefighters Association, Inc.
2364 Jackson Street #317
Stoughton, Wisconsin 53589
Telephone Number: [REDACTED]