

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
LEE BRANCH CORPORATE CENTER
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a nonprofit corporation under the Alabama Nonprofit Corporation Act, *Code of Alabama* 1975 § § 10-3A-1 *et seq.*, (the "Act"), hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

FIRST: The name of the corporation shall be Lee Branch Corporate Center Property Owners' Association (hereinafter referred to as "Association").

SECOND: The period of its duration is perpetual.

THIRD: The general nature, objects and purposes for which the Association is organized is to establish an entity:

1. To provide for the efficient preservation of the appearance, value and amenities of the property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property") which is subject to the Declaration of Protective Covenants for Lee Branch Corporate Center, recorded or to be recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama (hereinafter referred to as "Declaration").
2. To own and maintain, repair and replace the general and/or Common Areas of the Property including structures, landscaping and other improvements in and benefitting the Property for which the obligation to maintain has been delegated and accepted.
3. To control the specifications, architecture, design, appearance, elevation and landscaping of all improvements and structures of any kind, including, without limitation, buildings, fences, walls, signs, lighting systems, site paving, grading, screen enclosures, sewers, drains, landscaping, landscape devices or objects and/or other structures constructed, placed or permitted to remain on the Property, as well as any alteration, improvement, addition and/or change therein, thereof or thereto, all in accordance with the Declaration.
4. To provide, purchase, acquire, own, replace, improve, maintain and/or repair such real property, buildings, structures, street lights, landscaping, paving or other improvements in and/or benefitting the Property for which the obligation to so maintain and repair has been, or may be, delegated to, and accepted by, the Association.
5. To provide services, the responsibility for which has been, or may be, delegated to, and accepted by, the Association.
6. To operate without profit for the sole and exclusive benefit of its members.

7. To perform any and all other functions contemplated of the Association or otherwise undertaken by its Board of Directors in accordance with the Declaration.

FOURTH: The powers of the Association shall include and be governed by the following provisions:

A. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers, authority and privileges generally granted to nonprofit corporations under the laws of the State of Alabama. The Association shall have such additional powers as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to implement and effectuate the purposes of the Association and as are not inconsistent with these Articles, and the Declaration, as they may from time-to-time be amended, including, without limitation:

1. To exercise, undertake and accomplish all of the rights, duties and obligations which may be granted to or imposed upon the Association pursuant to the Declaration, Articles, Bylaws, or any Rules and Regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and to enforce the provisions thereof.

2. To maintain, repair, replace, operate and manage the Common Areas, and such other parts or parcels of the Property or other property adjacent thereto as may be delegated to, and accepted by, the Association, including the right to make further improvements to the Common Areas or such other property.

3. To purchase, lease, hold, operate, sell trade dedicate, transfer, mortgage or otherwise acquire or dispose of interests in real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the Association.

4. To promulgate, amend and enforce rules, regulations, Bylaws, covenants, restrictions and agreements in connection with and to effectuate the affairs and purposes of the Association and to enforce by legal means the provisions of the Articles or the Declaration.

5. To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment of all assessments or charges to be levied against Lots (as define in the Declaration) within the Property pursuant to the terms of the Declaration and Bylaws, and to defray all costs and expenses in connection therewith, as well as the costs and expenses of effectuating the objects and purposes of the Association, and to create reasonable reserves for such costs and expenses.

6. To borrow money, and, from time to time, to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue debentures, promissory notes or other obligations of the Association for monies borrowed, in payment of property acquired, or for any of the other purposes of the Association, and to secure the repayment of any such obligation by mortgage, pledge or other instrument of trust, or by lien upon, assignment of, or agreement in regard to, all or any part of the property, rights or privileges of the Association, wherever situated.

7. To pay taxes and other charges, if any, on or against any property, if any, owned by the Association.

8. To charge recipients for services rendered by the Association and to charge the user for use of Association property when such is deemed appropriate.

9. To participate in mergers or consolidations with any other nonprofit corporation or association which may perform similar functions located within the general vicinity of the Property.

10. To employ such personnel or to enter into, make, perform or carry out contracts with others to effectuate the aforesaid purposes with any person, firm, corporation, association or other entity and so contract for the management of the Association and to delegate to such contractors all powers and duties of the Association.

11. To delegate power or power where such is deemed to be in the interest of the Association.

12. To purchase insurance for the protection of the Association, its officers, directors or members.

13. The objects and purposes set forth in Article Third of these Articles shall be construed as powers as well as objects and purposes, and the Association shall have and may exercise such powers as if such powers were set forth in full herein.

14. The Association shall have and may exercise all powers set forth in any other Article of these Articles of Incorporation.

B. All funds and title of properties acquired by the Association and the proceeds therefrom shall be held in trust for the members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration and the Articles and Bylaws of the Association.

FIFTH: The Members of the Association shall consist of all Owners (as defined in the Declaration), and the membership shall be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from, ownership of any Lot (as defined in the Declaration). Membership shall attach automatically upon the acceptance of delivery of the instrument of transfer of such ownership interest, provided that such instrument is promptly recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, and a true copy of such recorded instrument is promptly delivered to the Association. Membership shall terminate automatically upon the tendering of delivery of an instrument of transfer of such ownership interest (provided such tender is accepted) or upon such ownership interest being divested in some other manner.

SIXTH: The location and mailing address of the Association's initial registered office is 1701 Lee Branch Lane, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Alex D. Baker.

SEVENTH: Notwithstanding the provisions set forth herein or in the Bylaws, AIG Baker Lee Branch, L.L.C. (the "Developer"), its successors and assigns, shall elect the members of the Board of Directors of the Association, and in the event of vacancies, the Developer shall fill vacancies, until such time as all Lots have been sold to Owners other than the Developer, or the Developer elects, at its option, to terminate control of the Association, whichever first occurs. Within sixty (60) days after the date of termination of control of the Association by the Developer, the Board of Directors shall call and give not less than ten (10) nor more than thirty (30) days notice of a special meeting of the membership for the purpose of electing the members of the Board of Directors.

The initial Board of Directors shall have three (3) directors. The names and addresses of the members of the Board of Directors who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have qualified, or until such Directors are removed, are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Alex D. Baker	1701 Lee Branch Lane Birmingham, Alabama 35242
Ronald L. Carlson	1701 Lee Branch Lane Birmingham, Alabama 35242
Ronald R. Day	1701 Lee Branch Lane Birmingham, Alabama 35242

EIGHTH: The Association shall have the right to indemnify each person who shall serve as a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association, or shall serve at the request of the Association in a similar capacity with another corporation, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, to the extent to which this Association is granted the power to so indemnify such persons by any and every statute of the State of Alabama or act of the Legislature of the State of Alabama.

NINTH: No contract or other transaction between the Association and any person, firm, association or corporation and no other act of the Association shall, in the absence of fraud, be invalidated or in any way affected by the fact that any of the directors or the Association are directly or indirectly, pecuniarily or otherwise interested in such contract, transaction or other act, or related to or interested in (either as director, stockholder, officer, employee, member or otherwise) such person, firm, association or corporation. Any director of the Association individually, or any firm or association of which any director may be a member of, may be a party to, or may be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in, any contract or transaction of the Association, provided that the fact that he, individually, or such firm or association, is so interested, shall be disclosed or known to the Board of Directors or a majority of the members thereof as shall be present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, or of any committee of directors having the powers of the full Board, at which action upon any such contract, transaction or other act is taken; and if such fact shall be so disclosed or known, any director of the Association so related or otherwise interested may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors, or of such

committee, at which action upon any such contract, transaction or act shall be taken, and may vote with respect to such action with like force and effect as if he were not so related or interested. Any director of the Association may vote upon any contract or other transaction between the Association and any affiliated corporation without regard to the fact that he is also a director of such affiliated corporation.

TENTH:

A. Upon dissolution of the Association, all of its assets remaining after provision for creditors and payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed in the following manner:

1. Real property contributed to the Association without the receipt of other than nominal consideration by Developer (or its predecessor in interest) shall be returned to Developer, unless it refuses to accept the conveyance (in whole or in part).

2. Remaining assets shall be distributed among the members, subject to the limitations set forth below, as tenants in common, each members' share of the assets to be determined in accordance with its voting rights.

B. Dissolution of the Association shall be accomplished as set forth in the Act.

ELEVENTH: The Association reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles in the manner now or hereafter provided by law, and all rights conferred upon officers and directors herein are granted subject to this reservation.

TWELFTH: The name and address of the sole incorporator is:

Tona M. Hitson
1701 Lee Branch Lane
Birmingham, Alabama 35242

WHEREFORE, the incorporator files this, its Articles of Incorporation, and tenders to the Probate Judge of Shelby County, Alabama, the lawful fees and charges, and pray that these Articles may be examined and approved, and that the Association may be deemed to be incorporated for the purposes herein set out.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has hereunto subscribed her signature to these Articles of Incorporation this 22nd day of February, 2000.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tona M. Hitson", written over a horizontal line.

Tona M. Hitson
Incorporator

This instrument prepared by:
Wendy L. Cornett, Esq.
3100 SouthTrust Tower
420 North 20th Street
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

State of Alabama

SHELBY

County

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

LEE BRANCH CORPORATE CENTER PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

The undersigned, as Judge of Probate of SHELBY County, State of Alabama, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of INCORPORATION of LEE BRANCH CORPORATE CENTER PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of Section NON-PROFIT of the Alabama Business Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Judge of Probate, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of INCORPORATION of LEE BRANCH CORPORATE CENTER PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of INCORPORATION.

GIVEN Under My Hand and Official Seal on this the 22 day of

FEBRUARY, 2000.

William J. Schneider

Judge of Probate

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