

AMENDED

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

ESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of 19 years or more, desiring to form a nonprofit corporation pursuant to the Laws of the State of Alaska, do hereby make, subscribe and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

The name of the nonprofit corporation is ESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ARTICLE II

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are as follows:

A. To preserve and protect lives and property from loss or damage by fire or other emergency such as ordinarily falls within the responsibility of an organized fire department, and to acquire and own fire apparatus for use by the Corporation for these purposes; and

B. To own and acquire land and to construct, erect, and maintain buildings and units for corporate purposes and for the use and efforts of the members of the Corporation in connection with the housing and headquarters for fire apparatus and for the providing of places of meeting for the members of the Corporation; and

C. To promote fire safety including educational programs not only for the members of the Corporation but also for all of the residents of the community; and to have the authority to enter into contracts for services; and

D. To carry on any activity and to deal with and expend any such property or income therefrom for any of the foregoing purposes without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received, the Certificate of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the the Certificate of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the Corporation, or any other limitations as are prescribed by law, provided that no such activity shall be such as is not permitted by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any corresponding future provisions of the Revenue Code, and that the Corporation shall not attempt to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, nor shall it intervene in, or participate in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, and provided further that no part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member or private individual and no member, director, or officer of the Corporation shall receive pecuniary benefit from the Corporation, except such reasonable compensation as may be allowed for services actually rendered to the Corporation; and

E. This Corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE IV

The Corporation shall have and may exercise any and all powers, not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, which a nonprofit corporation lawfully may exercise under the laws of the State of Alaska.

#### ARTICLE V

There shall be one class of members of the Corporation which shall consist of thirty individuals, male or female, who are residents of the Ester Volunteer Fire Department service area and whose applications for membership submitted in writing, to be read at a regular meeting of the Department, are accepted. Such members shall be of legal age, of good character, able to meet the physical standards necessary for firefighting and have successfully completed required training. The Corporation shall maintain a complete and current list of all members of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VI

Upon the dissolution or other termination of the Corporation, no part of the property of the Corporation or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to or inured to the benefit of any of the members of the Corporation. After paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE VII

The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is P. O. Box 208, Ester, Alaska 99725, and the name of it's initial registered agent at such address is David C. Dowler.

ARTICLE VIII

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is seven (7), each of whom shall hold office for a term of one (1) year or until his successor is selected and qualified, and the names and addresses of the persons who will serve as the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
David Barker	Ester, Alaska
Paul E. Bartlett	Ester, Alaska
Donald B. Cameron	Ester, Alaska
Robert A. Grove	Ester, Alaska
Michael L. Musick	Ester, Alaska
Michael L. Tinker	Ester, Alaska
Kathleen W. Sisson	Ester, Alaska

ARTICLE IX

The names and addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
David Barker	Ester, Alaska
Robert A. Grove	Ester, Alaska
Michael L. Musick	Ester, Alaska
Michael L. Tinker	Ester, Alaska
Kathleen W. Sisson	Ester, Alaska

ARTICLE X

Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Articles, the internal affairs of the Corporation shall be governed by Bylaws to be adopted by the Board of Directors. The power to alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws is reserved to the members, provided the bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by the Board of Directors, pending a meeting of the members but such action shall expire at such meeting unless then ratified by the members.

ARTICLE XI

The provisions of these Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered or repealed from time to time in the manner and to the extent permitted by the Laws of the State of Alaska.

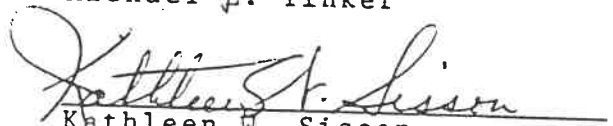
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1986.

  
David Barker

  
Robert A. Grove

  
Michael L. Musick


  
Michael L. Tinker

  
Kathleen W. Sisson

STATE OF ALASKA )  
( ss.  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1986, at Ester, Alaska, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared David Barker, Robert A. Grove, Michael L. Musick, Michael L. Tinker and Kathleen W. Sisson, to me known and known to me to be the individuals who, after being duly sworn, severally acknowledged and declared that they are the persons who signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as incorporators, that they know the contents of said Articles and signed as a free and voluntary act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day month and year herein last above written.

  
Notary Public for Alaska  
My commission expires: 6-22-87