

Restated Articles of Incorporation of Ester Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

ARTICLE I

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

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 emergencies within the normal responsibilities of an organized fire department, and to acquire and own fire apparatus for use by the Corporation for these purposes.
- B. To own and acquire land and to construct, erect, and maintain buildings and units for the corporate purposes and for the use and efforts of the members of the Corporation in connection with the support of fire suppression and emergency response in our district and for the providing of places of meeting for the members of the Community.
- 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.
- D. To have the authority to enter into contracts for services.
- E. To carry on any activity and to deal with and expend any such property or income therefrom for any of the foregoing purposes with limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the Incorporation, or any other limitations as are prescribed by law. 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.
- F. 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

These Restated Articles of Incorporation correctly set out the provisions of the articles of incorporation as amended, they have been adopted as required by law and that they supersede the original articles of incorporation and all amendments.

Adopted Oct. 3, 2021