

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
CHARLOTTE AREA AQUARIST SOCIETY, INC.

I hereby associate to form a non-stock corporation under the provisions Section 55A-2-02 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned corporation does hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purposed of forming a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be Charlotte Area Aquarist Society, Inc.

ARTICLE II - DURATION

The period of duration shall be perpetual

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

The purpose for which the Corporation is formed is exclusively for the pleasure, recreation and other similar non-profitable purposes, as contemplated by 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (herein the "Code") (or the corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Code).. More specifically, the purposes of the Corporation are as follows but not limited by the following:

- a. To promote good fellowship among its members, encourage participation in society activities, and disseminate and share knowledge and experiences in the hobby.
- b. To promote the aquarium hobby for the members and periodic fish shows open to the public.
- c. To participate in the work of selected national and international organizations devoted to the hobby.
- d. To exercise all powers of corporations not prohibited by statute, consistent with the purposes of this corporation.
- e. All of the purposes of the Corporation are to be limited to charitable, scientific, literary, educational, and recreational pursuits.

ARTICLE IV - POWERS

1. The corporation is organized for educational and civic purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 ("Code") (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code).

2. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, 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 purposes set forth in these articles of incorporation. 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on
- * by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under 501(c)(3) of the Code, or
 - * by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under 170(c)(2) of the Code.

ARTICLE V - OFFICE OF CORPORATION

The street address and the county of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

3224 Glamorgan, Court
Charlotte, NC 28027
Mecklenburg County

ARTICLE VI – MAILING ADDRESS OF CORPORATION

The mailing address of the initial registered office is:

3224 Glamorgan Court
Charlotte, NC 28027

ARTICLE VII – INITIAL REGISTRANT

The name of the initial registered agent is Paul Velasco.

ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATORS

The name and address of each incorporator is as follows:

Paul Velasco – 3324 Glamorgan Court, Charlotte, NC 28269

ARTICLE IX – INITIAL DIRECTORS

The initial number of directors of the Corporation shall be one. The following individual will constitute the initial Board of Directors:

Paul Velasco, 3324 Glamorgan Court, Charlotte, NC 28269

ARTICLE X – INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment to the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI - MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Membership shall consist of six (6) classes

- a. Single membership
- b. Family membership which consists of two or more persons residing in the same household.
- c. Contributing Member which is a single membership with a larger fee for dues
- d. Lifetime membership
- e. Junior membership which is members under the age of eighteen years.
- f. Corresponding membership which is membership in all classes and open to the general public.

Section II. Rights of Membership

- a. All members shall be permitted to attend meetings of the membership.
- b. All members shall be eligible to participate in all services provided by the Corporation to its membership.
- c. All members, with the exception of corresponding members, shall be eligible for election to office and to the Board of Directors, and to chair committees.
- d. All members, with the exception of corresponding members, shall be entitled to vote on all matters placed before the membership. Notwithstanding the above, however, family memberships *[sic]* are entitled to no more than two (2) votes on any issue placed before the membership for vote.

ARTICLE XII - DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY UPON DISSOLUTION

The assets of the Corporation shall be at all times dedicated to the recreational purposes set out above, and none of the net earnings shall inure in whole or in part to the benefit of any private individual, association or corporation. If for any reason it becomes necessary to dissolve or liquidate the Corporation, the remaining assets of the Corporation, after its lawful obligation *[sic]* and all other requirements of law are met *[sic]* and complied with, shall be transferred to conveyed to one or more corporations, societies, or organizations engaged in activities similar to those of the Corporation and qualify *[sic]* under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as maybe *[sic]* specified in a plan of distribution adopted as provided by law or is *[sic]* directed by a Court of competent jurisdiction

ARTICLE XIII – CORPORATION ADDRESS

The street address and county of the principal office of the corporation is:

3324 Glamorgan Court
Charlotte, NC 28269
Mecklenburg County

ARTICLE XIV – MAILING ADDRESS

The mailing address of the principal office of the corporation is :

3324 Glamorgan Court
Charlotte, NC 28269

Mecklenburg County

ARTICLE XV – EFFECTIVE DATE

These articles will be effective upon filing.

In witness whereof, I, as incorporator have signed and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation on <date>

[signature]

Paul Velasco

3324 Glamorgan Court

Charlotte, NC 28269