



NORTH CAROLINA

Department of The Secretary of State

To all whom these presents shall come, Greetings:

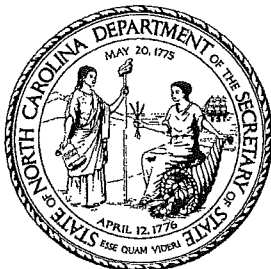
I, ELAINE F. MARSHALL, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached to be a true copy of

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

CABARRUS COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

the original of which was filed in this office on the 6th day of June, 2008.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Raleigh, this 6th day of June, 2008.

Elaine F. Marshall

Secretary of State

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Department of the Secretary of State

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Pursuant to §55A-2-02 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned corporation does hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation.

1. The name of the corporation is:

Cabarrus County Convention and Visitors Bureau

2. _____ (Check only if applicable.) The corporation is a charitable or religious corporation as defined in NCGS §55A-1-40(4).

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

Number and Street **3003 Dale Earnhardt Boulevard**

City, State, Zip Code **Kannapolis, NC 28083**

County **Cabarrus**

4. The mailing address *if different from the street address* of the initial registered office is:

Same

5. The name of the initial registered agent is:

John Mills

3003 Dale Earnhardt Boulevard

Kannapolis, NC 28083

6. The name and address of each incorporator is as follows:

DeSales Wagster

6353 Fox Chase Drive

Davidson, NC 28036

7. (Check either a or b below.)

a. The corporation will have members.

b. The corporation will not have members.

8. Attached are provisions regarding the distribution of the corporation's assets upon its dissolution.

9. Any other provisions which the corporation elects to include are attached.

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

Number and Street **3003 Dale Earnhardt Boulevard**

City, State, Zip Code **Kannapolis, NC 28083**

County **Cabarrus**

11. The mailing address *if different from the street address* of the principal office is:

Same

Revised January 2000

Form N-01

CORPORATIONS DIVISION

P. O. BOX 29622

RALEIGH, NC 27626-0622

12. These articles will be effective upon filing, unless a later time and/or date is specified: _____

This is the 5th day of June, 2008.

Desales Wagster
 Signature of Incorporator
 Desales Wagster, President
 Type or print Incorporator's name and title, if any
 INCORPORATOR

NOTES:

1. Filing fee is \$60. This document must be filed with the Secretary of State.

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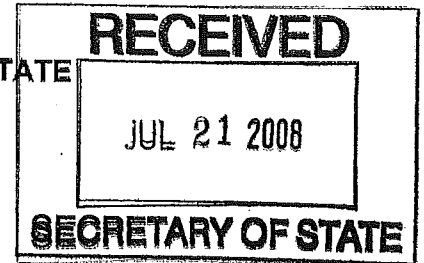
8. Attachment

Distributions Upon Dissolution

Upon the Dissolution of the corporation, all of the residual assets of the corporation shall be distributed in accordance with a plan established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
NONPROFIT CORPORATION




Pursuant to Section 55A-10-05 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned corporation hereby submits the following Articles of Amendment for the purpose of amending its Articles of Incorporation.

1. The name of the corporation is **Cabarrus County Convention and Visitors Bureau**.
2. The text of the Amended Articles is attached.
3. The name of the corporation is changed to **Cabarrus County Tourism Authority**.
4. The date of these Amended Articles is July 18, 2008.
5. The attached Articles of Amendment are approved by the Incorporator. Member approval is not required because there are no members of the corporation and no other approvals are required for these Articles of Amendment.

The attached Amended Articles will be effective upon filing.

This the 18th day of July, 2008.

CABARRUS COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU


DeSales Wagster, Incorporator
6353 Fox Chase Drive
Davidson, NC 28036

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
CABARRUS COUNTY TOURISM AUTHORITY**

The undersigned, being of the age of twenty-one years or more, does hereby make and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under and by virtue of the State of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 1

The name of the corporation is **CABARRUS COUNTY TOURISM AUTHORITY**.

ARTICLE 2

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE 3

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to promote tourism, tourist-related support services and facilities, tourist-related events, tourist-related activities, or tourist attractions in and for Cabarrus County, North Carolina. In furtherance thereof the corporation may receive property by gift, devise or bequest, invest or reinvest the same and apply the income and principal thereof as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine in support of the corporation's purposes. The corporation shall have all the general powers enumerated in Chapter 55A of the North Carolina General Statutes as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE 4

The corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE 5

The initial registered office and principal office address of the corporation shall be 3003 Dale Earnhardt Boulevard, Kannapolis, Cabarrus County, NC 28083. The registered agent of the corporation at that address shall be John Mills.

ARTICLE 6

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the board of directors. The directors shall be elected or appointed in the manner provided in the bylaws. The initial directors of the corporation are:

Terry Crawford
Embassy Suites
5400 John Q. Hammons Pkwy.
Concord, NC 28027

Alan Cress
Irish Creek Golf Course
716 Fairview – P.O. Box 1198
Kannapolis, NC 28082

Dan Farrell
Lowe's Motor Speedway
P. O. Box 600
Concord, NC 28026

Rick Fedrizzi
Richard Petty Driving Experience
6022 Victory Lane
Concord, NC 28027

Garrett Jenio
Wingate Inn
7841 Gateway Lane NW
Concord, NC 28027

Joni Juba
Cabarrus County Commissioner
P. O. Box 707
Concord, NC 28026

Frank Lapsley
Cabarrus Arena & Events Center
4751 NC Hwy. 49
Concord, NC 28025

Noelle Rhodes Scott
Cabarrus Arts Council
65 Union St. S. – P. O. Box 809
Concord, NC 28026-0809

ARTICLE 7

The name and address of the incorporator is:

DeSales Wagster
6353 Fox Chase Drive
Davidson, NC 28036

ARTICLE 8

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of the directors or officers of the corporation 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 3.

ARTICLE 9

Upon dissolution of the corporation, its assets shall, after all of its liabilities and obligations have been discharged or adequate provision made therefor, be distributed to Cabarrus County or to any association or associations organized for purposes similar to those set forth in Article 3 hereinabove, all as more particularly provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE 10

The board of directors may provide in the bylaws of the corporation that the corporation shall indemnify its current and former directors, officers, employees and agents against expenses and liabilities incurred as a result of actual or threatened litigation arising from the performance of their official duties. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such directors, officers, employees or agents may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, resolution of the Board of Directors, or otherwise.

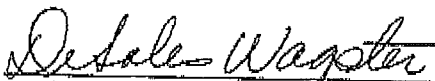
ARTICLE 11

The private property of the officers and directors of the corporation shall not be subject to payment of corporate debts to any extent whatever.

ARTICLE 12

These Articles of Amendment shall be effective upon filing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as incorporator, has signed and acknowledged these Articles of Amendment this 18th day of July, 2008.


DeSales Wagster, Incorporator