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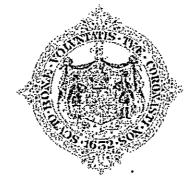
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In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my signature and affixed the seal of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland at Baltimore on this March 14, 2022.

Michael L. Higgs

Director



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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

### PAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

FIRST: The undersigned, all being of at least eighteen (18) years of age, hereby form a corporation.

SECOND: The name of the Corporation (which is hereafter called the "Corporation") is the Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association, Inc.

THIRD: The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are:

(a) The Corporation is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and, more specifically, to receive and administer funds for such charitable and educational purposes, all for the public welfare, and for no other purposes, and to that end to take and hold, by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, or lease, either absolutely or in trust for such objects and purposes or any of them, any property, real, personal or mixed, without limitation as to amount of value, except such limitations, if any, as may be imposed by law; to sell, convey, and dispose of any such property and to invest and reinvest the principal thereof, and to deal with and expend the income therefrom for any of the before mentioned purposes, without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received; to receive any property, real, personal or mixed, in trust, under the terms of any will, deed of trust, or other trust instrument for the foregoing purposes or any of them, and in administering the same to carry out the directions, and exercise the powers contained in the trust instrument under which the property is received, including the expenditure of the principal as well as the income, for one or more of such purposes, if authorized or directed in the trust instrument under which it is received, but no gift, bequest or devise of any such property shall be received and accepted if it be conditioned or limited in such manner as shall require the disposition of the income or its principal to any person or organization other than a "charitable organization" or for other than "charitable purposes" or as shall in the opinion of the Board of Directors, jeopardize the federal income tax exemption of the Corporation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in force or afterwards

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amended; to receive, take title to hold, and use the proceeds and income of stocks, bonds, obligations, or other securities of any corporation or corporations, Domestic or foreign, but only for the foregoing purposes, or some of them; and, in general, to exercise any, all and every power for which a non-profit corporation organized under the applicable provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland for scientific, educational, and charitable purposes, all for the public welfare, can be authorized to exercise, but only to the extent the exercise of such powers are in furtherance of exempt purposes.

- (b) No part of be 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 the purposes set forth in Article THIRD hereof.
- (c) 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 of any candidate for public office.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contribution to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as qualified and limited by subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Article THIRD are:
  - (1) To advance the welfare of Fairmont Heights High School;
  - (2) To establish, encourage and maintain a mutually beneficial relationship between the school and its alumni;
  - (3) To keep the alumni informed concerning their alma mater, its problems, needs and progress toward the realization of its goals; and
  - (4) To promote continued educational development through meaningful contributions towards scholarships and awards.

FOURTH: The post office address of the principal office of the Corporation in this State is 8631 Irvin Avenue, Lanham, Maryland 20706-1523. The name and post office address of the Re, its agent of the Corporation in this State are Michael Marshall, 8631 Irvin Avenue, Lanham, MD 20706.

FIFTH: The Corporation is not organized for profit; it shall have no capital stock and shall not be authorized to issue capital stock.

SIXTH: The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be three (3) which number may be increased or decreased pursuant to the Bylaws of the Corporation. The names of the Directors, who shall act until the first annual meeting or until their successors are duly elected and qualify, are:

John J. Williams 509 Shady Glen Drive Capital Heights, MD 20743 Lorette Ligon 1416 Albert Drive Mitchellville, MD 20721

Lavata Woods 1005 Merganser Court Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 Elizabeth Gordon 1419 8<sup>th</sup> Street Lanham, MD 20706

Michael L. Marshall 8631 Irvin Avenue Lanham, MD 20706

SEVENTH: Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future tax code), or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by the Court of Common Please of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

EIGHTH: The Corporation may by its Bylaws make any other provisions or requirements for the arrangement or conduct of the business of the Corporation, provided the same be not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation nor contrary to the laws of the State of Maryland or the United States.

NINTH: (a) The Corporation shall not engage in any dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

- (b) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (c) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.
- (d) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

TENTH: No director or officer of the Corporation shall be liable to the Corporation for money damages except (1) to the extent that it is proved that such director or officer actually received an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services, for the amount of the benefit or profit in money, property or services actually received, or (2) to the extent that a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to such director or officer is entered in a proceeding based on a finding that such director's or officer's action, or failure to act, was (a) the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, or (b) intentionally wrongful, willful or malicious and, in each such case, was material to the cause of action adjudicated in the proceeding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed these Articles of Incorporation this day of March 2005, and acknowledge same to be their act.

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FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

8631 IRVIN AVE

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Employer Identification Number:

75-3193053

DLN:

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Contact Person:

SHERRI L ROYCE

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:

December 31

Public Charity Status:

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Form 990 Required:

Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:

May 15, 2010

Contribution Deductibility:

Addendum Applies:

Yes

#### Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Lin P. Coleman

Lois G. Lerner

Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

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# Exemption Requirements - 501(c)(3) Organizations

To be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, an organization must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3), and none of its earnings may inure to any private shareholder or individual. In addition, it may not be an **action organization**, i.e., it may not attempt to influence legislation as a substantial part of its activities and it may not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates.

Organizations described in section 501(c)(3) are commonly referred to as **charitable organizations**. Organizations described in section 501(c)(3), other than testing for public safety organizations, are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions in accordance with Code section 170.

The organization must not be organized or operated for the benefit of private interests, and no part of a section 501(c)(3) organization's net earnings may inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. If the organization engages in an excess benefit transaction with a person having substantial influence over the organization, an excise tax may be imposed on the person and any organization managers agreeing to the transaction.

Section 501(c)(3) organizations are restricted in how much political and legislative (*lobbying*) activities they may conduct. For a detailed discussion, see Political and Lobbying Activities. For more information about lobbying activities by charities, see the article Lobbying Issues [PDF]; for more information about political activities of charities, see the FY-2002 CPE topic Election Year Issues [PDF].

## **Interactive Training**

Learn more about the benefits, limitations and expectations of tax-exempt organizations by attending 10 courses at the online Small to Mid-Size Tax Exempt Organization Workshop.

### **Additional Information**

- Application Process Step-by-Step: Questions and answers that will help an organization determine if it is eligible to apply for recognition of exemption from federal income taxation under IRC section 501(a) and, if so, how to proceed.
- · Private foundations requirements for exemption
- Tax-Exempt Status: Online training available at the IRS microsite StayExempt.irs.gov.

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