

## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE ALBEMARLE BROADBAND AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle, Virginia (the “Board”) has duly advertised and held a public hearing on the creation of a wireless service authority pursuant to the Virginia Wireless Service Authorities Act (Virginia Code § 15.2-5431.1 *et seq.*); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that Albemarle County is unserved or underserved by qualifying communications services, and this affects public safety and is an economic, educational, and social disadvantage to the citizens of Albemarle County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the public health, safety, and welfare would be better served by the extension of qualifying communications services, including but not limited to, high-speed data service and Internet access service, of general application, into unserved or underserved areas of Albemarle County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has created a wireless service authority as a public body politic and corporate by resolution duly adopted on August 2, 2017.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board hereby certifies and states as follows:

- 1. Name of the Authority.** The name of the wireless service authority is the “Albemarle Broadband Authority.”
- 2. Address of the Authority’s Principal Office.** The physical address of the Albemarle Broadband Authority’s principal office is the Albemarle County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.
- 3. Name of the Locality Creating the Authority.** The name of the locality creating the Albemarle Broadband Authority is the County of Albemarle, Virginia.
- 4. Names, Addresses, and Terms of Office for First Members of the Authority’s Board of Directors.** The names, addresses, and terms of office for the first members of the Albemarle Broadband Authority’s Board of Directors are:
  - A. Name: Liz Palmer  
Address:  
Term: Concurrent with the elected term of office on the Board of Supervisors
  - B. Name: Richard Randolph  
Address:  
Term: Concurrent with the elected term of office on the Board of Supervisors
  - C. Name: William Fritz  
Address: 1506 Rialto Street  
Charlottesville, VA 22902  
Term: 4 years from the date of appointment or until the person ceases to hold the qualifying office, whichever occurs first

- D.     Name:           Michael Culp  
         Address:       330 Swift Fox Lane  
                        Charlottesville, VA 22901  
         Term: 4 years from the date of appointment or until the person ceases to hold the  
                        qualifying office, whichever occurs first
- E.     Name:           Landon McDowell  
         Address:       415 Harrison Street  
                        Scottsville, VA 24590  
         Term: 4 years from the date of appointment
- F.     Name:           William Walsh  
         Address:       6495 Indian Ridge Drive  
                        Earlsville, VA 22936  
         Term: 4 years from the date of appointment

**5.     Purposes of the Authority.** The purposes for creating the Albemarle Broadband Authority are to provide qualifying communications services as authorized by Article 5.1 (Virginia Code § 56-484.7:1 *et seq.*) of Chapter 15 of Title 56 of the Virginia Code.

**6.     Powers of the Authority.** The Albemarle Broadband Authority shall exist and exercise the powers set forth in, and be subject to, the Virginia Wireless Service Authorities Act (Virginia Code § 15.2-5431.1 *et seq.*). The powers shall be exercised by the Albemarle Broadband Authority's Board of Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, has caused these Articles of Incorporation to be executed by its Chair, and its seal affixed, this second day of August, 2017.

**COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE, VIRGINIA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diantha McKeel, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

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Clerk, County Board of Supervisors