## Articles of Incorporation of Landmark Community Development Authority

The undersigned, pursuant to Chapter 51, Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for the Landmark Community Development Authority and states as follows:

#### **Article I**

#### Name

The name of this Authority is LANDMARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (the "Authority").

#### **Article II**

#### **Organization**

Pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia (the "Council") on September 18, 2021 (the "Ordinance"), the Authority shall be organized by the City of Alexandria, Virginia (the "City"), under the Virginia Water and Waste Authorities Act (Chapter 51, Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended) (the "Act"), as a public body corporate and politic and a political subdivision governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

#### Article III

#### Members

The affairs of the Authority shall be conducted by an authority board of five members ("Authority Board"). The initial Authority Board members are as set forth in <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> attached hereto and incorporated by reference. All members of the Authority Board shall be appointed by the Council. The Mayor shall make recommendations for, and the Council shall approve, the appointment of such members. Members of the Authority Board shall be selected from and shall at all times be members of the Council. Each member of the Authority Board shall serve a term concurrent with their respective term as a member of the Council, including the initial members of the Authority Board who shall serve the terms of office set forth in <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> hereto. No member of the Authority Board shall serve a term in excess of that permitted by §15.2-5113 of the Act, provided that any member of the Authority Board may be reappointed for one or more terms (consecutive or otherwise). The election of officers of the Authority shall be as set forth in the By-Laws of the Authority. Qualifications and appointment of members of the Authority Board shall be consistent with the requirements of the Act.

The Authority Board shall have the powers and duties set forth in the Act and in these Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws, to the extent that such powers and duties are not inconsistent with the Act.

#### **Article IV**

#### **Principal Office**

The Authority's initial principal office shall be c/o City Manager, City of Alexandria, Virginia, 301 King Street, Room 3500, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. The Authority may conduct its business and maintain offices for such purposes at such other places within or without the City as may from time to time be deemed advisable by the Authority Board, and not in conflict with the requirements of the Act.

#### Article V

#### **Authority District**

The land initially encompassed within the Authority is set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u> attached hereto (the "Initial Authority District") provided that the boundaries of the Initial Authority District (a) may be expanded by the Council by subsequent ordinance upon petition filed pursuant to the Act and (b) may be adjusted by the City to exclude certain land as long as the owners of at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the land area or assessed value of land that will remain in the Authority district after the adjustment originally petitioned for the creation of the Authority.

#### **Article VI**

#### **Purposes and Powers**

The Authority is organized for the purpose of exercising all powers granted by the Act, including acquiring, financing, funding, designing, constructing, equipping and providing for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance (unless dedicated to and accepted by the appropriate governmental entity other than the Authority), enhancement, replacement, relocation and alteration of all or portions of the public infrastructure, facilities and services generally described in the Petition to create the Authority attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit C">Exhibit C</a> (or otherwise facilitating such undertakings by, and in cooperation with, the City). The Authority shall have all powers granted to a "community development authority" under the Act.

#### **Article VII**

#### **Not-for-Profit**

The Authority shall not be organized or operated for pecuniary gain or profit. No part of the net earnings of the Authority shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to any member, director, officer, or any other private person, except that the Authority shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article VI.

#### Article VIII

#### **Amendment of Articles**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any time and from time to time by the Council as now or hereafter prescribed by the Act.

#### **Article IX**

#### **Registered Office and Registered Agent**

The address of the initial registered office of the Authority is c/o Joanna Anderson, City Attorney, 301 King Street, Room 1300, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. The initial Registered Agent of the Authority is Joanna Anderson, whose business address is identical to that of the initial registered office and who is a resident of Virginia and a member of the Virginia State Bar.

#### **Article X**

#### **Initial Members**

The names and addresses of the initial members of the Authority Board are as set forth on the attached and incorporated <u>Exhibit A</u>.

#### **Article XI**

#### **Indemnification**

- (a) For purposes of this Article XI the following definitions shall apply:
- (i) "expenses" include counsel fees, expert witness fees, and costs of investigation, litigation and appeal, as well as any amounts expended in asserting a claim for indemnification;
- (ii) "<u>liability</u>" means the obligation to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine, or other such obligation;
- (iii) "<u>legal entity</u>" means a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise; and
- (iv) "proceeding" means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, proceeding or appeal whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative and whether formal or informal.
- (b) In every instance in which the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act, as it exists on the date hereof or may hereafter be amended, permits the limitation or elimination of liability of directors or officers of a corporation to the corporation, the members, directors and officers of the Authority shall not be liable to the Authority.

- The Authority shall indemnify any individual who is, was or is threatened to be made a party to a proceeding (including a proceeding by or in the right of the Authority) because such individual is or was a member, director or officer of the Authority or because such individual is or was serving the Authority or any other legal entity in any capacity at the request of the Authority while a member, director or officer of the Authority, against all liabilities and reasonable expenses incurred in the proceeding except such liabilities and expenses as are incurred because of such individual's willful misconduct or knowing violation of the criminal law. Service as a member, director or officer of a legal entity controlled by the Authority shall be deemed service at the request of the Authority. The determination that indemnification under this paragraph (c) is permissible and the evaluation as to the reasonableness of expenses in a specific case shall be made, in the case of a member or director, as provided by law, and in the case of an officer, as provided in Section (d) of this Article; provided, however, that if a majority of the members of the Authority has changed after the date of the alleged conduct giving rise to a indemnification, such determination and evaluation shall, at the option of the person claiming indemnification, be made by special legal counsel agreed upon by the Authority Board and such person. Unless a determination has been made that indemnification is not permissible, the Authority shall make advances and reimbursements for expenses incurred by a member, director or officer in a proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking from such member, director or officer to repay the same if it is ultimately determined that such member, director or officer is not entitled to indemnification. Such undertaking shall be an unlimited, unsecured general obligation of the member, director or officer and shall be accepted without reference to such member's, director's or officer's ability to make repayment. The termination of a proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not of itself create a presumption that a member, director or officer acted in such a manner as to make such member, director or officer ineligible for indemnification. The Authority is authorized to contract in advance to indemnify and make advances and reimbursements for expenses to any of its members, directors or officers to the same extent provided in this paragraph (c).
- (d) The Authority may, to a lesser extent or to the same extent that it is required to provide indemnification and make advances and reimbursements for expenses to its members, directors and officers pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Article, provide indemnification and make advances and reimbursements for expenses to its employees and agents, the members, directors, officers, employees and agents of its subsidiaries and predecessor entities, and any person serving any other legal entity in any capacity at the request of the Authority, and may contract in advance to do so. The determination that indemnification under this paragraph (d) is permissible, the authorization of such indemnification and the evaluation as to the reasonableness of expenses in a specific case shall be made as authorized from time to time by general or specific action of the Authority Board, which action may be taken before or after a claim for indemnification is made, or as otherwise provided by law. No person's rights under paragraph (c) of this Article shall be limited by the provisions of this paragraph (d).
- (e) The rights of each person entitled to indemnification under this Article shall inure to the benefit of such person's heirs, executors and administrators. Special legal counsel selected to make determinations under this Article may be counsel for the Authority. Indemnification pursuant to this Article shall not be exclusive of any other right of indemnification to which any person may be entitled, including indemnification pursuant to a valid contract, indemnification by

legal entities other than the Authority and indemnification under policies of insurance purchased and maintained by the Authority or others. However, no person shall be entitled to indemnification by the Authority to the extent such person is indemnified by another, including an insurer. The Authority is authorized to purchase and maintain insurance against any liability it may have under this Article or to protect any of the persons named above against any liability arising from their service to the Authority or any other legal entity at the request of the Authority regardless of the Authority's power to indemnify against such liability. The provisions of this Article shall not be deemed to preclude the Authority from entering into contracts otherwise permitted by law with any individuals or legal entities, including those named above. If any provision of this Article or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Article, and to this end the provisions of this Article are severable.

(f) No amendment, modification or repeal of this Article shall diminish the rights provided hereunder to any person arising from conduct or events occurring before the adoption of such amendment, modification or repeal.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the unde	ersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of
Incorporation as of the day of	, 2021, as duly authorized by Ordinance adopted by
the City Council of the City of Alexandria, V	Virginia, on September 18, 2021.
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	By:
	City Manager, City of Alexandria, Virginia

### **Names and Addresses of Initial Members**

Name and Address	Term of C	Term of Office	
	<u>Commences</u>	Expires <sup>(1)</sup>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Each member's term shall expire on the date shown above unless such member ceases to serve on the Council prior to such date, in which case such member's term shall expire on the date such member ceases to serve on the Council.

# **Description of Initial Authority District**

# Tax Map Parcel Numbers

Parcels Owners	Tax Map Ref	Lot Size in SF <sup>(1)</sup>	Area in Acres <sup>(1)</sup>
Seritage SRC Finance, LLC	047.02-03-08	791,780	18.1768
Landmark Mall, LLC	047.02-03-09	504,510	11.5820
Landmark Mall, LLC	047.02-03-07	68,665	1.5763
Landmark Mall, LLC	047.02-03-05	380,317	8.7309
Landmark Mall, LLC	047.02-03-06	494,606	11.3546
	Total Land Area	2,239,878	51.4205

<sup>(1)</sup> Reflects approximate square footage and acreage.

## **Exhibit C**

# **Petition to Create Authority**

Attached