EXHIBIT A

FORM OF AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Emergency Services to Municipalities Act, MCL 124.601 et seq.

Authority Name	The Standish Area Fire Authority
Current Member Municipalities	The City of Standish The City of Omer The Township of Arenac The Township of Standish The Township of Lincoln
Joining Municipality(ies)	The Townships of Adams, Clayton and Deep River
Recording Officer	
Effective Date	

These Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (the "Articles") are adopted pursuant to the Emergency Services to Municipalities Act, 1988 PA 57, as amended, MCL 124.601 et seq. (the "Act"), by the legislative bodies of the municipalities identified in Article II for the purpose of amending and restating in their entirety the existing articles of incorporation of the Standish Area Fire Authority (the "Authority").

ARTICLE I
NAME AND OFFICE

1.1 **Name.** The name of the Authority is the Standish Area Fire Authority (the "Authority").

1.2 **Principal office.** The principal office of the Authority shall be located at 206 Industrial Road, Standish, MI 48658, or at such other office location as may be designated by the Authority from time to time.

ARTICLE II
INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITIES

2.1 **Incorporating municipalities.** The incorporating municipalities of the Authority are the following municipalities in the State of Michigan:

- **The City of Omer, Arenac County, Michigan;**
- **The City of Standish, Arenac County, Michigan;**
- **The Township of Adams, Arenac County, Michigan;**
- **The Township of Arenac, Arenac County, Michigan**
- **The Township of Clayton, Arenac County, Michigan;**
- **The Township of Deep River, Arenac County, Michigan;**
- **The Township of Lincoln, Arenac County, Michigan; and**
- **The Township of Standish, Arenac County, Michigan.**

2.2 Successor municipalities. Any municipality lawfully admitted to the Authority in accordance with the Act and these Articles shall also be an incorporating municipality. If a general law township that is an incorporating municipality becomes a charter township, the successor charter township shall remain bound by these Articles.

ARTICLE III
PURPOSE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

3.1 Purpose. The Authority is created for the purpose of providing fire protection services and such other emergency services, if any, as are expressly designated by the Authority from time to time in conformity with the Act and these Articles.

3.2 Services outside jurisdiction. The Authority may provide emergency services outside its jurisdiction to the extent permitted by law and contract.

ARTICLE IV
BUSINESS ADDRESS OF AUTHORITY

4.1 The Business address of the Authority shall be: 206 Industrial Road, Standish, MI 48658.

4.2 Joseph B. Urban of the law firm Kirk, Huth, Lange & Badalamenti, PLC shall be charged with the responsibility of causing these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to be published as required by law at least once in the Arenac County Independent, a newspaper designated herein and circulated within the territory of the Authority as well as certifying as a true copy, a copy of these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, containing the date and place of publication, as well as filing said document with the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan, subject to the provisions of the Michigan constitution of 1963, as amended, and other applicable law.

ARTICLE V
JURISDICTION

5.1 Territory. The Authority's jurisdiction shall consist of all territory within each Incorporating Municipality. The territory under the Authority's jurisdiction must remain comprised of territory within the Incorporating Municipalities.

5.2 Service responsibility. Subject to the Act, these Articles, and any lawful contract, the Authority shall determine how emergency services are to be provided within its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE VI
POWERS, DUTIES, AND LIMITATIONS

6.1 Body corporate. The Authority is a body corporate and possesses all powers now or hereafter granted by the Act, any other applicable Michigan law, and these Articles.

6.2 General powers. Without limitation, the Authority may sue and be sued; contract; adopt bylaws and rules of administration; adopt ordinances and impose fees to the extent permitted by law; borrow money and issue obligations to the extent permitted by law; receive grants, loans, donations, and contributions; hire employees and consultants; acquire private property by purchase, lease, gift, devise, or condemnation, either within or without its corporate limits and may hold, manage, control, sell, exchange or lease property it has acquired. For purposes of condemnation, the Authority may proceed under MCL 213.1 et seq., as amended and MCL 213.51 et seq., as amended and take any other lawful action reasonably necessary or convenient to accomplish its purposes.

6.3 Additional powers related to contracts with municipalities. The Authority may enter into a contract with any incorporating municipality for the provision of fire protection services in the incorporating municipality for a period of not to exceed thirty (30) years. The fire protection services may be established or funded in conjunction with any municipal emergency services, and any municipal emergency service may be delegated by contract to the Authority or an Authority. The charges specified in a contract shall be subject to increase by the Authority, if it deems such an increase necessary in order to provide funds to meet its obligations and a reasonable reserve. The Authority may also enter into contracts with a City, Village or Township that is not an incorporating municipality for a period of not to exceed 30 (thirty) years except that the charges for services under a contract with a municipality that is not an Incorporating Municipality be greater than the charges to an Incorporating Municipality, and shall be subject to change from time to time with or without notice. However, the existing contracts between the county sheriff's department and the municipalities shall remain in effect for the lifetime of those contracts.

6.4 Additional powers with regard to administration of functions. The Authority, in addition to its other powers and duties, may do all of the following:

(1) Adopt bylaws and rules of administration to accomplish the purposes of this act.

(2) Adopt ordinances that allow the Authority to assess fees on owners or occupants of property who receive emergency services to cover the costs of providing emergency services under this act. An ordinance adopted under this subdivision must be rescinded if, within 60 days after the date the ordinance is adopted, 1/3 or more of the municipalities affected by the ordinance vote to rescind the ordinance.

(3) Apply for and accept grants, loans, or contributions from the federal government or any of its agencies, this state, or other public or private agencies to be used for any of the purposes of this act and to do any and all things within its express or implied powers necessary or desirable to secure that financial or other aid or cooperation in the carrying out of any of the purposes of this act.

(4) Enter into any contracts with other entities not prohibited by law.

(5) Investigate emergency services requirements, needs, and programs and engage, by contract, consultants as are necessary and cooperate with the federal government, state, political subdivisions, and other authorities in those investigations.

(6) Subject to MCL 124.610, hire employees, attorneys, accountants, and consultants as the Authority considers necessary to carry out the purposes of the Authority.

(7) Enter into a contract or agreement for the purchase of real or personal property for public purposes, to be paid for in installments over a period not to exceed 15 years or the useful life of the property acquired, whichever is less. Real or personal property purchased under this act may serve as collateral in support of the purchase, contract, or agreement.

6.5 Additional powers related to issuance of negotiable bonds or notes.

(1) The Authority may borrow money and issue its negotiable bonds or notes to finance any of the following for Authority purposes:

(a) The acquisition, construction, and furnishing of buildings or facilities or portions of buildings or facilities.
(b) The acquisition of necessary property.
(c) The acquisition and installation of necessary equipment.

(2) The Authority may issue general obligation unlimited tax bonds upon approval of a majority of the electors in the jurisdictional limits of the Authority voting on the question of issuing the bonds. The proposal to issue general obligation unlimited tax bonds must be submitted to a vote of the electors of the Authority by resolution of the board of the Authority. The resolution must contain the language of the ballot proposal.

(3) The election for a bond proposal described in subsection (2) must be conducted and canvassed in the same manner as an election on a millage proposal as described in section 12 and in accordance with the Michigan election law, MCL 168.1et seq., as amended. The results of the election must be certified to the governing body of the Authority promptly after the date of the election. Not more than 1 election may be held in the jurisdictional limits of the Authority in a calendar year for approval of a bond issue authorized under subsection (2).

(4) If the Authority issues general obligation unlimited tax bonds under subsection (2), the board, by resolution, shall authorize and levy the taxes necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.

(5) The Authority may issue limited tax bonds or notes by resolution of the board without submitting the question to the electors in the jurisdictional limits of the Authority.

(6) Bonds or notes issued by the Authority are a debt of the Authority and not of the incorporating municipalities. If an incorporating municipality withdraws from the Authority, taxes imposed or levied for payment of bonds approved as provided in this act before the adoption of the resolution to withdraw must continue to be levied within the district as if the municipality did not withdraw from the Authority until the principal of and interest on those bonds are paid in full.

(7) The Authority shall not borrow money or issue bonds or notes for a sum that, together with the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of the Authority, exceeds 5% of the state equalized valuation of the taxable property within the jurisdictional limits of the Authority.

(8) All bonds or notes issued by the Authority under this act are subject to the revised municipal finance act, MCL 141.2101 et seq., as amended.

6.6 Taxing powers. The Authority may levy a tax on all taxable property within the limits of the Authority as follows:

(1) The tax that the Authority levies shall not be levied without the approval of a majority of the qualified, registered electors within the Authority voting at a general or special election. The election may be called by resolution of the Authority. The Secretary of the Authority shall file a copy of the resolution of the Authority Board calling for the election with the clerk of each incorporating municipality not less than 60 days before

the date of the election. The resolution calling the election shall contain a statement of the proposition to be submitted to the electors. Each municipal clerk and all other municipal officials of an incorporating municipality shall undertake those steps to properly submit the proposition to the electors of the incorporating municipality at the election specified in the resolution of the Authority. The election shall be certified to the Authority Board promptly after the election date. Not more than one election may be held in the Authority in a calendar year for approval of the tax authorized under this section. If the election is a special election, each incorporating municipality in which the election is held shall pay its share of the cost of the election.

(2) The taxes authorized by this section may be levied at a rate not to exceed 20 mills and for a period as determined by the Authority in the resolution calling the election and as shall be set forth in the proposition submitted to the electors.

(3) The tax rate authorized shall be levied and collected as are all ad valorem property taxes in the state, and the recording officer of the Authority shall at the appropriate time certify to the proper tax assessing or collecting officers of each tax collecting municipality the amount of truces to be levied and collected year by each municipality . The Authority shall determine on which tax roll, if more than 1, of each Incorporating Municipality that the taxes authorized by this section shall be collected.

(4) Each true assessing and collecting officer and each county treasurer shall levy and collect the truces as certified by the Authority and shall pay those taxes to the Authority by the time provided in section 43 of the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.43 et seq.. The true rate authorized by this section may be first levied by the Authority as a part of the first roll of the appropriate municipalities occurring after the election described in subsection 2. The tax may be levied and collected on the December true roll next following the date of election, if the tax is certified to the proper true assessing officials not later than September 15 of the year in which the election is held.

(5) To the extent applicable and consistent with the requirements of this section, the general property tax act, MCL 211.157 et seq., shall apply to proceedings in relation to the assessment, spreading, and collection of property taxes pursuant to this section. Additionally, in relation to the assessment, spreading, and collecting of taxes pursuant to this section, the county treasurer shall have powers and duties to those prescribed by MCL 211.1 et seq. for township supervisors, township clerks, and township treasurers. However, this section shall not be considered to transfer any Authority over the assessment of property.

(6) A county treasurer collecting truces pursuant to this section shall be bonded for tax collection in the same amount and manner as a township treasurer.

(7) For Incorporating Members joining the Authority after January 1, 2026, until such time as such incorporating member shall receive funds from their own millage revenue, they shall pay over to the treasurer of the Authority from its special assessment funds, general funds, or contingent funds, or a combination thereof, not less than (1.0) mill based on their taxable valuation.

6.7 Limitations. The Authority and its officers remain subject to the Act, these Articles, applicable tax limits, labor laws, collective bargaining obligations, and any valid intergovernmental agreements or transition agreements.

ARTICLE VII
GOVERNING BOARD, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES

7.1 Selection method and composition. The governing body of the Authority shall be selected and constituted as follows:

Representative board members appointed by each incorporating municipality	1 member for a term of 4 years and 1 member for a term of 2 years
At-large or ex officio board members, if any	None
Ordinary action voting threshold	A majority of members present (at least 9), appointed and serving. Each Authority Board Member shall have one vote in each proceeding.
Quorum	A quorum is 9 of the serving members physically present at the meeting location
Supermajority matters, if any	Any tax related issue would require a Super Majority (2/3) of the authority, that being 12 affirmative votes.

7.2 Appointment and term. Each incorporating municipality's legislative body shall appoint its representative board members for terms as follows: one (1) member from each incorporating municipality to serve a term of four (4) years; one (1) member from each incorporating municipality to serve a term of two (2) years, or until successors are appointed. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing municipality unless otherwise provided in these Articles or the Authority's bylaws.

7.3 Failure to Attend. In the event that a member fails to attend more than one-third of the Board meetings during any calendar year, the Board may request that the municipality of origin remove that board member from the board and appoint a replacement. In all cases, a vacancy on the Board shall be filled by the original municipality for the remainder of the unexpired term.

7.4 Officers. The Board shall annually elect or appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected and shall serve until their successors are elected and consent to serve.

7.5 Ex-Officio Membership. The Fire Chief shall be an ex-officio member of the board without a vote.

7.6 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be bonded with a surety bond in the amount of not less than $100,000. Further, the Board, by resolution, may authorize the Treasurer to pay repetitive and reoccurring expenses upon billing without Board approval. Except as otherwise provided above. all withdrawals of funds shall be over the signature of the Treasurer and at least one Board member. The depository of the funds shall be currently and specifically informed of all resolutions permitting any withdrawal or expenditure of funds by the treasurer. alone.

7.7 RESERVED

7.8 Disposition of Funds. If, at the end of any one year of operation, there exists in the Authority account, a sum in excess of Five Thousand ($5,000) Dollars, such sum may be earmarked for future purchases of equipment or buildings, or the Board may, by resolution duly adopted, uniformly reduce the millage to be assessed and/or the contributions to be paid by each of the incorporating municipalities the next ensuing year, provided however, that such funds when combined with the excess money on hand, are sufficient to pay the estimated operating expenses of the Authority for the ensuing year.

7.9 Employees. The Authority may employ a chief, officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, administrative personnel, and such other employees or consultants as the Board deems necessary, subject to the Act and applicable law. However, no member of the Authority Board may be an employee of the Authority.

7.10 Meetings and bylaws. All meetings of the Authority Board shall be conducted in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261 et seq., as amended. The Board may adopt bylaws and rules governing meetings, officers, committees, administrative procedures, and other internal operations consistent with these Articles and applicable law.

7.11 Call of Meetings. The Authority shall create a schedule of monthly regular meetings at the annual meeting during which officers are elected. Special meetings shall be held on the call of the chairperson or on the petition of any four (4) members, provided that notice required by the Open Meetings Act is appropriately posted.

7.12 Stipend. Each member of the Board shall receive expense reimbursement per the discretion of their respective individual governmental entities for each meeting of the Standish Area Fire Authority which he or she attends.

7.13 Public Records. All writings prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the Authority in performance of its official functions shall be made available to the public in compliance with MCL 15.231 et seq., as amended.

7.14 Minimum Equipment. The Board shall administer and supervise the operations of the Standish Area Fire Authority, and shall maintain a minimum of two (2) firefighting trucks, provided however, that the Fire Chief shall be solely responsible for the assignment of vehicles and equipment in response to fire calls. All existing fire equipment and vehicles currently in the possession of and at the disposal of the any incorporating member shall become the property of the Standish Area Fire Authority and shall be used for the purpose of combating fires in the territories of the Authority, except in the mutual aid of another department pursuant to a mutual aid agreement.

7.15 Hiring and Insurance. The Authority shall hire all department personnel and provide workers' compensation insurance for them. The Authority shall also procure and maintain adequate collision, public liability and property damage insurance for its vehicles as well as insure them against fire and casualty. In addition, the board shall insure itself, the Authority, and all parties, against all claims of any kind that may arise out of the operation of the Authority. For not less than $5,000,000 combined single limits.

ARTICLE VIII

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS, MISCELLANEOUS

8.1 Obligated Minimum Membership. These Articles and this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until terminated by the Board. Except as to the Trial Period, all members of the Authority (both Current and Joining Members) shall be obligated to a minimum of five years' participation in the Authority except as otherwise set forth herein. All rights to property owned by the Authority shall be settled in accordance with the procedures following this paragraph. Termination of this Agreement shall not relieve any party from liability for all obligations incurred by the Authority pursuant to these Articles and this Agreement for the remainder of the initial five (5) year period of membership.

8.2 Dissolution. If the Board terminates this Agreement, the Board and Authority shall be considered dissolved.

(1) Upon the dissolution, property held or used by the Authority shall be allocated and distributed in accordance with the following:

(a) All property of any nature, which is titled to or otherwise owned by a City or Townships shall remain the property of the City or respective Township.

(b) All property of any nature, which is titled to or otherwise owned by the Authority shall be kept or disposed of in the following manner provided by the next following paragraph.

8.3. Withdrawal generally. A municipality that withdraws from the Authority shall remain liable for a proportion of the debts and liabilities of the Authority incurred while the municipality was a part of the Authority. The proportion of the Authority's debts for which a municipality is liable under this subsection shall be determined by dividing the taxable value of the real and personal property in the municipality by the taxable value of all real and personal property in the Authority at the time of withdrawal.

8.4 One municipality – withdrawal. If one of the incorporating municipalities withdraws from this Agreement pursuant to M.C.L.A. 124.611, the assets of the Authority shall be appraised, to determine their fair market value as of the end of the fiscal year by a person mutually agreeable to the remaining Authority and the withdrawing incorporating municipality, and a balance of assets and liabilities shall be determined. The withdrawing incorporating municipality's share of the assets in the Authority shall be computed by the fraction of the total amount of funds through special assessments, general fund contributions and Authority millage revenue raised from the geographic area of the withdrawing incorporating municipality contributed to the Authority over the past ten (10) fiscal years that the withdrawing municipality was a participating municipality in the Authority, as the numerator, divided by the total amount of money contributed, through special assessments, general fund contributions and Authority millage by all of the incorporating municipalities in the Authority for a said period of time, multiplied by the total assets less the determined liabilities of the Authority at said time. The Authority shall pay to the withdrawing municipality, in equal installments over a period of three (3) years, without interest, or in assets, at the Authority's election, an amount equal to fifty (50%) percent of the determined net value of the withdrawing municipality's share of said assets over and above the determined liabilities. Payments shall be made upon such terms as shall be agreeable, but the remaining Authority shall have the right to pay the withdrawing municipality in equal annual installments, over three (3) years with no interest. Should the liabilities exceed the assets, the withdrawing municipality shall pay its full share thereof to the Standish Area

Fire Authority within sixty (60) days of its withdrawal from the Authority.

8.5 Two or more municipalities – withdrawal. If two or more incorporating municipalities withdraw pursuant to M.C.L.A. 124.611, this Authority shall be dissolved and all property owned by the Authority shall be disposed of in a manner in which all of the incorporating municipalities can agree. If no agreement as to disposition is reached within sixty (60) days after the end of the fiscal year, an Advisory Board shall be appointed to recommend the method of disposition of the Standish Area Fire Authority property. This Advisory Board shall consist of one member appointed by each incorporating municipality. The Advisory Board shall, as so as practicable, but not more than sixty (60) days thereafter, prepare and recommend to the Authority and the incorporating municipalities, a complete plan for disposition of all property owned by the Authority. If possible, such a plan shall provide for the continuation of the use of the property by a fire department. In the event that an incorporating municipality refuses to ratify the disposition plan, the matter shall be settled by arbitration. The net proceeds from the disposition of Authority property shall be paid to the incorporating municipalities in proportion to the cumulative amounts of their respective total contributions, including Authority millage revenue raised with the geographic area of each incorporating municipality to the Authority for the ten (10) years immediately preceding the termination and dissolution of the Authority.

8.6. Trial Period. Incorporating Members joining the Authority before July 1, 2026 may, at their discretion, enjoy a trial period of one (1) year, ending June 30, 2027 to determine if membership is suitable for their purposes. The Trial Period shall lapse on the anniversary date of the resolution such Incorporating Member may adopt. During the Trial Period:

(1) Each such Incorporating Member shall pay into the Authority their respective share of operating costs from their General Fund, or other available funds, including the wages of any employees employed by the Authority who had been previously employed by said Incorporating Member as well as the cost of any benefits and insurance maintained on behalf of such member as well as the cost of workers' compensation insurance maintained by the Authority on behalf of such employees.

(2) Each such member shall maintain sole ownership of its equipment, with the requirement that it pay to maintain insurance on said equipment at least at the level that the Authority maintains for its equipment.

(3) The Authority shall be named as an additional insured on each such member's errors and omissions insurance and employment practices liability insurance, as well as any and all policies of insurance specific to their firefighting and emergency response mission.

(4) All employees of each such member shall become members of the Authority, and the Authority shall assume all direction and control over such employees' terms and conditions of employment.

If, prior to the termination of the Trial Period, an Incorporating Member subject to this section determines to leave the Authority, it shall pay to the Authority all costs listed above, prorated to the date that the Incorporating Member determines to leave the Authority and maintain all relevant insurances through the termination date. Further, such Incorporating Member shall indemnify the Authority for the cost of any amount the Authority is ordered to pay as a result of an unemployment claim filed by any employee so transferred.

The Authority shall convene a meeting within one month following the expiration of the Trial Period during which a revision to the name of the Authority shall be considered.

ARTICLE IX
EMPLOYMENT

9.1 Employment of transferees. Except as provided in subdivision 2, employees of a municipal emergency service whose duties are transferred to this Authority are to be given comparable positions of employment with this Authority and shall maintain their seniority status and all benefit rights of the position held in the municipal or joint emergency response service before transfer.

9.2 Seniority and Availability. If sufficient positions of comparable employment are not available for all employees at the time of transfer, a less senior employee who is not transferred to a comparable position shall be placed on layoff status with the Authority and shall be recalled to any position for which he or she may qualify, which may occur after a reasonable training period or as soon as vacancies occur, or both. The layoff status, or any layoff list, shall not be mandatorily honored beyond three years from the date of layoff. The Authority shall determine the number of positions necessary to perform any emergency service, and shall not be required to create or maintain unnecessary positions.

9.3 Collective Bargaining. The Authority may bargain collectively and enter into agreement with labor organizations pursuant to MCL 423.201 et seq., as amended.

ARTICLE X
FINANCE, PROPERTY, AND TRANSITION

10.1 Sources of revenue. The Authority may be financed by any lawful source, including Authority-wide taxes authorized under section 12 of the Act, taxes or contributions by an incorporating municipality under section 13 of the Act, fees, contract revenues, grants, donations, or other lawful revenue sources.

10.2 Budget and cost allocation. The Board shall prepare annually a Fire Authority Budget for the Authority. So long as the incorporating municipalities shall be appropriating funds to the Authority, the proposed budget shall be submitted to and reviewed by the respective incorporating municipalities and may be amended, adopted or rejected by them by April 1 of each year, or such budget shall be deemed approved.

10.3 Transfer of services, assets, liabilities, personnel, and equipment. Any transfer of municipal emergency services, employees, assets, liabilities, apparatus, equipment, facilities, records, or contracts to the Authority shall be accomplished by one or more separate transition or transfer agreements approved by the affected parties. If any personnel or equipment will be transferred to the Authority, the actual transfer shall occur only in compliance with section 10 of the Act, including the 180-day timing requirement and any applicable labor obligations.

10.4 Existing facilities and contracts. There are no existing facilities or contracts that impact any of the parties hereto.

ARTICLE XI
PUBLICATION, CERTIFICATION, FILING, AND EFFECTIVE DATE

11.1 Publication. These Articles shall be published on the website of each incorporating municipality or, if a website is unavailable, in the clerk's office of that municipality. A publication record may be maintained in substantially the form attached at the end of this Exhibit.

11.2 Recording officer. The Secretary of the Authority is designated as the person charged with causing these Articles to be published, certified, and filed, unless the Authority designates another recording officer consistent with law.

11.3 Filing. A printed copy of these Articles, certified as a true copy by the Authority's recording officer and containing the date and place of publication, shall be filed with the Secretary of State as required by law.

11.4 Effective date. These Articles shall become effective at12:01 a.m., July 1, 2026, or at such later time as may result from completion of all required publication and filing steps.

11.5 Operational transfer date, if applicable. All personnel and equipment of the Incorporating Municipalities joining the Authority shall transfer at the end of the trial period.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS, WITHDRAWAL, AND MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 Amendments. These Articles may be amended in the manner provided by the Act and by any applicable voting thresholds or procedures stated in these Articles or in the Authority's bylaws.

12.2 Withdrawal. An incorporating municipality may withdraw from the Authority in the manner provided by section 11 of the Act.

(1) A municipality that withdraws from the Authority shall continue to be subject to any tax levied in its jurisdiction under MCL 124.612 et seq. for the duration of that tax as determined pursuant to MCL 124.612.

(2) Employees of an Authority who perform emergency services in the jurisdiction of a municipality that withdraws from the Authority shall be protected in relation to the municipality to same extent as employees of an incorporating municipality are protected in relation to the Authority under M.C.L.A. 124.610.

(3) A municipality that withdraws from the Authority shall remain liable for a proportion of the debts and liabilities of the Authority incurred while the municipality was a part of the Authority. The proportion of the Authority's debts for which a municipality is liable under this subsection shall be determined by dividing the taxable value of the real and personal property in the municipality by the taxable value of all real and personal property in the Authority at the time of withdrawal.

12.3 Continuation of obligations. A withdrawing municipality remains subject to taxes, debts, liabilities, employee protections, and other obligations to the extent provided by law and any applicable agreements.

12.4 Counterparts. These Articles may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together constitute one instrument.

12.5 Severability. If any provision of these Articles is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in effect to the fullest extent permitted by law.

12.6 Supersession. On the effective date of these Articles, the Authority's prior articles of incorporation and prior amendments are superseded to the extent inconsistent with these Articles.

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MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the City Council of the City of Standish, Arenac County, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the 14th day of MAY, 2026.

CITY OF STANDISH

B Mason

Bradley Mason
City Manager

Champagne Southworth

Champagne Southworth
City Clerk

MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the City Counsel of the City of Omer, Arenac County, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the 23rd day of June 2026.

CITY OF OMER

Daniel Raushi

Daniel Raushi
Mayor

Sandra Rood

Sandra Rood
City Clerk

Municipal Endorsement

The foregoing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Arenac, Arenac County, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the 20 day of MAY, 2026.

TOWNSHIP OF ARENAC

Township Supervisor

Township Clerk

MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Standish, Arenac County, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the 9 day of June, 2026.

TOWNSHIP OF STANDISH

Corey Sajdak
Township Supervisor

Melissa A. Jennings

Melissa Jennings
Township Clerk

MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Lincoln, Arenac County, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the 11 day of June, 2026.

TOWNSHIP OF LINCOLN

Gerald Wenkel

Gerald Wenkel
Township Supervisor

Kristi Damron

Kristi Damron Kristie Damron
Township Clerk

Municipal Endorsement

The foregoing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Adams, Arenac County, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the 18 day of June, 2026.

TOWNSHIP OF ADAMS

Mark Revord
Township Supervisor

Charity Sisco
Township Clerk

Charity Sisco
Township Clerk

MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Clayton, Arenac County, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the 8th day of June 2026.

TOWNSHIP OF CLAYTON

Byron Fogarasi
Township Supervisor

Robyn Fogarasi
Township Clerk

MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Deep River, Arenac County, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the 25th day of June, 2026.

TOWNSHIP OF DEEP RIVER

Matthew J. Stawowy

Matthew J. Stawowy
Township Supervisor

Casey Gwisdala

Casey Gwisdala
Township Clerk

Certificate of Authority Recording Officer

I, Beth Knochel hereby certify that I am the RECORDING SECRETARY of STANDISH AREA FIRE AUTHORITY, State of Michigan; that the foregoing is a true and complete printed copy of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the STANDISH AREA FIRE AUTHORITY; that those Articles were published on the website of each incorporating municipality or, if a website was unavailable, in the clerk's office of the municipality, as shown in the attached publication record or other attached proof of publication; and that the foregoing printed copy is being certified and filed in accordance with the Emergency Services to Municipalities Act.

Beth Knochel
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By: Beth Knochel
Its: Recording Secretary
Date: JUNE 26, 2026