EXHIBIT "A"

CHARTER

CITY OF VICTORVILLE

PREAMBLE

We the people of the City of Victorville declare our intent to restore our community to the historic principles of self governance inherent in the doctrine of home-rule. Sincerely committed to the belief that local government has the closest affinity to the people governed, and firm in the conviction that the economic and fiscal independence of our local government will promote the health, safety and welfare of all the citizens of this City, we do hereby exercise the express right granted by the Constitution of the State of California to enact and adopt this Charter for the City of Victorville.

ARTICLE I. MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Section 100. Municipal Affairs. The City shall have full power and authority to adopt, make, exercise and enforce all legislation, laws, and regulations and to take all actions relating to municipal affairs, without limitation, which may be lawfully adopted, made, exercised, taken or enforced under the Constitution of the State of California. Without limiting in any manner the foregoing power and authority, each of the powers, rights, and responsibilities described in this Charter is hereby declared to be a municipal affair, the performance of which is unique to the benefit and welfare of the citizens of the City of Victorville.

ARTICLE II. FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Section 200. Council-Manager Form of Government. The municipal government established by this Charter shall be the "Council-Manager" form of government, under which the City Council sets policy and the City Manager administers the government.

ARTICLE III. METHOD OF ELECTION

Section 300. Structure of Election of Council Members. The City shall elect council members "at large" without regard to where in the City they reside and without regard to their geographic district.

Section 301. **Prohibition on "Districting."** The City shall not permit elections of council members either "by" districts or "from" districts.

ARTICLE IV. CONTRACTS, PUBLIC FINANCING, FRANCHISES, AND REVENUE

Section 400. **Public Works Contracts.** The City shall have the power to establish standards, procedures, rules or regulations to regulate all aspects of the bidding, award and performance of any public works contract, including, but not limited to, the compensation rates to be paid for the performance of such work.

Section 401. **Public Financing.** The City shall have the power to establish standards, procedures, rules or regulations related to any public financing.

Section 402. **Utility Franchises.** The City shall have the power to adopt any ordinance providing for the acquisition, development, or operation by the City of any utility, or any ordinance providing for the granting of a franchise to any utility not owned by the City which proposes to use or is using City streets, highways or other rights-of-way.

Section 403. **Enterprises.** The City shall have the power to lawfully engage in any enterprise deemed necessary to provide revenues for the general fund or any other fund established by the City Council.

ARTICLE V. REVENUE RETENTION

Section 500. **Reductions Prohibited.** Any revenues raised and collected by the City shall not be subject to subtraction, retention, attachment, withdrawal or any other form of involuntary reduction by any other level of government.

Section 501. **Mandates Limited.** No person, whether elected or appointed, acting on behalf of the City, shall be required to perform any function which is mandated by any other level of government, unless and until funds sufficient for the performance of such function are provided by said mandating authority.

ARTICLE VI. GENERAL LAWS

Section 600. General Law Powers. In addition to the power and authority granted by the terms of this Charter and the Constitution of the State of California, the City shall have the power and authority to adopt, make, exercise and enforce all legislation, laws and regulations and to take all actions and to exercise any and all rights, powers, and privileges heretofore or hereafter established, granted or prescribed by any law of the State of California or by any other lawful authority. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Charter and the provisions of the general laws of the State of California, the provisions of this Charter shall control.

ARTICLE VII. INTERPRETATION

Section 700. Construction and Interpretation. The language contained in this Charter is intended to be permissive rather than conclusive or limiting and shall be liberally and broadly construed in favor of the exercise by the City of its power to govern with respect to any matter which is a municipal affair.

Section 701. Severability. If any provision of this Charter should be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Dated: July 16, 2008

Terry E. Caldwell
Terry E. Caldwell
Mayor

ATTESTED TO AND CERTIFIED:

Carolee Bates
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City Clerk

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