

CHESAPEAKE BEACH CIVIC LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization is the Chesapeake Beach Civic League.

ARTICLE II. LOCATION

The location of this organization is the Chesapeake Beach neighborhood in the city of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The Chesapeake Beach Civic League shall be a community association whose purpose shall be to bring into the organization the residents and property owners of the Chesapeake Beach area; to promote good fellowship and pride in the community; to further the interests of the residents with respect to development, beautification, recreation, sanitation, safety, crime prevention, public services, residential parking, and protection of property values; to preserve the community's history through photographs and articles; to preserve the community's traditions, architecture, and appearance by representing it before the local legislature and administrative agencies in planning, zoning, traffic and parking matters; to sponsor seasonal and/or holiday programs; to inform residents of issues of neighborhood and municipal importance by means including publishing a free community newsletter and/or maintaining a community web site; to provide a forum for discussion of issues of importance to the members; to join with other local civic organizations to address city-wide issues; and to promote participation in public affairs by encouraging members to register and vote in all local, state, and federal elections.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Chesapeake Beach Civic League shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the above stated purposes of this organization.

The Chesapeake Beach Civic League shall not directly or indirectly participate or intervene in political campaigns on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

Any adult resident or property owner in the Chesapeake Beach neighborhood in the city of Virginia Beach, Virginia shall be eligible for membership upon payment of annual dues. Upon payment of annual membership dues, members shall be eligible for voting at meetings for the remainder of the calendar year. Corporate Sponsors shall be deemed honorary members, but they shall neither be able to vote nor be eligible for officer positions.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND METHODS OF ELECTION

The officers of the Chesapeake Beach Civic League shall be the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. These officers shall be elected from the active members by a majority of the members present and voting at a general membership meeting. The elections for all the officers shall be held each November or as soon as practicable thereafter, with the term of office to begin the following January and ending in December.

The following individuals will be ineligible to hold office in the Chesapeake Beach Civic League:

- a person who has been convicted in any jurisdiction of embezzlement, larceny or other crime involving the obtaining of money or property by false pretenses or the misapplication of funds impressed with a trust, unless such person has received a pardon for such offense or the public is informed of such conviction in a manner approved in writing by the Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services before the election occurs; or
- any person who has ever been enjoined by any court or otherwise prohibited from soliciting in any jurisdiction, unless the Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services first determines in writing that such person is entitled to solicit in such jurisdiction at the time of soliciting within this Commonwealth or that the reason for such injunction or prohibition does not involve moral turpitude.

If any member elected to office has been convicted of a felony, they must provide a written statement describing the pertinent facts of said conviction to the Executive Board, who will forward it to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services where it will become part of public records.

Each officer shall be eligible for re-election; however, the President shall not serve for more than three consecutive terms. Any President serving the unexpired term of the previous officeholder, shall be eligible to serve for three additional consecutive terms as provided in this paragraph.

In the event that the President does not complete the term for which he has been elected, then the Vice President shall become President for the remainder of the term. In the event of a vacancy in any other office, a special election shall be held as soon as practicable to fill the unexpired term of the vacant office.

If any other circumstances arise which result in a vacancy in any office, then the office shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the members present as soon as practicable. Should there be more than one nominee for an office, voting shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall be comprised of the four officers of the Chesapeake Beach Civic League. The duty of the Executive Board is to administer the affairs of the Chesapeake Beach Civic League under the direction of its members.

The Executive Board shall meet at least once a year. At such meetings, the Executive Board may call on various committee chairpersons and guests to attend.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCES

Membership dues shall be charged of active members annually as fixed by the By-Laws.

Contributions to the Chesapeake Beach Civic League are **not** deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

No part of the net revenue of the Chesapeake Beach Civic League shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the civic league shall be authorized and empowered to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.

No funds shall be used, directly or indirectly, to benefit or provide support, in cash or in kind, to terrorists, terrorist organizations, terrorist activities, or the family members of any terrorist.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

Meetings of the Chesapeake Beach Civic League shall be held at such times and places as may be fixed by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

At all meetings of the Chesapeake Beach Civic League, the Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed unless other procedures governing a particular matter have been set forth in this Constitution or the By-Laws.

ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Chesapeake Beach Civic League, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code. The specific exempt purpose(s) shall be chosen by a majority vote of the membership present and voting at the final meeting.

A notification of dissolution will be made to the Virginia State Corporation Commission. A copy of the certificate of dissolution and a statement showing the specific distribution of all assets, i.e., a treasurer's report or any other documentation required by the Internal Revenue Tax Code or Virginia Solicitations of Contributions Law, will be submitted to the Internal Revenue Service and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting at any general membership meeting, provided that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing and read at a previous meeting.

ARTICLE XII. REPEAL OF PREVIOUS CONSTITUTION

This Constitution shall supersede the previous Constitution and amendments thereto.

This Constitution was revised and adopted on January 17, 2008, in accordance with all laws and regulations of the Chesapeake Beach Civic League.