

GRIFFITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.



CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be Griffith Historical Society, Inc., here in after referred to as the Society.

ARTICLE II

Society Objectives are:

- A. To promote education toward historical inquiry.
- B. To encourage the collection of artifacts, relics and historical information.
- C. To designate and preserve historic sites for posterity.
- D. To disseminate historical information.
- E. To insure historic continuity, for ourselves and future generations.
- F. To carry out such programs that would best implement these objectives.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section I

Any person of good character who complies with the admission requirements of the Society shall be eligible for membership.

- A. Individual - any person that subscribes to the minimum requirements of the Society; and shall have one vote.
- B. Family - a husband and wife who subscribes to the minimum requirements of the Society; and each shall have one vote.
- C. Sustaining - any person who exceeds the minimum requirements of the Society; and shall have one vote.
- D. Senior Citizen - any person who is 62 years of age or older and meets the requirements of the Society; and shall have one vote.
- E. Senior Couple - any*two persons who are 62 years of age or older and meets the requirements of the Society; and each shall have one vote.
- F. Business - any business entity mat paid their dues shall not have a vote.
- G. Organization - any civic organization that paid their dues shall not have a vote.
- H. Angel - any individual that paid the amount stated shall have one vote.
- I. Student - any individual age 18 or under shall have no vote.
- J. Life - Lifetime membership shall be offered as an individual member with one vote.

Section II

Membership requirements in this Society shall be described in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV
Meetings

Section I: Membership Meetings

- A. The membership shall have one meeting per year in the month of November for the purpose of electing Officers and Directors and establishing general policy At such tune and place as shall be provided in the By-Laws.
- B. Special meetings of the membership shall be called in such manner and held with Proper notice as shall be provided in the By-Laws.

Section II: Board of Directors Meetings

- A. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly at such time and place as provided in The By-Laws.
- B. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called in such manner and Held with proper notice as shall be provided in the By-Laws.

Section III Qualifiers

- A. All meetings of the membership and/or Board of Directors shall be held in Griffith
- B. There shall be no closed meetings of the membership and /or Board of Directors.
- C. There shall be no proxy voting at any meetings of the membership or Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V
Management

The management of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Directors not to exceed fifteen (15) members consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and ten (10) Directors.

- A. The membership shall elect the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in Such manner as shall be provided in the By-Laws.
- B. Board members so elected shall begin their term of office January First (1st) after their election.
- C. The term of office of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary shall be one (1) year as described in the By-Laws.
- D. The term of office for the Directors shall be two (2) years as described in the By-Laws.
- E. To qualify for Board membership, the individual must be a member of the Society in good standing. At no time shall any person hold more than one elected office; nor shall they serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in That same office except in the event there is no candidate for the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Membership Secretary. The person holding that office-even though having served two (2) consecutive terms-may again run for the office that he or she had previously held.

ARTICLE VI

Dissolution

In the event the Society becomes inactive or ceases to operate as may be determined by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the authorized members at an Annual Meeting, the Society shall be dissolved, and its assets are applied and distributed as follows:

- A. Upon the dissolution of the Society, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or Making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Society, dispose of all the assets of the Society exclusively for the purposes of the Society in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time, qualify as an exempt organization or organizations in section 501 (C) (3) Of the Internal Revenue Law, as the Board of Directors shall determine;
- B. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Lake County Circuit Court in which the principle purpose or to such organization or Organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated Exclusively for such purposes;
- C. No part of the assets held by the Society shall inure to the benefit of any member, Officer or Director of this Society.

ARTICLE VII

By-Laws

By-laws not consistent with this Constitution may be adopted by a majority vote of members present at an Annual Meeting as in accord with requirements as Provided in the By-laws

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present at an Annual Meeting and in accord with requirements of the By-laws; except that an amendment of Article Six (6) - Dissolution shall require a three-fourths (3/4) vote. No amendment shall alter substantially the general objects set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.

- A. Proposed amendments shall be read at one Annual Meeting and shall be voted upon at the following Annual Meeting.
- B. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing by mail to each member at least fourteen (14) days prior to presentation for reading and at least fourteen (14) days prior to presentation for vote.