

**BYLAWS OF THE  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE  
ADOPTED AS OF JULY 1, 2006**

**ARTICLE I – Name**

The name of this organization shall be “**Middlesex County Republican Committee**” here after called the “**County Committee**”.

**ARTICLE II – Organization**

The County Committee is organized under and governed by the “Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia”. No action of the County Committee or these Bylaws shall conflict with the State Party Plan, as amended from time to time; and to the extent that there shall be a conflict, the provisions of the State Party Plan shall prevail.

**ARTICLE III – Objectives**

The purpose of the County Committee is to promote and promulgate the principals of the Republican Party, to elect Republican candidates to public office, to assist generally the citizens composing the districts served by the County Committee and to assist elected Republican officials in the execution of their responsibilities.

**ARTICLE IV – Membership**

**SECTION A: Qualification:**

All legal and qualified voters, regardless of race, religion, color, national origin or sex, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, who reside in Middlesex County and are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and who express in open meeting, if requested, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election may participate as members of the Republican Party of Middlesex County in its Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, Conventions or Primaries in their respective election districts and are eligible for membership on the County Committee.

**SECTION B: Dues:**

Each member of the County Committee shall be required to pay reasonable annual dues. The annual dues shall be \$15.00 per individual or \$25.00 per couple.

**SECTION C: Composition:**

The County Committee shall consist of:

- (1) A Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer
- (2) Precinct Membership – The number of County Committee members from each precinct shall be determined on the basis of votes cast for a Republican candidate

in a recent election insofar as possible, but not less than one (1) member from each precinct.

- (3) At-Large Membership – Additional memberships may be created not to exceed 25% of the precinct membership.
- (4) Ex-officio Membership – All publicly elected Republican officials in Middlesex County shall be additional members of the County Committee.
- (5) Principles of equal distribution of membership between men and women as well as representation from all segments of the party is to be encouraged.

**SECTION D: Election:**

The Chairman of the County Committee shall be elected at the bi-annual Mass Meeting and will serve until the next bi-annual Mass Meeting or until a successor is selected or he leave office for other reasons.

The members and officers of the County Committee shall be elected at the first County Meeting after the bi-annual Mass Meeting. They shall hold office until the County Meeting following the next bi-annual Mass Meeting, or until successors are selected or they leave office for other reasons.

**SECTION E: Removal:**

The Chairman or any other officer or member of the County Committee may be removed from office, for cause, by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Committee, provided that such person shall be given thirty (30) days notice and the opportunity to appear and respond to any allegations.

**SECTION F: Appeal:**

Any person having been removed from the County Committee may appeal to the Executive Committee for reinstatement and such appeal may be granted for good and sufficient reasons.

**SECTION G: Vacancies:**

- (1) In the event of the death, resignation, removal or inability to act of the County Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties and call a special meeting of the County Committee to elect a new Chairman to fill the unexpired term.
- (2) Members may be elected to fill any vacancy at any regularly called meeting of the County Committee provided that notice of such existing vacancy shall be given with the call for meeting.

**ARTICLE V – Officers**

**SECTION A: General:**

The officers of the County Committee shall be:

- (1) Chairman
- (2) Vice-Chairman
- (3) Secretary
- (4) Treasurer

Provided; however, that no paid members of the campaign staffs or the Republican Party of Virginia shall be eligible to hold the office of Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

## **SECTION B: Duties of Officers:**

- (1) The Chairman shall be responsible for the general execution and implementation of the programs and policies of the County Committee, commensurate with achieving the goals of the Party Plan. In addition the Chairman shall:
  - (A) Call Mass Meetings for conventions in accordance with the Party Plan and preside over the same until a temporary organization is effected;
  - (B) Represent the County Committee on the Republican First District Committee;
  - (C) Convene the County Committee as necessary but no less than twice a year;
  - (D) Appoint two qualified persons to make an annual audit of the books and financial records of the County Committee.
- (2) The Vice-Chairman shall be in charge of programs and special projects as assigned by the Executive Committee and shall fill in for the Chairman as necessary.
- (3) The Secretary shall take minutes at all meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee and shall be custodian of same. The Secretary shall have available at all meetings copies of the Bylaws and Party Plan.
- (4) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping and disbursement of all County Committee funds. The Treasurer may distribute funds under the following conditions:
  - (A) By authority of the Executive Committee at a duly called meeting.
  - (B) Upon the authority of the Chairman or two other officers, The Treasurer may spend up to a total of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.

The Treasurer shall present at each County Committee meeting a report covering the period since the preceding meeting. The Treasurer shall also present an annual report to the Executive Committee at the end of each calendar year. The Treasurer shall deliver all official records to their successor within ten (10) days of the expiration of his/her term and shall also be a member of the Finance Committee.

## **ARTICLE VI – Meetings**

### **SECTION A: General:**

The County Committee shall meet at least semi-annually. The first meeting shall be the annual meeting. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairman or by petition of one-third of the members of the County Committee.

### **SECTION B: Notice:**

Meetings of the County Committee shall be held upon not less than seven (7) days notice to the membership.

### **SECTION C: Proxy:**

A member of the County Committee may be represented at any County Committee meeting by proxy, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) No individual may cast more than one vote at any meeting, which he attends.
- (2) Any person who acts as proxy for another must meet the qualifications for membership on the County Committee as stated in Article VII, Section A.2 of the State Party Plan.
- (3) All proxies shall be in writing, signed by the maker, to include name and address of maker and his proxy, date of meeting, date signed and signature of Witness with address.
- (4) Any proxy may be withdrawn by the Committee member giving it at any time prior to its exercise.

**SECTION D: Voting by Ballot:**

At an election where there is more than one candidate for County Committee office, the vote shall be taken by paper ballot accomplished by roll call of the membership.

**SECTION E: Quorum:**

The number of voting members present at a duly called meeting of the County Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**ARTICLE VII – Executive Committee**

**SECTION A: Membership:**

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- (1) Voting members:
  - (a) Chairman
  - (b) Vice-Chairman
  - (c) Activities Chairman
  - (d) Public Relations Chairman
  - (e) Legislative Chairman
  - (f) Secretary
  - (g) Treasurer
  - (h) Immediate Past Chairman (if still a resident of Middlesex County and a member of the County Committee)
  - (i) Chairman of Standing Committees
- (2) Non-voting members:
  - (a) Republican members of Planning Commission
  - (b) Republican members of Electoral Board
  - (c) All publicly elected Republican officials in Middlesex County.

**SECTION B: Duties:**

The Executive Committee shall carry on the business of the County Committee in conformity with the policies and programs of the Republican Party of Virginia. It shall have the general power to administer the affairs of the County Committee between business meetings and shall report its actions at the next County Committee meeting.

**SECTION C: Voting:**

The number of voting members of the Executive Committee in attendance at a duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**SECTION D: Meetings:**

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held monthly, insofar as practical.

**ARTICLE VIII – Committees**

**SECTION A: Standing Committees:**

There shall be the following Standing Committees, organized as necessity dictates by the County Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee:

- (1) Finance
- (2) Public Relations
- (3) Activities
- (4) Legislative
- (5) Nominating
- (6) Rules and Resolutions
- (7) Candidates
- (8) Organization

There may be such additional special committees as deemed advisable.

**SECTION B: Duties and Makeup:**

The duties and makeup of each committee shall be determined by the County Chairman and the Executive Committee with requirements for some Committees as follows:

- (1) The Finance Committee shall consist of a Finance Chairman, the Treasurer and at least one member of the County Committee from each Magisterial District, insofar as practical.
- (2) The Nomination Committee shall consist of at least one member from each Magisterial District, insofar as practical.

**ARTICLE IX – Construction**

The use of nouns and pronouns within these Bylaws shall be construed to denote either gender.

**ARTICLE X – Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those members of the County Committee who are present and voting at a duly called meeting; provided that a copy of such proposed amendments shall be provided along with the official notice of such meeting.