

KING'S GRANT COMMUNITY LEAGUE, INC.

**BY-LAWS**

(revisions proposed for 2024)

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this association is KING'S GRANT COMMUNITY LEAGUE (KGCL). The League is a non-profit, non-stock corporation incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is a tax-exempt organization has been duly qualified for and has been granted exemption under the Internal Revenue code, from Federal income taxes. Dues and other contributions to it are deductible for income tax purposes

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The object of the League shall be (a) to encourage and promote civil betterment of King's Grant through individual and united effort; ~~-(a) The League shall be non-sectarian and politically non-partisan in its activities. However, this shall not prohibit the League from taking a position on matters of general interest to residents of King's Grant.~~ (b) to maintain the residential character of the area, to resist applications for authority to use any property or properties in the King's Grant area for any purpose inconsistent with present zoning; and to resist applications for any adverse changes in such zoning; and; (c) to propose and work for public service projects in the King's Grant area which shall better serve the residents and property owners and will improve the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community. The League shall be non-sectarian and politically non-partisan in its activities. However, this shall not prohibit the League from taking a position on matters of general interest to residents of King's Grant.

In addition to the foregoing purposes with regard to the King's Grant area, it shall be the policy of the League to concern itself in activities which generally affect the welfare of the citizens of the City of Virginia Beach.

The League shall have no power to bind its members individually to any action or conclusion.

Officers and Directors of the League are volunteers and shall receive no salary or other compensation from the League for their service.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership. There shall be two classes of membership: Regular members and associate members.

(a) Eligibility Regular Members. All The adult residents of of households within King's Grant and its immediate environs, as it is shown on city plats shall be

eligible for membership as regular members. The Board of Directors defines the community boundaries for membership purposes. Regular members from eligible, dues-paying households

~~(b)~~

~~(a) Section 2 Active Members. (a) All residents of eligible, dues-paying households shall be allowed to participate at in recreational KGCL-sponsored activities. (b) All adult residents of eligible, dues-paying households shall be eligible to speak at annual and special meetings of the membership. (c) One or two adult members per eligible, dues-paying household shall, shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the membership, and shall receive the periodic League newsletter and other League correspondence. Each dues paying household shall be represented by two votes.~~

(b) Associate Members. The adult residents of households outside the League's membership boundaries who desire to support the League and households within the League's boundaries who do not want to otherwise participate in the League's management may join as Associate Members. Associate Members may participate in KGCL-sponsored activities and shall receive the League newsletter. Associate Members are not entitled to vote on League business matters or hold positions as Officers or Directors.

Section 23 Dues. Dues for the operating year for regular members and associate members are \$20.00 shall be set by the Board of Directors. Dues may not be raised by more than 10% over the previous year's dues. Annual dues for each household will be prescribed by the Board and are payable in advance by the October-February meeting of each year.

#### ARTICLE IV - OPERATING PERIOD

The League's operating year for all purposes including membership, fiscal, and terms of office, shall be that period beginning September-January 1st of each year and ending August-December 31st ~~the following of the same~~ year.

#### ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

The officers of the League shall be: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected by the members of the League and shall perform the duties prescribed by these By-Laws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the League.

#### ARTICLE VI - DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS

Section 1 President. The PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings of the League, the Board of Directors, and all other functions of the League and shall perform the duties of president as herein set out.

- (a) Shall be the chief executive officer and shall supervise all the affairs and activities of the League.
- (b) Shall appoint all committee chairmen with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- (c) Shall be an ex-officio member of the League committees with full rights and privileges and is to be advised whenever a committee is to meet.
- (d) Shall be ~~the senior~~ a voting representative of the League at all Council of Civic Organizations (CCO) or similar meetings, and; ~~shall also~~ appoint one additional voting representative who is an active KGCL member. plus two alternates to serve as the League's spokesmen at the CCO meetings. Appointments to be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- (e) The ~~senior~~ CCO representative ~~of the League and the appointed CCO representative~~ shall attend all CCO meetings when practicable, ~~shall~~ inform the League and the Board of Directors of all CCO activities, ~~of the CCO~~ and shall represent the League in all matters to come before the CCO. ~~The appointed CCO representative shall also serve as a voting member of the League's Board of Directors. The alternate CCO representatives shall perform the duties of the CCO representatives in the absence of the CCO representatives.~~
- (f) Shall submit a written plan of action with a schedule of events for the forthcoming year to the membership at the ~~October~~ February meeting over which he/she presides following ~~his~~ election. The plan of action shall include a proposed ~~balanced~~ budget prepared by the President, ~~Secretary~~ and Treasurer.
- (g) Shall represent the League within the community including City Council meetings and all other appropriate public occasions.
- (h) Shall appoint an auditing committee ~~during the month of May~~ which shall audit all accounts and records of the Treasurer, ~~Advertising, and Membership Directors.~~ The audit shall be conducted ~~during the month of August~~ at the conclusion of the League's operating year and is to be completed by ~~August 30th~~ the February meeting of members.

Section 2 First Vice President. The FIRST VICE PRESIDENT shall perform the duties of the President in his absence and shall perform the other duties as herein set out:

- (a) ~~(a)~~ Shall assist the President and; Treasurer, ~~and Secretary~~ in the preparation of the annual budget and shall assist the President in the preparation of the year's plan of action.

Section 3 Second Vice President. The SECOND VICE PRESIDENT shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and First Vice President and shall perform the other duties as herein set out:

- (a) Shall coordinate the Directors and shall sit as an ex-officio member on all committees.
- (b) Shall assist the President and; Treasurer ~~and Secretary~~ in the preparation of the annual budget and shall assist the President in the preparation of the year's plan of action.

Section 4 Secretary. The SECRETARY shall keep a record of Proceedings of all meetings of the League and the Board of Directors and shall perform the other duties as herein set out:

- (a) Shall prepare a written agenda for each membership meeting of the League, which shall be ~~included in the newsletter and~~ distributed to all members prior to each meeting.
- (b) Shall prepare ~~a written summary of the~~ minutes of each meeting of the league and of the Board of Directors which shall be ~~included in the newsletter and~~ distributed to all members at the next meeting.
- (c) Shall send out such notices to the membership as directed by the President. Shall handle all general correspondence and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President.
- (d) With the approval of the Board of Directors, shall have the power to appoint such Assistant Secretaries as may be necessary to efficiently carry out the foregoing duties of the office and may delegate duties to such Assistants as appropriate.
- (e) Shall ~~serve as the Historian of the League and~~ maintain ~~a current scrapbook containing~~ copies of all material with historical significance to the League and to include the newsletter.
- ~~(f) Shall assist the President and the Treasurer in the preparation of the annual proposed budget.~~
- ~~(g)~~ Shall at the end of his/her term ~~the annual operating period~~ deliver to the successor all records ~~scrapbook~~ and ~~any~~ other League documentation.

Section 5 Treasurer. The TREASURER shall receive and have custody of all monies of the League, which shall be deposited in the name of the League in depositories authorized by the Board of Directors, and shall perform the other duties as herein set out:

- (a) Shall keep accurate records showing all receipts and expenditures. The Treasurer may accept and make payments by electronic funds transfer.
- (b) Shall assist the President ~~and Secretary~~ in the preparation of the proposed budget and shall cause copies of it to be distributed to the membership at ~~least one week prior to the October-February~~ membership meeting.
- (c) Shall prepare and submit an oral report of the financial condition of the League at all membership meetings, with written copies of the report submitted to the President and Secretary.
- ~~(d) Shall be bonded at the expense of the League with a fidelity bond when the League's treasury exceeds \$10,000.00.~~
- ~~(e)~~ Shall pay out only for those items and those amounts approved for expenditure in the annual budget, however, with the concurrence of the President, is authorized to pay out League funds not exceeding \$50.00 per expenditure if payment is required for an item which is not approved in the annual budget. Any additional expenditure will require Board approval.
- ~~(e)~~ All withdrawals of the funds of the League shall have written authorization by the Treasurer or President.
- ~~(f)~~ Shall immediately upon the end of the operating fiscal year prepare a statement showing all financial transactions of the League during the preceding fiscal year,

copies of which shall be submitted to all members of the newly elected Board of Directors, and shall forthwith deliver to the successor, all accounts, records, statements, invoices, and any other record of property of the League in his/her custody. Shall assist in an audit of all records and accounts at conclusion of his/her term during August by an auditing committee appointed by the President in accordance with Section 1(h).

(gh) All reimbursements will require a receipt for the expenditure.

## ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1 Term of Office. Election of Officers and Directors shall be held ~~at the bi-annually meeting in May~~October. The Officers and Directors shall be elected to serve ~~for a two years term. or until their successors are elected and assume office. The Directors shall be elected to serve for two years or until their successors are elected and assume office, except that five of the nine Directors to be elected for the fiscal year beginning September 1st, shall be elected to serve a two year term in order to provide staggered terms of office to the end that one half of the Directors shall be subject to election each year.~~

~~All~~The terms of office shall begin on the 1st day of ~~September~~January. The period between the election and commencement of office will provide the new officers with an opportunity to become familiar with their duties.

Section 2 Nominations. ~~At the membership meeting held on the third Thursday in March, the~~The President shall appoint ~~a chairman and the League membership shall elect two additional members who together shall form~~ a Nominating Committee. ~~It shall be the duty of this Committee~~ to prepare a recommended slate of Officers and Directors, as applicable, for the elections to be held at the ~~May~~October meeting. The Nominating Committee shall report the names of its candidates at the ~~April~~September Board of Directors Meeting. Additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted at the ~~May~~October meeting. The list of nominations will be published in the announcement for the ~~May~~October meeting.

Section 3 Order of Elections. Officers and Directors shall be elected in the following order:

1. President
2. First Vice President
3. Second Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Directors

A vote shall not be taken for the next office until the winner of the preceding election shall have been ascertained. Should there be no nominations from the floor, the slate of candidates offered by the Nominating Committee may be voted as a whole.

Section 4 Election of Officers. For the election of officers, the candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for each office shall be declared elected, but if no candidate receives a majority, then successive ballots shall be cast with the candidate receiving the least number of votes on each ballot being dropped from the ballot on each successive ballot until one candidate receives a majority.

Section 5 Election of Directors. For the election of Directors other than Officers, each active member present shall be entitled to cast one vote for each directorship to be filled. The candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. In case ~~that of~~ a tie shall prevent determination of all elected on the first ballot, successive ballots shall be cast for the candidates who are tied until the required number of Directors are elected.

Section 6 Vacant Office. Any vacant office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors. Any Officer or Director who is absent for three consecutive Board meetings shall be deemed to have vacated his office subject to review by the Board.

## ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 Composition. The Officers of the League, immediate past President, and ~~not more than nine-six~~ not Directors, shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2 Responsibilities of the Board. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the League between its business meetings, shall make recommendations to the League, shall fill all vacancies arising between elections, shall be responsible for the care and insuring of League property (including reasonable liability insurance) and shall perform such duties as are specified in these By-Laws.

All actions of the Board shall be subject to the approval of the League and none of its acts shall conflict with prior action taken by the League. This shall not prohibit the Board of Directors from taking any emergency action it deems appropriate and necessary, provided said emergency action shall be reported to the League at the next membership meeting.

Section 3 Board Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at least ~~bi-~~ monthly. Special meetings of the board may be called by the President or shall be called upon the written request of any five members of the Board. Each Board member shall be notified of the time and place of each Board meeting by the Secretary at least five days in advance.

Section 4 Quorum. One half of the members of the Board of Directors at any Board meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5 Responsibilities of Individual Directors. ~~Each of the nine~~ Directors shall be assigned by the President to be responsible for one or more of the standing committees,

hereinafter identified, and shall report ~~directly to the Second Vice President~~ to the Board of Directors concerning the activities of the committee.

## ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

Section 1 Regular Meetings. The regular meetings of the League shall be held on the third Thursday, if possible, of ~~October,~~ February, ~~and~~ May ~~and~~ October.

### Section 2 Organizational Meeting

(a) A regular meeting of the membership shall be held during the month of October each year for the purpose of receiving annual reports of the President and the Treasurer and transacting such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

(b) The notice of the ~~May~~ October meeting shall be provided to all King's Grant residents at least two weeks prior to the meeting date. The notice shall also include the names of candidates for election of Officers and/or Board members nominated by the Nominating Committee.

(c) Active members who wish to have business presented at the meetings shall notify the Secretary, in writing, no later than two weeks before a regularly scheduled meeting.

(d) In all meetings a plurality of those present and voting, provided a quorum is present, shall govern. In the event of a tie, the presiding officer shall vote.

(e) Order of Business:

1) Call to Order, ~~2) Invocation,~~ ~~3)~~ Pledge of Allegiance, ~~3) Introduction of invited guests,~~ 4) Approval of minutes, ~~5) Program,~~ ~~6) President's report,~~ ~~7)~~ Treasurer's report, ~~6) Program,~~ ~~7) Remarks by designated guests,~~ ~~8) Reports of Officers,~~ ~~9) Reports of Committees,~~ ~~10)~~ Unfinished business, ~~10)~~ Election of Officers, ~~11)~~ New Business, ~~12)~~ Adjournment.

### Section 3 Special Meetings.

(a) Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Board. Also, upon written request to the Secretary of not less than ten percent (10%) of the voting members, stating the purpose therefore, a special meeting shall be called by the President. Two-weeks written notice of the meeting and its purpose shall be sent to the members.

(b) The Secretary, in the written notice of a special meeting, will state the topic. No other business shall be transacted.

### Section 4 Voting

(a) One or two adults ~~household member per membership in the~~ household of a regular member shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the membership, subject to the provisions of Article III (~~M~~membership), Sections ~~1 and 2.~~

(b) Each regular member household may cast two votes provided both members or their proxy are present.

Section 5 Quorum. ~~Ten percent (10%) of the voting (current dues paying) members must be present in person or by proxy (Article IX, Section 6) to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting except for a meeting for the purpose of amending the By-Laws, at which at least twenty percent (20%) of the membership must be present in person or by proxy (Article IX, Section 5)~~

Attendance by the number of voting-eligible persons equal to ten percent (10%) of the regular member households, either in person or by proxy (Article IX, Section 6), shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting except for a meeting for the purpose of amending the By-Laws, at which attendance by the number of voting-eligible persons equal to at least twenty percent (20%) of the regular member households must be present in person or by proxy (Article IX, Section 6).

If less than a quorum is in attendance for any meeting, no League business may be conducted; however, other non-business items on the agenda such as the evening's program may continue. ~~If a such meeting must adjourn to a subsequent date determined by the Board of Directors not later than two weeks following the adjourned quorum-less meeting. If such meeting is adjourned,~~ a notice in accordance with this Article, Section 2 shall be sent to the membership. Such notice shall contain (1) statement of purpose, (2) a statement that the previous meeting adjourned for lack of a quorum, and (3) the date, time and place of the next meeting.

Section 6 Proxy. A proxy may be utilized to obtain the requisite number of votes necessary to conduct the business at a meeting of the League. ~~Active-Regular~~ members may constitute and appoint, in writing ~~by use of a Proxy mailing card~~ another active regular member representative for and in the name, place and stead of the voting member, to vote as the proxy of the absent member. The representative would be entitled to act upon all questions and matters which may properly come before such specified meeting as if the absent voting member were personally present. A proxy form will be included ~~with on all the~~ announcements of a regular meetings. A member may also assign their representative (proxy) by addressing an email to the Board of Directors that clearly states who will serve as their representative.

## ARTICLE X COMMITTEES

### Section 1 Listing of Committees.

1. Newsletter
2. Publicity/Public Relations
3. Zoning
4. Social
5. Membership/~~Circulation~~
6. Grounds/Maintenance
7. By-Laws
8. ~~Ways and Means~~ Seton House Liaison
9. ~~Ways and Means~~ Seton Youth Services Liaison



## Section 2. Responsibilities of Committees

- (a) The Newsletter Committee is responsible for the preparation and publication of the newsletters. The committee will also procure advertisements for the League's newsletter.
- (b) The Publicity/Public Relations committee shall be responsible for ensuring that all activities of the League, including, but not limited to, election of officers and subjects or programs of general membership meetings, are reported to the local news media. This committee shall also obtain and prepare the site for the regular membership meetings (including sufficient chairs, podium and microphone), shall obtain an interesting and timely speaker when directed by the President, and display signs in the King's Grant area announcing the meetings of that day.
- (c) The Zoning Committee shall be responsible for informing the League of all proposed zoning actions, proposed use permit and general planning affecting the residents of the King's Grant area. The committee shall ensure that the League is adequately represented at all city government functions which affect the interests of the members. The committee shall present the League's official position only as authorized and instructed by the membership.
- (d) The Social Committee shall be responsible for all social activities of the League and for refreshments at League meetings. All social functions of the League shall be financially self-supporting or as approved by the Board of Directors
- (e) The Membership Committee shall be responsible for the annual membership drive ~~to be held in the fall. It shall invite all new arrivals in the area to join the League by way of the newsletter and personal visitation.~~ It shall maintain an accurate current roster of all members and distribute same to all officers and committee chairmen. It shall, also, implement a plan to ensure that the newsletter is delivered in a timely manner to each dues paying household.
- (f) The Grounds/Maintenance Committee shall be responsible for the maintenance of League property; for the upkeep and maintenance of all public areas throughout the community; for coordinating projects with local garden clubs; and for all other items affecting the appearance of the King's Grant area.
- (g) The By-Laws Committee shall be responsible for interpreting the By-Laws to members; recommending revisions to the By-Laws and processing By-Law revisions recommended by members.
- (h) The Ways and Means Committee ~~shall act as the area welcome wagon. It will also procure advertisements and other forms of financial assistance for the League. shall recommend changes to annual membership dues and procure other forms of financial support for the League.~~
- (i) Seton House Youth Services ~~Liaison is on the Board of Directors for Seton House representing the Kings Grant Community League and~~ shall keep the League apprised of any proposed actions by Seton House Youth Services that would affect the King's Grant area and shall be the League's agent to address any membership concerns regarding the Seton Youth Services activities. This position shall exist so long as Seton operates youth shelters in the community.

## ARTICLE XI PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained the current edition of ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern the League in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order the League may adopt.

Decisions relating to the conduct of business of the League shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present, except as shall otherwise be provided for in these By-Laws or in ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED.

#### ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

(a) These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the League ~~by at least twenty (20%) percent of the voting (current dues paying) members who present themselves in person or by proxy (Article IX, Section 6)~~ if the quorum required in Article IX, Section 5 is established provided that notice of said amendment has been properly sent (Article IX, Section 2-e).

(b) Any question as to the meaning or proper interpretation of any of the provisions of these or amended By-Laws shall be resolved by the Board and the By-Laws Committee.

#### ARTICLE XIII – NOTICES

Whenever, in these By-Laws, notice to active members is required, the mailing (by postal service or email) of such notice to the address shown on the records of the League for the members shall constitute such notice.

#### ARTICLE XIV - EFFECTIVE DATE

These By-Laws shall become effective upon approval by the Membership.

#### ARTICLE XV – DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the League, the assets thereof, after payment of or provision for all just debts and expenses, shall be distributed to such non-profit civic or charitable organization or organizations of the city of Virginia Beach as the Board of Directors may designate.