

[Precinct Name] Committee of Safety Bylaws

[Precinct CoS Name = County, Precinct Number]

Adopted by <Precinct CoS>: <DATE>

PREAMBLE

The [Precinct Name] Committee of Safety shall be a non-partisan representative body of [Precinct Name]. It shall strive to secure and maintain the Safety and good Welfare of the People of the Precinct through promotion of, and adherence to, the principles of Liberty of the American Constitutional Republic, their only and true Form of Government. To this end, the Committee shall foster efforts to educate the People concerning the American Constitution and other Founding Documents, in order to increase awareness of the exceptional nature of America's Founding, its special and republican Form of government, which is the Birthright of the native-born and the cherished privilege of the naturalized citizen. The Committee shall work with other elected bodies and officials within [County Name] County in order to promote and ensure adherence to the principles of the American Constitutional Republic, as well as all underlying principles of Liberty, the aim of which is to promote the Good and restrain the Evil within our society. To this end, the Committee will work with elected officials such as the County Sheriff, County Commissioners, County Clerk, city officials, and others. The Committee shall work to maintain or restore Law and Order in the absence or failure of regular or sufficient County law enforcement. The [Precinct Name] Committee of Safety has adopted the following Bylaws to guide its conduct in carrying out the business of the Committee.

ARTICLE I – ORGANIZATION OF PRECINCT COMMITTEE OF SAFETY

Section 1 – COMPOSITION –

The Precinct Committee of Safety is composed of Three (3) Precinct Committeepersons elected at the Precinct Election.

Section 2 – OFFICERS –

The officers of the Precinct Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, and the Treasurer (who also serves as the Secretary).

Section 3 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS –

A. Chairperson – The Chairperson shall preside at all Precinct Committee meetings, and will serve as Chairperson of the Executive Committee and will serve as ex-officio member of all standing, special, and ad-hoc committees of the Precinct Committee. The Chairperson shall have the authority to temporarily suspend proceedings, recess and reconvene the Assembly, and clear the meeting of all persons other than those legally entitled to be present.

B. Vice-Chairperson – In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside at all Precinct Committee meetings, and assume those functions of the Chairperson in the conduct of normal business. The Chairperson shall be considered to be absent whenever outside the boundaries of the Precinct [Precinct Name] for more than 72 hours or when notice of intended absence is given to the Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall perform such other duties that may be delegated by the Chairperson.

C. Secretary – The Secretary shall maintain a permanent record of all regular, special, and executive meetings and assemblies; shall maintain a permanent correspondence file relating to the business of the Precinct Committee; maintain a file of the State election laws, County election laws, rules and policies of the County Clerk, current precinct boundary descriptions, rules of the Precinct Committee, rules of the County Committee of Safety, Precinct Committee Elections information and results; and such other records as designated by the Precinct Chairperson. The Secretary shall serve as Clerk for Elections, and may serve as Registrar or may designate a member of the Precinct Committee of the Whole to serve as such. Normally it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify the members of the Committee of meetings, assemblies, and other information as appropriate.

D. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall have custody and responsibility for all funds of the Precinct Committee, including all donation and levy funds collected by the Committee. The Treasurer shall be prepared to render a current report of all receipts and expenditures at each REGULAR MEETING. The Treasurer is authorized to expend funds for normal housekeeping expenses, not to exceed \$125.00, without prior approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 4 – REMOVAL OF OFFICERS – Unless sooner removed, Officers shall serve until their successors are elected pursuant to the laws of the State of [State Name] and the Rules of The [Precinct CoS Name] Committee of Safety. An officer deemed unwilling to perform the duties required by these bylaws and by the rules of the [County Name] County Committee of Safety may be removed from office by a vote of the other 2 Officers, **plus** a 75% vote of registered members of the Precinct Committee of the Whole present for the vote. No officer shall continue to serve when they are no longer a resident of the Precinct [Precinct Name].

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

There shall be Five (5) types of Meetings of the [Precinct Name] Precinct Committee of Safety. They are:

ELECTION
ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY
SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON
SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY PETITION
REGULAR MEETING

Section 1 – ELECTION –

An ELECTION shall be held in order to elect Three (3) Committeepersons and One (1) Delegate from the Precinct. A minimum of a Thirty (30) day notice shall be given to the Precinct, announced and disseminated in a reasonable fashion such that the People of the Precinct may be properly notified. The First Election should be called by a group of People from the Precinct who are seeking to set up a Committee. This is typically done through a Formation Meeting Assembly called by the People themselves (self-initiated).

Once the Committee is Elected, the next Regular Election shall be held in Six (6) Months. The following Regular Election shall be held in Six (6) Months. The next Regular Election shall be held in One (1) Year, with all subsequent Elections being held at Two (2) Year Intervals. Thus, the Term of Committeepersons shall be: Six (6) months for the first year of the Committee, One (1) year for the second year of the Committee, and Two (2) years the third year of the Committee and thereafter. The purpose of this is to allow the People of the Precinct to make any changes they deem necessary early in the life of the elected body more easily than were the standard Two (2) year terms established from the start. The exception to this timeline is if the County Committee of Safety preexists the Precinct Committee OR if the County Committee of Safety is Organized during the first Two (2) years of the existence of the Precinct Committee. Once the County Committee is Organized, all Precincts within the County shall align their Elections and Terms of Office to that of the County Committee. The Precinct Delegate, who serves as County Committeeperson for the County Committee of Safety, serves the same Term of Office as the Precinct Committeepersons (and the other County Committeepersons).

The ELECTION shall be run in an open and transparent fashion, in accordance with American principles and tradition.

VOTERS shall live within the Precinct, shall be eligible to vote within the County, shall be American Nationals, citizens of [STATE NAME] State, and shall provide documentation proving the above. The Registrar may also have the voter sign a sworn Affidavit attesting to the truth of their eligibility, as well as their complete commitment to the American Constitutional Republic.

CANDIDATES for Committeeperson and Delegate must be eligible to vote in the Precinct, must be residents of the Precinct, and will be required to swear an Oath to the United States Constitution. They will be expected to abide by and promote all of the principles of Liberty (see Preamble to this document).

The ELECTION shall be conducted under the direction of the Clerk using Paper ballots, a ballot box, trained poll workers, and trained observers. For the first election, the Formation Assembly (see above) shall name a temporary Clerk to run the election. After the Committee is elected, the Secretary shall serve as the Clerk, as noted in Article I, Section 3 above. VOTERS must be present to vote. There shall be no absentee voting and no proxy voting. ELECTION RESULTS shall be certified by the Clerk, with witnesses attesting thereto, and shall be publicly posted.

Section 2 – ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY –

An ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY shall be held after the Clerk certifies the Election Results, and within 10 days of the Election; for the purpose of seating the elected Committeepersons, and electing Officers. The Chairperson may choose to set up subcommittees at the Organizing Assembly, or may call a SPECIAL MEETING at a later date for this purpose.

A. QUORUM – All 3 Committeepersons, the Delegate, plus Twenty-Five percent (25%) of the number of Voters who cast a ballot in the Election shall be required for a quorum at the ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY.

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – The election of the officers shall be the first order of business at the ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY, with the election of the Chairperson being taken up first. Those present shall then elect the Vice-Chairperson. The remaining Committeeperson shall serve as the Treasurer / Secretary.

1. OFFICERS – The officers of the [Precinct Name] Precinct Committee of Safety shall consist of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, and the Treasurer / Secretary.

2. QUALIFICATIONS – Officers must be elected Precinct Committeemen. The Delegate cannot serve as an officer.

3. NOMINATIONS – At the ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY all nominations for the election of officers shall come from the elected Committeepersons and Delegate. Seconding nominations may come from the floor of the present Committee of the Whole.

4. NOMINATING SPEECHES – Nominating speeches at the ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY shall be limited to Two (2) speeches for each nominee and each of such speeches not to exceed Two (2) minutes in time. Nominating speeches may be given by any eligible voter at the meeting. Seconding nominations shall be by a simple statement of "I second the nomination of..." or the equivalent thereof.

5. VOTING – The right to vote in the ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY shall be limited to those eligible as stated above (Article II, Section 1).

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6. PROXY OR ABSENTEE VOTING – All voters must be present to cast votes. Proxy or Absentee voting is not allowed.

7. BALLOT TYPE – When more than one candidate is nominated for an office, election to that office shall be by secret ballot.

8. VOTE REQUIREMENT – A simple majority of the eligible Precinct voters present is required for the election of officers.

9. THE MANNER OF COUNTING – In the event that a secret ballot is required, the Precinct Chairperson will select Three (3) individuals to count the ballots. In the event that the vote to be counted is for the election of the Chairperson, the Election Clerk (who ran the Precinct Election) shall select the Three (3) individuals to count the ballots. None of the Three (3) selected may be nominated in the election for which they are counting ballots. Counting shall be done openly, and observers are allowed. Any voting-eligible member of the Precinct present may observe the ballot counting.

10. TIE VOTES – In the event of a tie, a second vote shall be taken. If the second vote also results in a tie, the result shall be decided by a single coin flip.

11. OATH OF OFFICE – The Elections Clerk shall administer the Oath of Office for the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall administer the Oath of Office to the other 2 Officers, the Delegate, and any members of Committees subsequently appointed, whether at the ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY or at future Meetings. See Article IX for the text of the Oath of Office.

Section 3 – SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON –

A SPECIAL MEETING may be called at the discretion of the Precinct Chairperson when deemed necessary by the Chairperson to consider urgent business concerning the Precinct Committee. Notice of a SPECIAL MEETING of the Precinct Committee, with details of the purpose for that SPECIAL MEETING, shall be given in writing not less than Four (4) days in advance of the Meeting.

A. QUORUM – All 3 Committeepersons, plus Ten percent (10%) of the number of Voters who cast a ballot in the Election shall be required for a quorum at a SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON.

B. VOTING – The right to vote in the SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON shall be limited to the Precinct Committeepersons. These persons shall also be allowed to originate motions and move nominations. There shall be no proxy voting. Any ballot type may be used, at the discretion of the Chairperson. At the discretion of the Chairperson, and with the consent of the other Officers present, a vote on a matter may be opened up to eligible Precinct Voters present at the meeting. In these cases, typically a voice vote is the method used.

Section 4 – SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY PETITION –

Upon receipt of a written petition signed by 1/3 of the number of eligible Voters who cast a ballot in the Election requesting a SPECIAL MEETING, the Precinct Chairperson shall, within Ten (10) days, and upon not less than Four (4) days’ notice, call a meeting of the Precinct Committee as requested by the petition. The PETITION FOR SPECIAL MEETING shall specifically detail the purpose for which the SPECIAL MEETING is being called. Any SPECIAL MEETING called by Petition shall follow the Rules in Article II, Section 3.

Section 5 – REGULAR MEETING –

REGULAR MEETINGS shall be held at a time and place to be designated by the Precinct Committee. Notice of meetings shall be given at least Four (4) days in advance of the date of the meeting.

A. ORDER OF BUSINESS – The order of business at a duly called REGULAR MEETING of the [Precinct Name] Precinct Committee of Safety should include the following:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum
5. Reading of Minutes
6. Treasurer’s Report
7. Subcommittee Reports
8. Old Business
9. Programs and/or Special Guests
10. New Business
11. Announcements
12. Adjournment

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B. ROLL CALL – The Secretary shall call the roll of the members of the Precinct Committee at each meeting. The Secretary shall keep the records of the roll call and the official minutes of previous meetings in a binder and shall make them available to the Precinct Committee members at each meeting. The Secretary shall also post these records to the Precinct Committee website or other website or bulletin board publicly accessible to the People of the Precinct.

C. QUORUM – 2 of the 3 Committeepersons, plus Ten percent (10%) of the number of Voters who cast a ballot in the Election shall be required for a quorum at a REGULAR MEETING of the Precinct Committee.

D. VOTING – The right to vote in the REGULAR MEETINGS shall be limited to the Precinct Committeepersons. These persons shall also be allowed to originate motions and move nominations. There shall be no proxy voting. Any ballot type may be used, at the discretion of the Chairperson. At the discretion of the Chairperson, and with the consent of the other Officers present, a vote on a matter may be opened up to eligible Precinct Voters present at the meeting. In these cases, typically a voice vote is the method used.

ARTICLE III – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 1 – AMENDMENTS –

Additions and amendments to these bylaws may be adopted by the affirmative vote of all 3 Precinct Committeepersons, plus an affirmative vote of 2/3rds of eligible voters in attendance at any properly convened meeting or assembly of the Precinct Committee, provided that a quorum of 1/3 of the number of Voters who cast a ballot in the Election shall be present.

Section 2 – NOTICE OF AMENDMENT –

The Secretary shall provide written copies of suggested additions or amendments to the Bylaws to all members of the Precinct Committee at least Ten (10) days in advance of the vote on such additions or amendments. The Secretary shall also make written or digital copies of such additions or amendments available to the People of the Precinct in a reasonably accessible fashion, such as on a website or bulletin board.

Section 3 – CONFLICTS –

Should changes occur in the laws of the State of Idaho, the laws or rules of the County, the rules or the bylaws of the County Committee of Safety, or the rules or the bylaws of the State Committee of Safety, which changes create conflicts with these bylaws, the Precinct Chairperson shall call a meeting of the Precinct Committee to review those changes and to make appropriate amendments as necessary. The changes identified by the Committee shall follow the normal amendment process as outlined in this Article of the bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – STANDING COMMITTEES –

For approval by the Precinct Committee, the Precinct Committee Chairperson shall nominate a chairperson and such other members as deemed necessary to the following standing committees: Correspondence (and Investigation), Volunteers, Inspection, Finance, and Program (and Education). Committee Chairpersons or Members need not be Precinct Committeepersons, but must be eligible to vote in Precinct Elections (Committee of the Whole). Though the above named are considered Standing Committees, they may be left vacant at the discretion of the Precinct Committee (typically for lack of willing members for the subcommittees).

Section 2 – SPECIAL COMMITTEES –

The Chairperson may appoint, on a temporary basis, special committees as may be necessary for the administration of the business of the Precinct Committee.

Section 3 – DUTIES –

The duties of all committees shall be designated by the Precinct Chairperson and subject to the review of said Chairperson.

Section 4 – PRECINCT DELEGATE –

The Precinct Delegate is elected to represent the Precinct as a County Committeeperson on the County Committee of Safety. In the event there is no organized County Committee, the Delegate serves as the Chairperson of an Outreach Committee, the purpose of which is to encourage other Precincts to organize Committees.

ARTICLE V – EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

Section 1 – APPROVAL –

Expenditure of funds other than regulated by Article I, Section 3, D, of this document shall be authorized by the Precinct Committee, by 2/3 of the Committeepersons, provided a quorum for the Meeting is present. Expenditure of funds by the Executive Committee is described in Article VI, Section 3 of this document.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 – COMPOSITION –

The Executive Committee shall consist of the 3 Precinct Committeepersons. In the event there is no organized County Committee of Safety, the Precinct Delegate shall serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee. The Precinct Committee Chairperson may call meetings of the Executive Committee at the Chairperson's discretion.

Section 2 – QUORUM –

A Quorum shall consist of all 3 Precinct Committeepersons.

Section 3 – EMERGENCY ACTION –

The Executive Committee shall have the power to act for the Precinct Committee of Safety when matters arise that are so urgent as to preclude the calling of a SPECIAL Precinct Committee Meeting. Expenditure of funds by the Executive Committee other than regulated by Article I, Section 3, D, of this document shall be authorized by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee (2 of the 3 Committeepersons). All actions of the Executive Committee under such circumstances should be subject to review and either ratification or disavowal by members of the Precinct's Committee of the Whole present at the next REGULAR Meeting of the Precinct Committee of Safety. However, at the discretion of the Chairperson certain actions may be deemed too sensitive for immediate disclosure. Such secrecy should only be used in extreme circumstance and with much caution and judicious approach. The Committee must remember that it, and its members, are accountable to the People and to God for their actions.

ARTICLE VII – VACANCIES

Section 1 – VACANCY DEFINED –

A vacancy occurs when a Precinct Committee of Safety Committeeperson, Delegate, or subcommittee Member makes their resignation known to the Chairperson through letter, email, or otherwise, or upon the death or relocation of the Precinct Committee Member outside of [Precinct Name] Precinct.

Section 2 – NOTIFICATION –

When the Chairperson learns of a vacancy, the Chairperson shall notify the Vice-Chairperson and the Secretary within Forty-Eight (48) hours. The Secretary shall notify the Precinct Committee of the Whole within Ten (10) days of the next Precinct Committee Meeting. Such notifications will be made via email, website, bulletin board, or other reasonable means.

Section 3 – INTERIM APPOINTMENTS –

When vacancies occur in the Precinct Committee, including the Delegate, the Chairperson may fill such vacancies by appointing qualified persons to act on a temporary basis until the next meeting of the Committee, where they will be permanently filled as described in Article VII, Section 4.

- A.** Precinct Committeepersons or Delegates appointed in an interim capacity by the Chairperson shall have all of the authority and responsibility of regularly elected Precinct Committeepersons or Delegates, except that they shall not be allowed to vote in any meeting or assembly until the Precinct Committee of Safety duly elects them.
- B.** The Chairperson shall call for nominations to permanently fill such vacancies at the next meeting of the Precinct Committee of Safety.
- C.** If a vacancy is not filled, the Chairperson shall continue to call for nominations at each REGULAR MEETING until the position is filled.

Section 4 – ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES –

An election to fill the vacancy will be held at the next meeting of the Precinct Committee of Safety.

A. Such election will be governed by the procedure set out in Article II, Section 2, B, with the exception that the Quorum requirement will be all remaining Committeepersons and Delegate, plus Twenty-Five percent (25%) of the number of Voters who cast a ballot in the Election.

B. Nominees to fill vacancies must be eligible to vote in the Precinct, as set out in Article II, Section 1.

C. The Secretary shall notify the Precinct Committee of the Whole, by the usual means, of the election of the new Precinct Committeeperson within Ten (10) days.

Section 5 – PRECINCT CHAIRPERSON –

Should a vacancy arise in the office of the Precinct Chairperson, by reason of resignation, death, or otherwise, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume all duties of the Chairperson and, within Thirty (30) days after giving at least Seven (7) days' notice, shall call the Precinct Committee for the purpose of electing a new Precinct Committeeperson.

A. Such election will be governed by the procedure set out in Article II, Section 2, B, with the exception that the Quorum will be Both remaining Committeepersons, plus Twenty-Five percent (25%) of the number of Voters who cast a ballot in the Election.

ARTICLE VIII – MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1 – PARLIAMENTARIAN –

The Precinct Chairperson shall appoint a parliamentarian to advise on interpretation of the rules and procedures in this document and to resolve questions, when necessary, on matters of parliamentary procedure.

Section 2 – ROBERT'S RULES –

The current edition of ***Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised*** shall govern this organization in all cases in which they are applicable, and when they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of this organization.

ARTICLE IX – OATH OF OFFICE

"I, [FULL NAME], do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."