

BY-LAWS
Middle Township Chamber of Commerce

ARTICLE I
Name and Object

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Chamber of Commerce of Middle Township, Inc. The official mailing address shall be Post Office Box 6, Cape May Court House, New Jersey 08210.

Section 2. The Chamber of Commerce of Middle Township, Inc. is organized to foster a greater spirit of cooperation among the businesses of Middle Township and to bring about by our cooperative efforts a great benefit to the whole of Middle Township.

Section 3. The Chamber of Commerce of Middle Township, Inc does not discriminate in its membership or programs on the basis of age, sex, race, color or national origin and shall take no part in or lend its influence to the election or appointment of any candidate for office in city, county, state or nation.

Section 4. No officer or director of the Chamber of Commerce of Middle Township, Inc shall in his/her capacity as an officer or director of the Chamber of commerce of Middle Township, Inc give his/her official endorsement as such officer or director, of any person or of any proposition until it has first been passed upon by the members at a Board of Directors meeting thereof called on due notice to all members

Article II
Membership

Section 1. There shall be the following types of membership. (1) Individual (non-business): (2) Governmental: (3) Commercial; (4) Honorary or Life: (5) Organizations (such as trade and professional associations) and (6) Non-Profit Organizations.

Section 2. All Trade and Professional organizations whose object it is to better Middle Township shall be entitled to membership as a group; each such organization shall be entitled to a maximum of one representative to membership meetings.

Section 3. No organization formed for political partisan purpose shall be admitted in the organization of club membership category.

Section 4. Individual membership – any person of good standing in his/her community and of good character, who wishes to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Middle Township, Inc. shall be entitled to admission so long as he or she believed in and will sponsor the objects of the Chamber of Commerce of Middle Township, Inc.

Section 5. Members distinguished in public affairs shall be eligible for honorary and /or life membership. Honorary membership shall include all privileges of active members, with exception of payment of dues. Election to honorary membership shall require the affirmative vote of the Board of Directors. An honorary membership may be revoked by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Applications for membership shall be made in writing to the Board of Directors and the application shall be regarded as a guarantee on the part of the applicant of his interest and sympathy with the purposes of the Chamber, and of his adherence, if elected, to its By-Laws, rules and regulations. Election to membership shall require the affirmative vote of the Board of Directors and membership not sooner than three (3) days from the date of the application.

Section 7. CENSURE: Any member of the Chamber found guilty of any illegal, or unethical practice, may be censured or suspended following a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors, of those in attendance at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE III
Dues

Section 1. Annual dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors

Section 2. Members whose dues are not paid within 90 days of billing shall be notified by the Treasurer that their membership privileges will be suspended.

ARTICLE IV
Meetings

Section 1. The Board of Directors may provide for holding general membership and special meetings whenever it may be considered necessary or desirable. However, one general membership meeting must be held each fiscal year.

Section 2. Notice of both regular and special meetings shall be given to each member in person, via email or by mailing notice to the last known post office address at least five (5) days in advance of the day of the meeting.

Section 3. At all general membership meetings, 5% of the membership in good standing shall be in attendance to constitute a quorum (a majority vote of those present is required to act on any measure).

ARTICLE V
Board of Directors

Section 1. The Government of the Chamber, the direction of its work and the control of its property shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of no less than nine (9) and no more than twenty-four (24) of which there should be three (3) for one term, three (3) for two year term and three(3) for three year term.

Section 2. A majority of the Board of Directors would constitute a quorum at any meeting and majority vote of those present is required to act on any measure.

Section 3. The Board of Directors should meet at least once a month year round at such record time and place as will be determined by them. If a director had 50% or less attendance in one year, he or she shall be subject to removal from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI
Nominations & Appointments

Section 1. A nominating committee of not less than two (2) members shall be formed to nominate from the members of the Chamber, Board of Directors when there are vacancies on the Board to be filled.

Section 2. The nominating committee shall make its report at the monthly meeting prior to the date set for election. On the date when the nominations are presented and also on the date when the vote is taken, any member of the Chamber of Commerce of Middle Township, Inc may submit the name of any candidate he chooses and such nominations must be considered with those submitted by the nominating committee, by all members.

Section 3. During a general meeting the nominees for board of directors will be presented to the general membership. A 2/3 majority vote is required to elect members of the board of directors.

Section 5. Vacancies on the Board of Directors occurring after election and during the fiscal year shall be filled by appointment by the president, for the balance of the fiscal year, in which the vacancy occurred.

In the event the term extends past the fiscal year in which the vacancy occurred, the nomination committee will submit a name to be placed in nomination for election by the general membership at the General Election and said election shall be for the balance of the term of the original director's position.

ARTICLE VII Officers

Section 1. Within ten (10) days after the annual election, the directors shall meet and elect officers for the ensuing year; a president, vice president, recording secretary and treasurer. All of the said officers must be members of the Board of Directors except the treasurer's position which only needs to be a member in good standing.

The officer's term shall commence with the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the annual election meeting and terminate the following year in the same manner. Officer terms shall not exceed (3) consecutive terms. No elected official will be allowed to serve the Middle Twp Chamber of Commerce in the capacity of an officer while in office.

Section 2. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Chamber and Board of Directors, and perform all duties incident to this office. He/She shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint all committees and he/she shall be ex-officio member of all committees. He/She shall, at the annual meeting of the Chamber, and at such other times as he/she may deem proper, commend to the membership of the Board of Directors such matters and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the prosperity and increase the usefulness of the Chamber.

Section 3. The vice president shall act as president in the absence of the president and exercise all duties and powers that the president could exercise if her were present.

Section 4. The treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Chamber. He/She shall keep all monies of the Chamber deposited in its name. At frequent intervals he/she shall make reports to the Board of Directors, which may at its discretion require him/her to give acceptable bond, in such sum as the Board may determine, for the faithful performance of his/her duties.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the recording secretary to conduct the official correspondence, preserve all books, documents and communications, keep books of accounts and maintain an accurate record of the proceeding of the Chamber, the Board of Directors and all committees.

ARTICLE VIII Committees

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees.

Section 2. The president shall appoint all committees, standing and special, subject to the confirmation by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, vice president, treasurer and recording secretary and the immediate past president.

In the interim between meetings of the Board, the executive committee shall have charge of the routine business of the Chamber. It shall have general charge of the finances and property of the Chamber and shall have authority to order disbursements for necessary expenses, and may grant to any committee a reasonable amount of money for special work, provided such amount shall not exceed the budget allowance for such work as previously approved by the board. At the beginning of the fiscal year, it shall prepare and submit to the Board, a budget of the general expenses of the Chamber for that year.

The executive committee may refer matters brought before it to a proper standing committee which it may designate or to the Board.

Section 4. The Finance committee shall audit annually the books and accounts of the Chamber at the close of business for the fiscal year and report its findings to the Board of Directors and to the membership. All recommendations for expenditures outside the budget shall be submitted to the Board.

ARTICLE IX Disbursements

Section 1. No disbursements of the funds of the Chamber shall be made unless same shall have been approved, authorized and ordered by the Board of Directors, except as provided in Article VIII.

Section 2. Upon the approval of the budget, the treasurer may be authorized to make disbursements on account of expenses provided for in the budget without an additional approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X Budget

Section 1. Not later than thirty (30) days after the annual meeting of each year, the finance committee shall compile a budget of estimated expenses, including a stated amount for each committee, and submit it to the Board of Directors. As passed by the Board with or without modification, this budget shall be the appropriation measure of the Chamber. No committee may exceed its appropriation without the consent of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI Fiscal Year

Section 1. The fiscal year shall commence on April 1st and terminate on the 31st day of March.

ARTICLE XII Parliamentary Procedures

Section 1. Disputes over the proceedings of the Chamber meetings shall be governed by and conducted according to the latest edition of ROBERT'S MANUAL OF PARLIAMENTARY RULES.

ARTICLE XIII Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended or altered by a 2/3 vote of those present at any regular or special meeting of the membership.