

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

East Detroit Officers Benevolent Association

21220 Kelly Road, Central Office

Eastpointe MI 48021

[EDOBA.org](http://EDOBA.org)

☐ Active Member

☐ Associate Member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have read, understood, and accept the rules for membership.

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## ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

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Section 2. Active members in good standing shall pay annual dues of \$25.00 USD, due January 1 each year.

Section 3. Applicants for ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP shall complete an application provided by the Association.

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## ARTICLE XII — ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

Section 1. Associate membership requires approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Board. Associate members have no voting privileges.

Section 2. Eligible applicants include:

(A) Retired law enforcement members of the Village of Halfway, cities of East Detroit or Eastpointe.

(B) Residents, citizens of surrounding communities, or business sponsors.

Section 3. Associate members may attend meetings but are ineligible to vote or serve on the Executive Board.

Section 4. Fees. Annual dues for retired members are \$25.00. Business sponsors and community supporters may choose from these tiers:

- Premier Membership – \$25.00 annual dues, with the option to add a profound contribution of your choosing to amplify our voice.
- Preferred Membership – \$25.00 annual dues, with the option to add a modest contribution of your choosing.
- Select Membership – \$25.00 annual dues.

Monies shall be paid directly to the Association.

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## MEMBERSHIP RULES

1. Membership is available to anyone 18 years of age or older.
2. Members agree not to use the Association for fraudulent activity or to maintain more than one account.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ A.D.

# **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE EAST DETROIT OFFICERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION**

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## **ARTICLE I — NAME AND CENTRAL OFFICE**

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the East Detroit Officers Benevolent Association.

Section 2. The central office of this Association shall be located at 21220 Kelly Road, Eastpointe, MI 48021.

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## **ARTICLE II — PURPOSES**

The purpose of this Association shall be:

To exist as a voluntary unincorporated association.

To foster and promote brotherhood and professionalism amongst our membership and other first responders. To act as a philanthropic association to members and others in need, and to support the community at large.

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## **ARTICLE IV — OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be appointed from and by the membership of this Association.

Section 2. Officers of this Association shall be as follows:

- (A) Director
- (B) Trustee 1
- (C) Trustee 2

Section 3. Duties of the Director

The Director shall preside over all meetings, represent the Association in official capacity, and ensure the execution of policies and actions approved by the membership.

Section 4. Duties of the Trustees

All Trustees shall be equally responsible for financial records and assessment records. They shall collectively make a financial report at the annual meeting of the membership. Trustees shall sign all checks drawn on the treasury of this Association and deposit all



assessments and other funds received in the name of this Association in the bank, PROVIDED, however, that all checks shall be countersigned by one of the other two (2) officers.

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#### ARTICLE V — ANNUAL ACCOUNTING

Section 1. The fiscal year of this Association shall begin on January 1 and continue through December 31. It shall be the duty of all Trustees to cause an annual accounting of the books and financial affairs of this Association.

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#### ARTICLE VI — EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board of this Association shall consist of two Trustees and one Director.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the affairs of the Association. It shall execute the orders of the membership and recommend action to the membership. It shall meet minimally once a year at a time and place to be determined by majority of the Trustees.

Section 3. In the event of a vacancy in the Executive Board, the Executive Board shall have the right to appoint a person(s) from the membership to fill said vacancy.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of sixty-six percent (66%) of its members.

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#### ARTICLE VII — APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. The Director and at least one Trustee shall be members of the Patrol Services section of the Eastpointe Police Department.

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#### ARTICLE VIII — ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the membership shall be held at least once every year, at a time and place to be set by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Special membership meetings shall be called when deemed necessary by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall call a special meeting upon a written request of any two (2) Executive Board members or a majority of active members in good standing.

Section 3. Sixty-six percent (66%) of the Executive Board at any regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business. No Officer may vote by proxy.

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#### ARTICLE IX — ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1. The order of business at all regular or special meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order and shall be in the following order, except any Trustee may deviate from the order of business in the absence of objections from a majority of those in attendance:

- (A) Roll call of officers
- (B) Reading of the minutes
- (C) Financial report
- (D) Communications
- (E) Report of officers
- (F) Unfinished business
- (G) New business

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#### ARTICLE X — FINANCES

Section 1. A majority vote of the total membership of the Association at a properly held meeting shall be necessary to authorize the payment of any salary, wage, or other compensation to any officer or Executive Board member, PROVIDED, however, that this shall not apply to reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses resulting from activities on behalf of the Association, except as limited by Section 2 below.

Section 2. Any Board Member, in conjunction with any one of the other two (2) officers, shall be authorized to expend on behalf of this Association funds in an amount not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), PROVIDED, however, that where a specific act has been approved by the membership, and such necessitates the payment of fees or expenses, specific authorization by the Executive Board or the membership shall not be required.

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#### ARTICLE XI — ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Resulting from the need for cohesive leadership in the initiation process of this Association, Stefan Karpuk will serve as the inaugural Director until October 31, 2026 and will appoint the inaugural Trustees until December 31, 2025. Elections will alternate every year for the two (2) Trustee positions and the Director's position.

Timeline: First election for two (2) Trustees is 2025 and is for a two (2) year term. First election for Director is 2026 and will also be for a two (2) year term. All elections must be conducted in October and organized by an election committee selected by members in good standing at an Association meeting. No Executive Board members or candidates for office shall serve on the election committee.

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#### ARTICLE XII — ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

Section 1. This Association may allow associate memberships upon an approved application by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Board. Associate members shall have no voting privileges within the Association.

Section 2. The following individuals shall be eligible for application as associate members:

- (A) Retired law enforcement members of the Village of Halfway, City of East Detroit, or City of Eastpointe.
- (B) Residents, citizens of the surrounding communities, or business sponsors.

Section 3. Associate members may, upon approval of their application, attend all regular or special meetings of the Association membership, but will not have voting privileges and are ineligible to serve on the Executive Board.

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#### ARTICLE XIII — AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended, altered, or revised by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total members of the Association.

This Constitution and Bylaws were approved and adopted by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting of this Association held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

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