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CONSTITUTION

FREDERICK COUNTY SENIOR RECREATION COUNCIL

ARTICLE I.

NAME:

Section 1.

The name of this organization shall be the FREDERICK COUNTY SENIOR RECREATION COUNCIL (hereinafter called SRC).

Section 2.

The SRC shall be and hereby is affiliated with the Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation in accordance with the laws and agreements governing public recreation in Frederick County and the State of Maryland and is subject to those laws and agreements in so far as they affect and prescribe the functions of the local organization.

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSE:

Section 1.

The purpose of the SRC shall be to develop a comprehensive recreation program for residents 50 years of age or older living in or near Frederick County, Maryland.

Section 2.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activity that is not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1.

Membership of the SRC shall consist of any interested Frederick County resident 50 years of age or older who either participates in any

of the programs sponsored by the Council or provides a continuing desirable or necessary service to the Council.

Section 2. Individuals who are less than 50 years of age and who are accepted as members of a team sport shall be allowed to remain in the program.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Section 1. The governing body of the SRC shall be a nine-member Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the SRC by a majority of the members present and each Director shall serve a two-year term. Five (5) member and four (4) member Board groups shall be elected on alternate years thus providing a nucleus of experienced members each year.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall hold a minimum of four (4) meetings per year that will be called by the Chairperson.

Section 4. The Board shall oversee the operations of standing and special committees, approve new programs and guide the SRC in fulfilling its purpose(s).

Section 5. Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by vote of the remaining Board members.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS:

Section 1. The officers of the SRC shall consist of at least a Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers will form the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

The Board of Directors shall select the officers from among its own membership within ten (10) days of the election. If no nominees are available, an officer may be appointed by the Executive Committee to serve until such time as a nominee becomes available.

Section 3.

The term of office for the officers shall be at least one year.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMITTEES:

Section 1.

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Executive Committee may act for the Board of Directors between meetings if action is required prior to the next meeting of the Board of Directors provided it reports its action to the members at its next meeting. The Executive Committee will settle any disputes within the SRC, consulting with the Board of Directors as necessary.

Section 2.

The Chairperson, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint as needed the following standing committees: finance, membership, communications, special events, programs and facilities and shall appoint the chairperson of all committees.

Section 3.

The Chairperson may establish special committees to assist in carrying out SRC's responsibilities. Special committees may include non-members; however, the chairperson must be a duly appointed SRC member.

Section 4.

The chairperson shall appoint a Nominating Committee at least two (2) months prior to the next Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of nominees for election to the Board of Directors at least one (1) month prior to the Annual Meeting of the organization and submit it for publication in the newsletter. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election provided the nominee has given permission. The Nominating Committee shall actively seek the names of potential nominees from the membership of the SRC.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS:

Section 1.

The SRC shall establish a regular meeting day, time and place and shall meet at least 4 times each year.

Section 2.

The regular SRC meeting in October shall be the Annual Meeting of the organization.

Section 3.

Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or by twenty percent (20%) of the membership provided 10 days written notice is given to members; that notice will include the purpose of the special meeting.

Section 4.

A quorum for conducting the business of the SRC shall consist of the majority of members present at a regular or duly called meeting of the Council provided at least two officers are present.

ARTICLE VIII.

FINANCES:

Section 1.

The SRC monies shall be deposited in the name of the SRC in such bank or banks, as the Board of Directors shall designate. These accounts may include checking, money market or certificates of deposit.

Section 2.

The SRC may apply for grants and corporate contributions for which it may be eligible.

Section 3.

The SRC may establish annual membership dues and establish registration or other fees to defray the cost of its activities. Members will receive a newsletter at least four (4) times yearly.

Section 4.

The fiscal year of the SRC shall begin on the first day of July each year and the Board of Directors shall present a proposed budget to the membership for adoption prior to the annual meeting.

Section 5.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to

make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be used for carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS:

Section 1.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual or special meeting called for that purpose by 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at said meeting. Written notice of the intent to amend shall have been publicized to the membership not less than 15 days prior to the said meeting. All amendments must be presented to the Division of Parks and Recreation prior to being voted by the SRC. Approval by the Frederick County Parks and Recreation is necessary before any amendment(s) may take effect.

ARTICLE X.

DISSOLUTION:

Section 1.

If the SRC becomes inactive either by not electing or by not appointing officers to fill vacancies and remains inactive for one (1) year, all monies in a bank account(s) or otherwise due to the SRC will revert to the Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation to be spent on recreational activities for senior citizens. If the SRC's Board of Directors has dissolved, the decision to close all bank accounts and transfer remaining assets to the Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation will be made by the last individual to hold the office of Chairperson.

Section 2.

Upon dissolution of the SRC, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, state, or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

Signatures:

Chairperson:	<i>Regina A. Schwab</i>	Date:	<i>12/3/21</i>
Vice-Chairperson	<i>Sally Selby</i>	Date:	<i>12/3/21</i>
Secretary:	<i>Susan Jansen</i>	Date:	<i>3 Dec 21</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Barbara Brewster</i>	Date:	<i>12/10/21</i>
Board Member:	<i>Sandra Wakefield</i>	Date:	<i>12/3/21</i>
Board Member:	<i>Ronnie Osterman</i>	Date:	<i>12/3/21</i>
Board Member:	<i>Lynn Mitchell</i>	Date:	<i>12/3/21</i>
Board Member:	<i>Gerry Blessing</i>	Date:	<i>12/3/21</i>
Frederick County Parks and Recreation	<i>CAJ</i>	Date:	<i>12/8/21</i>
Board Member:	<i>Kathy Gindly</i>	Date:	<i>12/15/21</i>