

THE KENTUCKY CONSTABLE ASSOCIATION, INC.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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PREAMBLE

Kentucky Constable Associations is being formed for the following purpose:

To support and defend the constitution of the United States; to promote and foster the enforcement of law and order; to assist in the improvement of individual proficiency of the members of the constable profession, in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in the performance of their duties; to encourage social, charitable and educational activities among law enforcement agencies; to cultivate a spirit of fraternalism and mutual helpfulness among our members and the law enforcement profession and thus more firmly establish the confidence of the public in the service dedicated to the protection of life and liberty.

The Kentucky Constable Association, Inc. is an organization is engaged in support of law enforcement in the state, city, county, town and municipality of the commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Kentucky Constable Association, Inc. is formed in Hardin County by the Hardin County Constables. The Association headquarters must remain in Hardin County along with all of the permanent record and bank accounts. Hardin County is centrally located and has a Constables office.

The Kentucky Constable Association, Inc. is not and cannot affiliate with any labor, religious or political organization. We cannot support any persons in their political campaign. The KCA cannot be used to advocate personal gain.

## ARTICLE I

### NAME

SECTION I: This organization shall be known as the Kentucky Constable Association Inc. and shall consist of such subordinate as conform to its rules and regulations.

## ARTICLE II

### OBJECTS AND PURPOSE

SECTION I: This organization is formed for the purpose of increasing and understanding the rights, duties and problems of the Constable; of fostering public respect for them; of strengthening our comradeship with them; of bettering the conditions under which they serve society; promoting their interest and welfare; and of being every ready to render such lawful assistance as may be required by any of its subordinate associations.

SECTION II: Kentucky Constable Associations Officers (4 officers or more) shall have the power to act in all emergencies pertaining the welfare of this organization.

SECTION III: Kentucky Constable Association is an organization supportive of law enforcement officers who are sworn to uphold and enforce the law under all legal circumstances.

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I: Any peace officer may become an active member if he or she has the power of arrest in Kentucky and shall be eligible for membership if passed by the membership screening committee. No person shall be denied membership on race, creed or sex.

Active member can regain his membership as long as his financial obligation is kept up to date, even if he or she no longer retains the power of arrest.

SECTION II: Any citizen of the United States, 21 years of age or over, of sound character and good repute, who has never been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, or habitual traffic offender shall be eligible for membership if passed by the association's membership screening committee. No person shall be denied membership on race, creed or sex.

A person will be denied membership if that person is or has been a member of the communist party or any party regardless of what name is known by, which advocates the abolition of destruction of our government either by force or subversive means.

SECTION III: Associate membership shall be approved by the membership screening committee. These associate members shall not have a voice or vote on matters pertaining to the Kentucky Constable Associations affairs.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

SECTION I: Kentucky Constable Association Inc. shall be composed of the President, Vice President; Secretary; Treasures; Board of Directors; Executive Director; 4 Trustees; Chaplin; Master of Arms. Other positions may be added if approve by the majority of the membership at the monthly meeting.

SECTION II: The board of directors shall be composed of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, Chaplin, trustees, and executive director.

The board of directors shall have and exercise all administrative powers of the KCA during the period of their election, in case of emergencies, as long as it is by a majority vote.

SECTION III: All newly elected officers must have met his financial obligations and be in good standing before taking office in the KCA.

#### ARTICLE V

##### GOOD OF THE ORDER

SECTION I: KCA prescribes the amount of the yearly due for applicants and regulated the same according to the rules and regulations of the association.

SECTION II: The KCA will hold a meeting once a month of the first Saturday of each month.

SECTION III: A special meeting may be called by the president in request of five members of the association or if the president or officers deem it necessary.

SECTION IV: Nomination of officers will be held in November and December of each year. Officers are to be elected by ballot and those receiving the most

votes shall be declared elected. The installation of officers shall be held at the January meeting.

All officers shall be elected for the period of one year.

SECTION V: No correspondence shall be sent out in the KCA name without the approval of the majority of the membership at the monthly meeting. No monies will be spent without the approval of the majority of the membership at the monthly meeting.

## ARTICLE VI

### SUBORDINATE ASSOCIATIONS

SECTION I: The KCA may establish subordinate associations throughout the state. This association shall fall under the same rules and regulations as the Kentucky Constable Association and shall have one delegate per 10 members to represent them at the regular monthly meeting of the KCA. All members of the subordinate association must become a member of the KCA.

## ARTICLE VII

### PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE

Except as provided in the constitution and by laws, the Roberts rules of order shall govern the conduct and deliberation of the meeting of the KCA and subordinate associations.

## ARTICLE VIII

### DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

SECTION I: Duties of the President; the president shall preside at all meetings, and shall decide all points of law and order subject to appeal, such appeal forthwith to be raised before the KCA. The president shall appoint the majority of all committees, as well as the first president pro-term of a new association at their installation. The president shall be ex-officio member of all committees. The president shall in case of a tie have the deciding vote. The president shall at each session submit a report of his or her official business which has been transacted by him or her together with such recommendations as he or she may deem advisable. The president shall call special meetings when necessary at which time he or she preside and submit all matters of business provided by laws of the order for its consideration and action. The president shall fill position left vacant by a special vote at the next regular meeting.

The president may temporary suspend or expel a subordinate association pending investigation, if it is not observing the KCA constitution and by laws. There must be a majority vote to permanent expel a subordinate association.

The president shall not represent or answer questions concerning the KCA with out the permission of the majority of the membership at the monthly meeting.

SECTION II: Duties of the Vice-President; the vice president shall assist the president in the performance of his duties. The vice president shall preside at meeting in the absence of the president.

SECTION III: Duties of the Executive Director; The Executive director shall advise and assist the president and all the officers in the performance of there duties and shall execute such assignment as ordered by them.

SECTION IV: Duties of the Secretary; the secretary shall take a record and transcribe minutes of all meeting and shall submit the same for approval or rejection at the next meeting. The secretary shall conduct all general correspondence and shall answer all correspondence directed to the KCA in a timely manner. All amendment to the original constitution and by law must be recorded by the secretary and placed in the original records. All records must be submitted at the end of the year for filing in the permanent files of the KCA.

SECTION V: Duties of the Treasures: The treasurer shall receive and take charge of all monies belonging to the KCA. The treasurer will pay all bills submitted and approved by the membership. The treasurer will keep accurate records of all monies received and expended. The treasurer will give an audit of all funds at each monthly meeting and submit his records to the trustee for audit and approval. The treasurers will maintain a record of all paid membership. The treasurer must be bonded and the premium for such bond will be paid by the KCA. The treasurer is authorized to pay all monthly bills necessary to maintain the office and normal operating expenses without approval of the membership at the monthly meeting. All records must be submitted at the end of the year for filing.

SECTION VI: Duties of the Chaplin; the Chaplin shall offer the opening and closing prayers at all meetings. The Chaplin is responsible for letting the treasurer know if there needs to be any cards sent out to our members due to illness, or flowers sent in member's death.

SECTION VII: Duties of the Trustees; the trustees will audit and approve the treasurers records. They will verify that all monies belonging to the KCA are properly recorded.

SECTION VII: Duties of the Master of arms; the master of arms will have charge of meeting and shall admit members only to the monthly meeting.

The master of arms is also responsible to maintain order in the meeting.

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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION BY LAWS

If an officer misses three consecutive meetings without good reason, he forfeits his position.

If the first Saturday of the month is a holiday, the regular meeting will be the second Saturday.

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