# **WASHINGTON, D. C.**

Founded 1919, Incorporated 1965

#### CONSTITUTION

October 11, 1969

Conformed to Incorporate Subsequent Amendments Through September 24, 2015.

#### **Article I: Association Name**

The name of this association shall be Kalorama Citizens Association.

## Article II: Association Purpose and Membership Boundaries<sup>1</sup>

The purpose of the Association shall be to promote particularly the interests of the residents of the District of Columbia and most especially the interest of the residents residing within the following area, all in the Northwest quadrant of the District of Columbia: Beginning at the intersection of Harvard Street, Mt. Pleasant Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street, and including both sides of all boundary streets; south on 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Columbia Road; west on Columbia Road to 18<sup>th</sup> Street; south on 18<sup>th</sup> Street to Florida Avenue; west on Florida Avenue to Connecticut Avenue; north on Connecticut Avenue to the point where Connecticut Avenue passes over Rock Creek Parkway; northeast on Rock Creek Parkway to Beach Drive; northeast along Beach drive to the interchange with Harvard Street, and east on Harvard Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

One of the primary purposes of the Association shall be the preservation of the historic, architectural and aesthetic character of the aforementioned areas.

# **Article III: Membership<sup>2</sup>**

**Section 1.** Any civic-minded and responsible person of voting age residing within the Association's membership boundaries may become a member of the Association upon election by the Executive Committee or the Association and payment of annual membership dues. **Section 2.** Honorary membership may be bestowed by the Association upon any person not eligible for Kalorama membership who has performed outstanding service consistent with the purpose of the Association.

#### **Article IV: Dues**<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Article II is as amended September 24, 2015, and as previously amended October 24, 1978.

<sup>2</sup> Article III, is as amended September 24, 2015, and as previously amended November 18, 1993.

<sup>3</sup> Article IV is as amended September 24, 2015.

- **Section 1**. Membership dues shall be determined at the November meeting for the following calendar year.
- **Section** 2. Each member shall be sent notice of dues payable by notice on the newsletter address label, and or by electronic mail.
- **Section 3**. Members whose dues are in arrears three months or more shall be suspended from membership until dues are paid.
- **Section 4**. A member who paid dues the previous year may renew membership at a membership meeting with payment by check or money order. No cash dues payments shall be accepted at membership meetings.
- **Section 5**. A resident of the Association's membership area who wishes to join the Association shall not be eligible to vote or hold office until 30 days after receipt of a dues payment and completed membership application, or the next monthly meeting.

#### **Article V: Officers**<sup>4</sup>

- **Section 1**. The officers of the Association shall be members of the Association in good standing.
- **Section 2.** The elected officers of the Association shall be a President, an Executive Vice President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, one Delegate to the Federation of Citizens Association of the District of Columbia and one delegate to the Federation of Civic Associations of the District of Columbia. The President and the Vice Presidents shall be three different members. No member shall simultaneously hold more than one office.
- **Section 3**. The President may appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms, an Historian, a Parliamentarian, a Publicity Officer, and/or a Keeper of the Records of the membership of the Association. When the Parliamentarian is absent, the President may designate another member to serve as Parliamentarian Pro Tem for that meeting. The President may terminate the appointment of an appointed officer at any time and may appoint a successor.
- **Section 4.** The elected officers shall be elected by the membership of the Association, a quorum being present at the May meeting of each year. Upon the request of any member, the balloting shall be for one office at a time, in the order specified in Section 2 of this Article.
- **Section 5:** Nominations shall be made by members from the floor at the April and May meetings. The President may in addition appoint a Nominating Committee, which shall report at the May meeting.
- **Section 6**. A vacancy in any elected office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a special election at the next regular meeting with notice sent to each member at least two weeks before said meeting. In the interim, a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Executive Vice President, creating a temporary vacancy in the latter office. A vacancy in the office of Executive Vice President shall be temporarily filled by the Vice President. Other vacancies may be temporarily filled by the Executive Committee.
- **Section 7.** Elections may be called at any time for any office by a two-thirds vote of the entire Executive Committee or by written petition of one-fifth of the entire membership of the Association.

<sup>4</sup> Article V is as amended September 24, 2015.

#### **Article VI: Duties of the Officers**

**Section 1**. The President shall appoint committees and their chairmen when necessitated by the complexity and/or the number of matters to be considered. The President may be a member or the chairman of a committee. Each committee shall automatically be dissolved upon the election of a President.

**Section 2.** In extraordinary situations arising between meetings, the President may take such steps as shall be necessary to further the purpose of the Association and shall report such action at the next meeting.

**Section 3**. The officers shall perform any duties directed by vote of the Association or by vote of the Executive Committee.

**Section 4.** The President shall be the custodian of the Constitution of the Association and, at whatever time they may exist, the custodian of the articles of incorporation of the Association and the corporate seal.

Section 5. The President and the Vice Presidents shall be the Directors of the Corporation.<sup>5</sup>

## **Article VII: Meetings**<sup>6</sup>

**Section 1**. Regular meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Association shall determine. By majority vote at a regular meeting the Association may suspend meetings for a period not longer than three months.

**Section 2**. Notice of a special meeting shall be sent at least two weeks before the meeting to each member. The notice shall state the place and date of the meeting and precisely the subject or subjects to be considered. Special meetings may be called by the President, by the Executive Committee, by majority vote of the Association at a regular meeting, or by written petition of one-tenth of the entire membership stating specifically the purpose of the meeting. No other business than that for which the meeting is called shall be transacted.

**Section 3**. A quorum shall consist of one-thirtieth of the membership of the Association.

**Section 4.** Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President or by one-third of the Committee. A quorum shall consist of one-half of the Committee.

**Section 5**. Association matters, and questions of procedure shall be voted upon only by Association members.

**Section 6**. Any member or visitor may speak on any matter unless there is an objection by a member, in which case a majority vote of the members present constituting a quorum shall be required to permit a visitor to speak on any matter.

**Section 7**. The presiding officer shall preside impartially and confine speakers to the subject under consideration. The discussion of any matter of a strictly partisan or sectarian nature will be out of order. Scandalous, uncivil, or disrespectful remarks will be out of order.

**Section 8**. The presiding officer may speak from the chair on any matter, provided that said officer does not abuse the advantage of the chair. The presiding officer's action in this regard

<sup>5</sup> Added at the meeting preceding October 1, 1977.

<sup>6</sup> Article VII is as amended September 24, 2015.

shall be considered a ruling of the chair.

**Section 9.** In the interest of facilitating the conduct of business the presiding officer may restrict the mover of a motion or resolution to two speeches on said motion or resolution, other speakers to one speech on a given matter, and/or any speaker to three minutes consecutively. Any such action by the presiding officer shall be considered a ruling of the chair.

**Section 10.** The presiding officer may require the mover of a resolution to be responsible for the writing and publication of said resolution. Such action by the presiding officer shall be considered a ruling of the chair.

**Section 11.** A motion or resolution to undo or negate a prior action of the Association shall require a two-third's majority vote to pass.

### **Article VIII: Association Funds<sup>7</sup>**

All moneys received on account of the Association shall be deposited in the name of the Association in one account in a federally insured financial institution. The accounts of the Association shall be audited during the month of January for the preceding calendar year by a committee of members.

#### **Article IX: Other Matters**

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern on all matters not covered by this Constitution.

#### **Article X: Amendments**<sup>8</sup>

This Constitution may be amended at a regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and in good standing, a quorum being present. A copy and notice of any proposed amendment shall have been presented at a previous regular meeting and shall have been sent to each member at least two weeks before the meeting at which said amendment is to be voted upon.

# Article XI: Alcoholic Beverage Control Protests9

Either the membership at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting, or a specially scheduled, properly noticed meeting, or the KCA Executive Committee, may vote to protest an ABC license request, proper notice being given to the Applicant in accordance with relevant provisions of Title 25, the DC ABC Code, and the accompanying regulations.

## **Article XII: Adoption of this Constitution**<sup>10</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Article VIII is as amended September 24, 2015.

<sup>8</sup> Article X is as amended September 24, 2015.

<sup>9</sup> Article XI was added September 24, 2015.

<sup>10</sup> Article XII is as amended September 24, 2015.

The officers at the time of the approval of the above amendments are:

PRESIDENT: Denis James, 1819 Kalorama Road, NW, Washington, DC 20009

VICE PRESIDENT: Bob Ellsworth, 1837 Mintwood Place, NW, Washington, DC 20009

**DELEGATE TO THE DC FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS:** Jean Stewart, 1915

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