

Department of Residence Records.

Spartan City Constitution, n.d. (married students housing)

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THE CONSTITUTION OF SPARTAN CITY

Preamble

The tenants and their spouses residing in Spartan City, recognizing the need for government in Spartan City, do accept the responsibilities of this Constitution, its by-laws, and ordinances.

General Provisions

Article I (Name)

Section 1 This community shall be known as Spartan City in all future reference.

Article II (Co-operation)

Section 1 The community government of Spartan City shall co-operate at all times with the Administration of Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science, and the State Board of Agriculture.

Section 2 The community government of Spartan City shall co-operate at all times with the Administration of the Student Body, namely the Student Council of Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science.

Article III (Object)

Section 1 The Objectives of this organization are:

- a. To provide a system of democratic representation within the community.
- b. To provide a method of liason between the community and other agencies.
- c. To provide for education, recreation, social and/or other beneficial activities within the community.

Article IV (Definitions)

Section 1 The physical arrangement of Spartan City.

- a. Spartan City shall consist of all the barracks and pre-fabricated buildings which house married students.
- b. The area lies south of Kalamazoo Street and east of Harrison Road.
- c. Spartan City is divided into approximately equal regions and each has been given a designated number.
- d. Each region in turn is divided into neighborhood groups consisting of not more than four (4) and not less than two (2) adjacent apartment units.

Section 2 The tenant shall be defined as the college registered occupant dwelling in Spartan City.

Section 3 The Neighborhood Leader shall be the elected representative of each neighborhood group.

Section 4 The Regent shall be the elected representative of each Region.

Section 5 The Board of Regents shall be the governing body of the community, composed of Regents, Vice-Chairman, the Chairman and such other officers as the Board itself shall so designate.

Section 6 Chairman of the Board of Regents shall be elected from the community at large.

- Section 7 The Vice-chairman of the Board of Regents shall be elected from the community at large.

Article V (Membership)

- Section 1 The membership shall consist of the tenants and their spouses who are automatically to be considered voting members of the community upon possession of living quarters.
- Section 2 Each tenant and spouse shall be a member of a neighborhood group.

Article VI (Neighborhood Leaders)

- Section 1 A neighborhood group shall consist of not less than two (2) and not more than four (4) adjacent apartment units.
- Section 2 There shall be a representative of each neighborhood group, to be called Neighborhood Leader.
- Section 3 The Neighborhood Leader shall be elected from each neighborhood group by the tenants and their spouses of their respective neighborhood. One Neighborhood Leader shall be elected from each designated neighborhood.
- Section 4 The term of office of a Neighborhood Leader shall be for one calendar year, effective October 5 of that year to October 4 of the following year.
- Section 5 Neighborhood Leader shall appoint a representative from his neighborhood to function in his absence.
- Section 6 A vacancy is created when
secutively from two (2) regularly scheduled meetings.
- Section 7 A Neighborhood Leader who vacates his position shall notify his Regent in writing so that provision can be made to fill that vacancy.
- Section 8 A vacancy shall be filled by a new free election of the members in that neighborhood within two (2) weeks after the Regent has received notification of vacancy.
- Section 9 A Neighborhood Leader may not hold office as a Regent or as Chairman or Vice-chairman of the Board of Regents concurrently.
- Section 10 It shall be the duty of the Neighborhood Leader neighborhood at all mass and regional meetings.

Article VII (Regents)

- Section 1 A region shall consist of a designated number of adjacent neighborhood groups to be determined by the Board of Regents.
- Section 2 One representative shall be elected from each region, to be called Regent.
- Section 3 The number of Regents shall not be less than eight (8) nor more than fourteen (14).
- Section 4 All Regents shall form a governing body to be called the Board of Regents.
- Section 5 The term of office of a Regent shall be for one calendar year effective October 15 of that year to October 14 of the following year.
- Section 6 A Regent shall appoint a representative from his region to function in his absence.
- Section 7 A vacancy is created when a Regent has been absent consecutively from two (2) regularly scheduled meetings.
- Section 8 A Regent who vacates his position shall notify the Board of Regents in writing so that provisions can be made to fill that vacancy.
- Section 9 A vacancy shall be filled by a new free election of the Neighborhood Leaders in that region where the vacancy occurs before the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents.

Section 10 A Regent may not hold office as Neighborhood Leader or Chairman or Vice-chairman of the Board of Regents concurrently.

Section 11 It shall be the duty of the Regent to represent his region at the meetings of the Board of Regents.

Article VIII (Chairman and Vice-chairman of Board of Regents)

Section 1 A Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Board of Regents shall be elected from the community at large by electoral vote of the Neighborhood Leaders.

Section 2 The Chairman and Vice-chairman shall hold office concurrently with the Board of Regents.

Section 3. A vacancy is created when the Chairman or Vice-chairman has been absent consecutively from two (2) regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 4 If the Vice-chairman vacates his position he shall notify the Board of Regents in writing so that provision can be made to fill that vacancy.

Section 5 This vacancy shall be filled by vote of the Neighborhood Leaders before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents.

Section 6 It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at the meetings of the Board of Regents.

Section 7 It shall be the duty of the Vice-chairman to preside at the meetings of the Board of Regents during the absence of the Chairman, to assume Chairmanship of the Board of Regents in case of Vacancy and such other duties as the Board of Regents shall determine.

Article IX (Elections)

Section 1 All regular elections shall be held following the commencement of the fall quarter of the Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science.

Section 2 Nomination and Election of Neighborhood Leaders.

- a. Neighborhood Leaders shall be elected by majority vote, by ballot, in their respective neighborhoods one week following fall registration at Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science. Tenants and spouse are entitled to cast one vote each.
- b. The members of the Neighborhood group shall nominate candidates for the position of Neighborhood Leader at a meeting called by the incumbent Neighborhood Leader.
- c. The incumbent Neighborhood Leader shall officiate at the election of the new Neighborhood Leader, to be elected by secret ballot.
- d. The votes shall be counted in the presence of two (2) people from said neighborhood.
- e. The incumbent Neighborhood Leader shall give the name of the newly elected Neighborhood Leader to the Regent of his area.

Section 3 Nomination and election of Regents.

- a. Regents shall be elected by majority vote, by ballot, in their respective regions each
- b. The Neighborhood Leaders shall nominate not less than three (3) candidates for the position of Regent at a meeting called by the incumbent Regent.
- c. The incumbent Regent shall officiate at the election, which shall be done by secret ballot.
- d. The votes shall be counted in the presence of two (2) people from said region.
- e. The incumbent Regent shall give the name of the newly elected Regent to the Board of Regents.

- Section 4 Nomination and election of the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Board of Regents.
- a. Candidates for the position of Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Board of Regents shall be nominated community at large.
 - b. The nominator shall qualifications of his candidate. This statement shall not be longer than five minutes duration.
 - c. The Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Board of Regents shall be elected on or before the third day following the nomination of candidates. During this time the Neighborhood Leaders shall inform his constituents of the qualifications of all nominees.
 - d. The Chairman and Vice-chairman shall be elected separately by free election.
- Section 5 In case of a tie vote in any election there shall be a recasting of ballots.

Article X (Voting)

- Section 1 The Neighborhood Leader shall be entitled to as many votes as are cast by his Neighborhood members on each issue or election.
- Section 2 Each Regent shall be entitled to as many votes in any issue or election as there are ballots returned by his Neighborhood Leaders.
- Section 3 On all controversial questions other than elections, which concern all members of Spartan City, the votes "for" shall be totaled, the votes "against" shall be totaled and the difference of the sums shall be taken. This difference
- Section 4 In all elections the votes for each candidate shall be totaled and given to the Regent in writing. These totals shall be given to the Board of Regents at the first meeting of the Board of Regents following that election.
- Section 5 In the event of a popular tie vote, the Board of Regents may cast the deciding vote.

Article XI (Non-voting officers)

- Section 1 The Board of Regents may appoint additional non-voting officers to fill necessary positions according to their examined proficiency.

Article XII (Removal from Office)

- Section 1 All and any officers in the government shall be subject to "Removal from Office".
- Section 2 Action for "Removal from Office" shall originate
- Section 3 The "Removal from Office" petition shall be submitted to the Board of Regents for investigation, consideration and action.

Article XIII (Meetings)

- Section 1 Meetings of the community-at-large shall be called by the Board of Regents whenever deemed necessary.
- Section 2 Neighborhood meetings shall be called by the Neighborhood Leader whenever he deems it necessary.
- Section 3 Meetings of Neighborhood Leaders shall be called by the Regent of his respective region at least one (1) week prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents and at any other time he deems necessary.

- Section 4 Meetings of the Board of Regents shall be called by the Chairman of the Board of Regents once per calendar month. Additional meetings may be called as deemed necessary.
- Section 5 It shall be the privilege of any member of Spartan City to request meetings. Such a request shall be directed to his immediate representative.

Article XIV (Assessments)

- Section 1 Community assessments shall be made by the Board of Regents only upon the consent of a majority of the total number of members. Voting shall be conducted by the process outlined in Art. X.

Article XV (Ratification)

- Section 1 Ratification of this Constitution shall be made in force upon the consent of a majority of the total number of members. Voting shall be conducted by the process outlined in Art. X.

Article XVI (Amendments)

- Section 1 Amendments to this Constitution may be made by the consent of a majority of the total number of members. Voting shall be conducted by the process outlined in Art. X.

Article XVII (By-laws and Ordinances)

- Section 1 By-laws shall be made in force upon the consent of a majority of the total number of members. Voting shall be conducted by the process outlined in Art. X.
- Section 2 The Board of Regents shall have the obligation to make and repeal ordinances for the most efficient operation of the objects and purposes of the Constitution.

Article XVIII (Parliamentary Authority)

- Section 1 Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority of this community.