

# **BYLAWS OF THE MAYFLOWER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

## **ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL**

### **SECTION 1: NAME**

This organization is incorporated under the laws of the State of Arkansas and shall be known as the Mayflower Area Chamber of Commerce (Chamber).

### **SECTION 2: MISSION**

To develop, create, maintain and build an evolving ethical, voluntary organization that caters for the business interests and general economic development and promotion of the Mayflower Community and surrounding area.

### **SECTION 3: GOALS**

1. To further the collective interests of members, while advancing our community, and region
2. Advocate on behalf of the community at large, to develop economic prosperity and business interests
3. Build a community to which residents, visitors and investors are attracted
4. Promote Mayflower City and the surrounding area
5. Strive to ensure future prosperity via a pro-business climate
6. To present a unified voice of the business community
7. To develop well-functioning networks to further the Chamber's interests.

### **SECTION 4: AREA**

The Mayflower area shall mean to include the City of Mayflower, Mayflower Water District Mayflower School District and the surrounding trade areas including Maumelle and Conway.

### **SECTION 5: LIMITATIONS OF METHODS**

The Chamber shall be non-profit, non-partisan and non-sectarian and shall observe all local, state and federal laws which apply to a non-profit organization.

## **ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY**

Any person, association, corporation, partnership, or estate having an interest in the mission of the organization shall be eligible to apply for membership.

### **SECTION 2: APPLICATION**

Application for membership shall be in writing on forms provided for that purpose and signed by the applicant. All applications are to be approved by the Board of Directors according to the applicant's following and acceptance of the Chamber's Bylaws. Fees will be returned to unsuccessful applicants.

#### SECTION 3: FEE

The membership fee will be as set by the Board of Directors. It will be for the calendar year or halved for 6 month or less membership. The fee is payable on application. The fee is due annually in January.

#### SECTION 4: TERMINATION

1. Any member may resign from the Chamber with a written notice to the Board of Directors. There will not be a refund of membership fee.
2. Any member may be expelled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and a monthly prorated membership fee will be refunded.
3. Membership will be canceled on the last day of January if the annual fee is not paid in full.

#### SECTION 5: VOTING RIGHTS

Each member whether they be a person, association, corporation, partnership, or estate shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for any issue requiring membership vote.

#### SECTION 6: HONARY MEMBERSHIP

Distinction in public affairs shall confer eligibility to honorary membership. Honorary members shall have all the privileges of members, except the right to vote, and shall be exempt from payment of dues. The Board of Directors shall confer or revoke honorary membership by a majority vote.

### ARTICLE 3 – MEETINGS

#### SECTION 1: ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Chamber will be held in January or as determined by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will decide on the time and place and details of the meeting.

#### SECTION 2: REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors shall meet on a monthly basis or as otherwise determined by the majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### SECTION 3: GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings of the chamber may be called by the President at any time, or upon petition in writing of ten percent (10%) of the members in good standing.

#### SECTION 4: QUORUMS

Board of Directors quorum will be the majority of the members.

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## ARTICLE 4 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### SECTION 1: COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

The composition of the Board of Directors will be made up of the following:

- a. Three Honorary Members which could include State Senator, County Judge and Mayor of Mayflower.
- b. President
- c. Vice President
- d. Secretary
- e. Treasurer
- f. Board Member - Director of Events
- g. Board Member - Director of Promotions
- h. Board member - Director of Economic Development
- i. Board Member - Other members as elected by the chamber membership.

### SECTION 2: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors will be nominated at the annual chamber meeting and voted on. The candidates with the largest number of votes being elected.

### SECTION 3: VACANCIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors until the next annual chamber meeting.

### SECTION 4: POLICY, MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS

The Board of Directors by majority vote is empowered to make policy, management and daily operations decisions as seen to be best interests of the chamber. The Board of Directors is also empowered to make decisions that are not covered by these bylaws.

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