

**ARTICLE I
NAME AND PURPOSE**

1.01 NAME

This organization shall be known and referred to as the Paulding County Republican Party.

1.02 PURPOSE

The organization, consisting of its members, shall serve as the central and unified authority and representative body of the Republican platform and policies within Paulding County. It shall function to assist and endeavor to develop, implement, encourage, educate, and create Republican principles within Paulding County; strive to recruit and elect qualified Republican candidates to every available public office. These rules shall be in accord with District, State, and National Party guidelines and policies.

**ARTICLE II
PARTY MEMBERSHIP**

2.01

All registered voters, residing within Paulding County, (hereinafter referred to as "County"), State of Georgia, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policies, support its candidates, and are in sympathy with its aims and purposes, are eligible for membership in the Paulding County Republican Party and its Mass Meetings..

2.02

Any person thus eligible shall be admitted to membership in the Paulding County Republican Party. Membership shall be based on a calendar year. Membership levels and fees shall be defined by the County Committee. For a member to be in good standing he/she must be a current dues paying member. At the discretion of the Executive Board, a person's sworn declaration of inability to pay dues may be accepted in lieu of actual dues payment.

**ARTICLE III
ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY COMMITTEE**

3.01

The Paulding County Republican Party shall consist of two committees to be known as the County Committee and the Executive Committee. The Paulding County Republican Party shall be governed by the Paulding County Republican Committee, commonly referred to as the County Committee. The Executive Committee, previously known as the Executive Board, shall be a subcommittee of the County Committee.

3.02

The County Committee shall be the governing body of the Paulding County Republican Party. It shall consist of members who are members of the Paulding County Republican Party as follows:

- a) Members of the Executive Committee as described in these rules.
- b) The Chairman of each voting precinct.
- c) Resident office holders elected as Republicans who shall be non-voting Ex Officio members.
- d) Three At-Large members nominated by the Chairman and approved by the County Committee.
- e) Past County Committee Chairman, for one year after expiration of his/her term.

- f) President of the Paulding County Republican Women who shall be a non-voting Ex Officio member
- g) Chairman of the Young Republicans of Paulding County who shall be a non-voting Ex Officio member
- h) Chairman of the Black Republicans of Paulding County who shall be a non-voting Ex Officio member
- i) Members of the District and State Executive Committees residing in Paulding County

Note: Members f, g, h and i to be elected by their respective organizations with written notification to the Recording Secretary of the County Committee.

3.03

The County Committee shall convene at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the following months: February, May, August, and November

3.04

Additional meetings may be called by the County Chairman, or upon written notice requesting a meeting, presented to the Recording Secretary by one-third of the installed members of the County Committee.

3.05

All meeting notices shall be made by written notice and shall designate time and place of said meetings, and shall be sent by the Corresponding Secretary to members of the County Committee of the Paulding County Republican Party not less than seven (7) days prior to day of regular or special meetings.

3.06

All regular and special meetings shall be held within the boundaries of Paulding County, Georgia.

3.07

Presence in person or by proxies of fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the County Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the County Committee. Proxies should be in writing and substantially in the form prescribed in Section 3.08, to follow. In rare circumstances, electronic proxies will be accepted via email to both the Recording Secretary and Chairman. A committee member's proxy shall be revoked by said member upon his/her attendance at the committee meeting for which it was given. No member shall vote more than two (2) individual proxies at any single meeting.

3.08

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, _____, of Precinct # _____, do hereby constitute and appoint _____ (or such other member as he may, in writing, designate) my true and lawful attorney to vote at a meeting of the _____ Committee/Board of the Paulding County Republican Party, Inc. to be held on the _____ day of _____, 20____, or at any adjourned meeting thereof, and for me and in my name, place and stead to vote upon any question that properly may come before such meeting, with all the power that I should possess if personally present, hereby revoking all previous proxies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand , this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Witness

3.09

The Paulding County Republican Committee shall call the County Convention pursuant to the State call, and make necessary arrangements. It shall cooperate with the State Committee in conducting all state-wide campaigns within the County for National and State causes, and otherwise aid the State Committee in other efforts, where practical, and it shall decide all controversies within its jurisdiction, with the right of appeal by the petitioners to the appropriate District Committee. It shall coordinate all County campaigns.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

4.01

The Officers of the Paulding County Republican Party shall be a County Chairman, a First Vice Chairman, a Second Vice Chairman, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer.

4.02

Officers shall serve for terms of two (2) years or until their successors are elected as provided by these and the State Party rules. The term of office shall begin upon the adjournment of the County Convention (except for officers elected to fill vacancies between County Conventions, in which case the term shall begin at the conclusion of the election).

4.03

The Officers of the Party shall be elected by those individuals with voting privileges at the time of the election.

4.04

Any vacancy in an Office caused by death, resignation, failure to act, termination of residence, or for such other providential causes, as recommended by the Executive Committee, shall be filled by a special election held at the next County Committee meeting following the announcement of the vacancy, as required by Rule 5.05, and elected by the majority of the vote.

4.05

Any officer of the County Committee may be removed from office for cause by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum present at any duly called meeting of the County Committee. However, such individual must be given written notice of such meeting, sent at least twenty (20) days in advance thereof, setting forth the grounds therefore, and is given the opportunity to be heard in person or by his representative of his choice.

4.06

“Cause” as used herein shall include:

- a) Failure to perform duties of his office for a period of three (3) successive duly called meetings.
- b) Failure to participate in affairs of the party.
- c) Conduct detrimental to the best interest of the Party.
- d) All members of the County Committee and Executive Committee are expected to support the official qualified candidates of the Republican Party in all contested general elections and uncontested Republican Primary elections. Public support of any candidate in opposition to the official Republican Candidate in a general election by an elected officer of the Executive Committee shall constitute conduct detrimental to the best interest of the Party.
- e) If any member of the Executive Committee qualifies to run for public office, such member shall be deemed to have resigned such office upon qualifying.
- f) The Executive Committee may determine any other causes.

4.07

If any member or officer of the Executive Committee shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Committee, their position shall be declared vacated. The vacated position shall be filled by majority vote of the County Committee at a specially called meeting within 20 days or at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the County Committee if such meeting is within 30 days of the announced vacancy. Appointed positions shall be filled by the Chairman in accord with the provisions of these Rules governing the original appointment.

**ARTICLE V
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

5.01

The Executive Committee shall be the steering committee for the County Committee to implement, enforce and develop policies, procedures, rules and regulations set forth by the Paulding County Republican Party.

5.02

The Executive Committee shall consist of the members of the County Committee of the Paulding County Republican Party as follows:

- a) Chairman
- b) First Vice Chairman
- c) Second Vice Chairman
- d) Corresponding Secretary
- e) Recording Secretary
- f) Treasurer
- g) Assistant Treasurer

5.03

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each month at a regularly scheduled time designated by the Chairman and ratified by the Committee with notice of the time, place and date of the initial meeting given to those so designated at least seven (7) days prior to such meeting. If for any reason the Chairman fails to call or hold such meetings, they may then be called by any (3) three officers as designated in section 4.01.

5.04

The Executive Committee shall notify the County Committee by written notice, not less than ten (10) days prior to the next called meeting of any vacancies on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may make recommendations of such persons qualified to fill such vacancies.

5.05

The Executive Committee shall have all of the duty, responsibility, power, and authority, as modified herein, to conduct the affairs of the Republican Party between County Committee meetings and between Conventions.

5.06

If any member of the Executive Committee of the Paulding County Republican Party qualifies to run for a public office such member shall be deemed to have resigned his office of the Executive Committee upon the date of qualification. Such vacancy shall be filled according to the rules herein.

5.07

All members of the County Committee and Executive Committee shall support the official qualified candidates of the Republican Party in all contested general elections and uncontested Republican Primary elections. If a member of the county committee publicly advocates the election of another

candidate for an office for which the Republican Party has nominated a candidate, that advocacy shall be cause for removal from said Committee.

5.08

Members of the Executive Committee shall remain neutral in all contested primaries. No member of the Executive Committee shall support a candidate in a contested primary. No member of the Executive Committee shall support, endorse or otherwise give favor to a candidate in a contested primary. A primary is presumed to exist when two or more Republicans have announced their candidacy for a particular office.

ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

6.01 COUNTY CHAIRMAN

The County Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the County Party, the County Committee, and the Executive Committee; shall preside at all meetings thereof; shall have general supervision and leadership of the affairs of the County Party, the County Committee, and the Executive Committee, shall convene the County Convention and shall be the only official spokesman for the County Party, the County Committee, and the Executive Committee. The County Chairman shall have approval of all communications under the banner of the Paulding County Republican Party. The County Chairman shall be responsible for providing the County Party, the County Committee, and the Executive Committee with a place to meet and with the necessary information; and shall oversee the administration of the officer(s) of the County Party. The County Chairman shall also represent the County Committee on the District Committee.

6.01.01

Subject to majority approval of the Executive Committee, the County Chairman shall appoint a General Counsel as needed. The Chairman may appoint committees and their Chairmen as deemed desirable, and the Chairman may dissolve such committees.

6.01.02

Checks issued on behalf of the County Party in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall have the signature of two of the following officers except those checks for rent on Party offices, which may be signed by one of the following:

- a) Treasurer
- b) Assistant Treasurer
- c) Chairman

6.01.03

An annual budget shall be prepared and submitted by the Executive Committee to the February County Committee meeting for a majority vote. The budget shall be for a calendar year and shall provide for the "normal operating expenses" of the Party. Sources(s) of funding for these expenses shall be identified. The budget may include any special projects, and the funding source to be used, as approved by the Executive Committee.

6.02 COUNTY VICE CHAIRMAN

Each Vice Chairman shall perform such functions as may be assigned to him by the County Chairman. The First Vice Chairman shall also exercise all the powers and prerogatives of the County Chairman in his absence or in the event of his disability.

6.02.01

Specific duties of the First Vice Chairman shall include acting as Events Chairman for those events which are considered Countywide events, as well as establishing the programs for County meetings and party activities. Duties include responsibility for arrangements, setup, scheduling and overseeing the volunteers for these events, as well as maintaining a master calendar of all county activities and events.

6.02.02

Specific duties of the Second Vice Chairman shall include coordinating the activities of the various Precinct Chairs; scheduling, administrating and overseeing quarterly meetings of all Precinct Chairs and aiding and assisting in the supervision of all precinct meetings.

6.03 COUNTY SECRETARY

Each Secretary shall perform such functions as may be assigned to him by the County Chairman.

6.03.01

Specific duties of the Recording Secretary shall include keeping complete minutes of all meetings of the County Committee and of the Executive Committee, shall be the custodian of the membership list, and shall be the custodian of all records which are the property of the County Party.

6.03.02

Specific duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall include preparing and sending written notices to members of Committees as requested by the County Chairman in accordance with the rules herein. They shall also post notices for County Party Monthly Meetings for both print and electronic media.

6.04 TREASURER

The Treasurer shall have some bookkeeping experience, collect all moneys due the County Committee, shall deposit such funds in a bank or banks selected by the Executive Committee and shall keep a correct account of all receipts and disbursements in accord with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices, which account shall be open for inspection by any member of the County Committee. The Treasurer shall also perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the County Chairman. It is recommended that the Treasurer be bonded in a minimum amount of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.), sufficient and acceptable to the County Committee.

6.05 ASSISTANT TREASURER

The Assistant Treasurer shall exercise all the powers and prerogatives of the Treasurer in his absence or in the event of his disability. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer as needed. The Assistant Treasurer shall also maintain a record of all properties and assets of the County Committee. The Assistant Treasurer shall also perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the County Chairman.

**ARTICLE VII
COUNTY CONVENTIONS AND MASS MEETINGS**

7.01

Pursuant to a call from the State Republican Committee, County Conventions and Precinct Mass Meetings shall be held in each odd numbered year for the purpose of organizing the County Party and electing its slate of officers and delegates and alternates to subsequent conventions. Subject to call from the National Republican Committee, additional County Conventions and District Mass Meetings shall be held each presidential election year for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention, but not for the purpose of electing County or Precinct officers or Committees.

7.02

Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention shall be elected at Precinct Mass Meetings in accordance with the call of the Republican State Committee. Only Delegates and Alternates elected by the Precinct Mass Meeting may participate and vote in the County Convention. The Convention shall be open to the public.

7.03

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED shall govern the Paulding County Republican Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules and those of the Georgia Republican Party.

**ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS**

8.01

These rules may be amended at any County Convention of the Paulding County Republican Party by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, a quorum being present.

8.02

These rules may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of the Paulding County Republican Party County Committee. Each member of the County Committee shall be given written notice, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting, setting forth the intention to amend the rules and details of the proposed amendment(s). Such amendments shall become effective upon being endorsed in writing by three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Executive Committee within 45 Days of their passage, and a copy shall be certified by the Chairman and filed with the Superintendent of Elections.

**ARTICLE IX
CONFLICT OF RULES**

9.01

To the extent that any rule herein, or section thereof, is in conflict with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, the Georgia Election Code, the Georgia Municipal Election Code or Federal Election Laws, such remainder of the Rules shall not be affected.

**ARTICLE X
DEFINITIONS OF PARLIAMENTARY TERMS**

10.01

MAJORITY	More than half of the votes cast.
QUORUM	The specified number members required to hold a legal meeting
TWO-THIRDS	Two thirds of the vote cast.
WRITTEN NOTICE	U.S. mail, electronic mail, sms phone messages and facsimile