

Revised Constitution
-OF THE-
MAHONING COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I

The Association shall be known as the Mahoning County Agricultural Society.

ARTICLE II

The Society is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code and shall promote improvements in agriculture, livestock, domestic arts and industries in Mahoning County.

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ARTICLE III

Any person, who has reached the age of 18 years and is a resident of Mahoning County, may become a member of this Society by paying \$1.00(One Dollar) annually for a membership certificate.

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ARTICLE IV

Section 1. Each membership certificate shall bear the day and year it begins and shall expire on January 1st of the following year and shall bear the signature of the holder thereof. Only those persons who present such certificates and whose names appear on the membership list of the Society shall be qualified to vote at the annual election of the Society or to hold office therein.

Section 2. Beginning December 15 of each year, agricultural membership certificates for the following year shall be placed on sale and their sale continued at least 30 hours each week until the Fair convenes. Then memberships will be on sale until 12:00 noon each day of the Fair, ending the last day of the Fair at 12:00 Noon. Notice of the time and place of such sale shall be published in the annual Premium List and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the Society shall consist of individuals residing in townships located entirely within Mahoning County. The Board shall consist of seventeen (17) members, no more than two (2) of whom shall be from any one (1) of the following geographical territories: Austintown Township, Beaver Township, Berlin Township, Boardman Township, Canfield Township, City of Youngstown, Coitsville Township, Ellsworth Township, Goshen Township, Green Township, Jackson Township, Milton Township, Poland Township, Smith Township, and Springfield Township. No more than two (2) of the geographical territories listed above may have three (3) members elected or appointed to the Board of Directors. The maximum number of Directors serving on the Board shall remain at 17. The two (2) geographical areas may change as new Directors are either elected or appointed to the Board.

For purposes of this Article, any municipality or incorporated area located within the original territory of a township shall be considered part of that township.

Section 2. Directors must be residents of the county and shall serve until their successors are elected and/or appointed by the Board of Directors. No Director elected or appointed shall be an employee of the Mahoning County Agricultural Society.

Section 3. Any individual first elected or appointed as a Director of the Society after January 1, 2005, must retire on or before December 31 of the calendar year in which that individual reaches the age of 75. All Directors elected or appointed before January 1, 2005, shall remain in office without the mandatory retirement age applying to them.

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Section 4. The tenure of office of Directors shall be three years and so arranged that as nearly as possible the terms of one-third of the members shall expire annually.

Section 5. All vacancies occurring by reason of refusal to serve, resignation, removal from the county or death, may be filled by the Board of Directors until next regular election, at which time a Director shall be elected for the unexpired term.

Section 6. A member of the Society, desiring to become a Director must file with the Secretary at least seven days before the annual election of Directors is held, a petition signed by not less than ten members of the Society. Only candidates who have met this filing requirement shall be eligible for election as Directors. Those filing requirements shall be announced in the annual Premium List and at least twice in one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

Petitions shall be furnished by and must be procured from the Secretary.

Section 7. The election of Directors must be by ballot and voting by proxy will not be permitted.

Section 8. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 9. All members of standing committees must be Directors, Honorary Directors, Ex-Officio Members, or Officers and shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board.

Section 10. Directors who retire from the Board after not less than five years' service may be elected an Honorary Director of the Society, with all the powers of an elected director of the Society except the right to vote when recommended for such membership by the Executive Committee and approved by not less than three-fourths of all the members of the Board.

Section 11. Directors shall receive such compensation as the Board of Directors may determine, not to exceed the limit established in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Ohio Department of Agriculture Section 901-5-09.

Section 12. As determined by the Board from time to time the Society may use moneys provided by the state, county or another source, to acquire alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) and obtain a liquor permit to sell the beverages at an event that is open to the public and conducted on the Society's fairgrounds and retain the revenue derived from such sales.

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ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The Officers of the Society shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Directors. The Fiscal Officer and Fair Manager shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Officers shall post bonds in an amount approved by the Board of Directors, but not less than \$5,000 each. Notwithstanding the above, bonds shall not be required for Officers insured by the Society for theft coverage as members of the insured class of the Society's insurance coverage.

Section 3. The Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairman of the Grounds Committee may receive compensation for their services.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of Directors shall be held in Canfield the first Wednesday in November in each year, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 4:00 P.M. Notice of the time and place of this election shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the Society for the revision of the Premium List shall be held the first Saturday in January or within 20 days thereof.

Section 3. The annual meeting of the Directors for the election of Officers shall be held in November after the election of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public purpose.

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