

**CONSTITUTION  
OF  
STERLING PLAYMAKERS**

**PREAMBLE**

We associate ourselves together for the following purposes: to foster and perpetuate wholesome theatrical presentations of both a cultural and entertainment value to the community, ever keeping in mind our obligations to the community in the safeguarding of the principles of good taste in all our endeavors.

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

**SECTION 1.** The name of this organization shall be **STERLING PLAYMAKERS**.

**ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES**

**SECTION 1.** The objectives and purpose of this organization shall be to promote the principles and policies as set forth in the foregoing preamble and the following articles contained herein.

**SECTION 2.** To take an active part in our community of Sterling, in the promotion of endeavors that will tend to make our community a better cultural place in which to live.

**ARTICLE III - STRUCTURE**

**SECTION 1.** This organization shall be absolutely non-profit, non-political, and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles, nor for the promotion of any candidate seeking public office. No candidate for nomination or election to, or no incumbent of any remunerative elective public office, shall hold any elective office in this organization. However, the appointment to, and participation in committees of this organization shall not be effected.

**SECTION 2.** This organization shall be in partnership with Loudoun County Parks, Recreation & Community Services, the **STERLING COMMUNITY CENTER**, and shall fall under the category of **STERLING PLAYMAKERS**, a registered non-profit organization in cooperation with the **STERLING COMMUNITY CENTER**.

## ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

- SECTION 1. Eligibility for membership in this organization will be open to all persons having a sincere desire to further the objectives and promotion of this organization as set forth in Article II.
- SECTION 2. Application for membership shall be made in accordance with such regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the members of the Board of Directors. Such membership application being submitted on a form adopted and provided by the Membership Chairman.
- SECTION 3. All applications for membership shall be accompanied by an annual membership fee (dues) set by the Board of Directors, and in accordance with Loudoun County Parks and Recreation's policy.

## ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

- SECTION 1. The administrative affairs of this organization shall, except as otherwise provided by the Bylaws, be under the supervision of a Board of Directors. With the exception of the original Board, each of the members of the Board shall be elected by a majority vote of those present at the Annual Meeting of the general membership. After the original Board members' terms expire, subsequent Board members shall be elected to serve a term of three (3) years, on a rotating basis. Only one-third of the total Board members terms will expire each year, while two-thirds remain to serve out their terms.
- SECTION 2. The officers of this organization shall be Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as shall be required. These officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors each year at the first Board meeting following the Annual Meeting and elections.
- SECTION 3. Candidates for the Board of Directors shall present their names and brief bios to the Nominating Chairperson no later than two months prior to the Annual Meeting and elections, after which no further nominations shall be accepted. Any member of the Sterling Playmakers is eligible to run for the Board of Directors, except for those as stated in Article III, Section 1. The general membership shall be notified in writing of the list of candidates prior to the Annual Meeting and elections.

SECTION 4. Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed from the Board for inefficiency, failure to attend fifty percent (50%) of the Board meetings during one year, or for other reasons as determined by the Board of Directors. A two-thirds vote of the Board is necessary to effect such a removal.

SECTION 5. The duties of the officers and members of the Board of Directors shall be those usually appertaining to such officers or Board members and as further provided for in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VI - VACANCIES IN OFFICE

SECTION 1. If, for any reason, a vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors, it shall be filled by an appointee elected by majority vote of the Board of Directors. Said appointee shall serve out the remaining term of the vacancy position on the Board. If the vacancy has occurred in one of the Board's officers, the Board shall replace the officer by a majority vote. New appointees do not automatically replace an officer, merely a Board position.

#### ARTICLE VII - FINANCE

SECTION 1. The revenue of this organization shall be derived from the annual membership dues, theatrical productions, grants, fund raisers, and other sources as may be approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. The amount of the annual membership dues shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, voting by majority vote.

#### ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT

SECTION 1. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, or at the annual meeting of the general membership, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the entire membership at least one month prior to the Board of Directors' meeting, or the Annual Meeting where said proposed amendment is to be voted upon.