

Gulfport Historical Society
Constitution

ARTICLE I – Name

Section 1 – The name of this organization shall be “Gulfport Historical Society, Inc.”

ARTICLE II – Objectives and Activities

Section 1 – General objectives of the Gulfport Historical Society shall be to preserve and celebrate Gulfport culture and history through exhibits and programs that educate and inspire the community and visiting public.

Section 2 – The activities of the Society shall be in accord with its objectives. General activities shall include the following:

- a. Operation of the Gulfport History Museum
- b. Preservation of historic locations
- c. Historical programming

ARTICLE III – Officers and board members

Section 1 – Officers shall be a meeting chair, a treasurer and a secretary.

Section 2 - The duties of the officers are as follows: The chair will preside over the meetings or appoint someone to do so in his or her absence. The secretary will create meeting agendas and take minutes of the meetings. The treasurer shall set fiscal policy and oversee financial operations of the society. These three officers form the executive committee. Between three and ten board members will serve alongside them. The executive committee may, in the event of a vacancy in between elections, appoint replacements for those board members. The executive committee and the board members form the board of directors.

Section 3 – Each officer shall serve for two years and may be re-elected.

Section 4 – The bylaws will define the duties of the board.

ARTICLE IV – Elections

Section 1 – Starting in 2017, officers shall be elected every other October at a regular meeting with due announcement of 30 days. Members in good standing and present at the October meeting will elect the officers.

Section 2 – Starting in 2016, board members shall be elected every other October at a regular meeting with due announcement of 30 days. Members in good standing and present at the October meeting will elect the board members.

ARTICLE V – Meetings

Section 1 – The Gulfport Historical Society will meet at least once a year in April. Such time and place as shall be determined by the officers and any board members.

ARTICLE VI – Ratification and Amendments

Section 1 – This constitution must be ratified by a 2/3 vote of the Society membership present at a duly announced meeting.

Section 2 – Amendments may be made to this constitution with a 2/3 vote of the Society membership present at a duly announced meeting.

ARTICLE VII – Membership

Section 1 - The board will set criteria for membership.

ARTICLE VII – Bylaws

The board will create bylaws for membership approval.

Amended 2015