

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1

Section 1 The name of this Grange shall be _____ Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry; but for legal and practical purposes it shall be designated as _____ Grange # _____.

Section 2 As a Subordinate/Community Grange, _____ Grange is subject to the National Grange Digest of Laws and the Bylaws of the Washington State Grange.

Section 3 The Grange shall hold regular meetings on the _____ of each month, beginning at the hour of _____. Eight members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. This Grange, by its vote, may change the date and place of the meeting, not to exceed one meeting, without amending its bylaws.

Section 4 Special meetings may be called by this Grange at any meeting, or by the Master/President. Due notice of such meetings shall be given by the Secretary by mail or printed in the Washington State Grange News, addressed to the last known address of each member, not otherwise notified. No business shall be transacted at such a meeting unless specified in the call.

Section 5 Balloting for candidates, election of officers, or suspension of members may be done only at a regular meeting by those physically present at the meeting. All written ballots shall be conducted in accordance with Grange law.

Section 6 Sale, purchase, or lease of real estate by this Grange shall be executed only in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Washington State Granger and the Digest of Laws of the National Grange.

Section 7 This Grange shall elect *officers* (note – cross out one) annually (one year term) or biannually (two-year term).

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTIONS

Section 1 The membership of this Grange shall consist of all who have been or may be initiated or otherwise affiliated and who have not been suspended for unworthy conduct, or for non-payment of dues. Honorary, life, and memorial memberships may be granted in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Washington State Grange and the Digest of Laws of the National Grange.

Section 2 All elections shall be by written ballot and shall require a majority of all votes cast to elect.

Section 3 Nominations for office may be made from the floor if this Grange so desires, but each patron may vote for his or her choice whether nominated or not, and no nominating speeches shall be made. After the ballot has been announced, if there is no election, the Master/President shall announce that the next ballot will be taken on the names receiving the majority of the votes. This process shall be repeated until there is an election.

ARTICLE III – FEES AND DUES

Section 1 An individual candidate shall pay a fee of \$ _____ (minimum of \$3 to a maximum of \$10) for application to this Grange. A family candidate shall pay a fee of \$ _____ (minimum of \$6 to a maximum of \$12) for application to this Grange.

Section. 2 Individual Membership Dues: Each individual shall pay annually in advance the sum of \$ _____ plus the amount of annual dues paid to the State Grange by the 1st of January.

Section 3 Family Membership Dues: Each family shall pay annually two times the amount of the Individual Membership Dues by the 1st of January. A family shall consist of a couple and their dependents, or a single person and their dependents. Dependents are defined as children, grandchildren or great grandchildren, foster, adopted or stepchildren under the age of 23, who live as a member of the same household or in absence due to illness, education or military service. Legal dependents of any age shall be considered part of their legal guardian's family.

Section 4 No demit shall be granted unless the application is made in writing, and the dues of the applicant are paid to the end of the current year.

ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

Section 1 The standing committees of this Grange shall consist of: finance, family living, relief, agriculture, membership, legislative, youth/junior, youth fairs program, and any other committee ordered by the Grange. The standing committees shall consist of at least three members, appointed by the Master/President with the advice of the Overseer/Vice President, unless otherwise ordered by the Grange.

Section 2 The executive committee of this Grange shall consist of six members, including the Master/President, who shall be chairman, the Overseer/Vice President, and the Secretary, who shall be secretary of the committee, all ex-officio members with full right to vote; the elected members shall hold office for three years, one to be elected at each annual election. The committee shall attend to the general business of this Grange and have general supervision over its affairs between meetings, subject to the order of the Grange. Any action taken by the executive committee shall be reported to the Grange at its next regular meeting.

Section 3 Special committees will be appointed for a particular purpose and will be considered discharged when that purpose is served. Special committees will be appointed in the same manner as standing committees.

Section 4 The duties of all standing and special committees shall be determined by the Grange.

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of the Grange by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of intention to amend shall have been given in writing at the previous regular meeting and provided that no Grange shall change the dues or its regular meeting except on resolution presented at a previous regular meeting. Such a resolution shall set a date upon which the vote will be taken, and such date shall not be less than two weeks nor more than two months following the introduction of such a resolution. All members shall be notified in writing, or by publication of notice in the Washington State Grange News, of the date such resolution is to be voted upon and its purpose.

Adopted by _____ Grange # _____ on _____, 20_____.

Upon approval, these bylaws are not official until on file with the Washington State Grange.

Attest:
(Grange Seal)

Master/President _____

Secretary _____