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1. NO CONFLICT

Nothing in these standing rules shall be in conflict with Article II, Section 15 of the Washington State Constitution, RCW 29.42, RCW 29.45, the bylaws of the Republican Central Committee of Pierce County or the bylaws and rules of the Republican State Committee of Washington and the Republican National Committee.

2. DUES - REPUBLICAN PARTY OF PIERCE COUNTY

There shall be annual dues for membership in the Republican Party of Pierce County of \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a joint husband/wife membership. Beyond the payment of the basic membership fee, categories are as follows with additional monetary contributions to the Operating Account and in-kind donations to the Republican Party of Pierce County being cumulative in a calendar year: Century Club \$100 or more, Benefactor \$250 or more: Winners' Circle \$500 or more..

3. RESOLUTIONS

Any resolution for action by the Central Committee, Executive Board or at district caucuses must be submitted in writing to the members no less than ten days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered. Copies of a proposed resolution may be included in the meeting notice. However, if inclusion of a proposed resolution increases the cost of postage, that additional cost must be paid by the sponsors of the resolution.

All resolutions shall bear the signature of a minimum of three sponsors from two or more legislative districts who are members of the body to which the resolution will be presented.

4. PCO/MEMBERSHIP LISTS

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of Pierce County Republican Precinct Committee Officers and members of the Republican Party of Pierce County shall be available only to persons who have paid their current dues in the Republican Party of Pierce County and only for purposes of Republican party-building activities or the election of Republicans to partisan office. There shall be no charge. Other party information is subject to charge.

5. ELECTION BOARD WORKERS

By May 1st of each calendar year, the Central Committee Chairman shall cause to be mailed to all Republican Precinct Committee Officers and District Leaders in Pierce County a call for election board workers. By June 1st of each calendar year, the Central Committee Chairman shall cause to be submitted to the Pierce County Auditor the names of those Precinct Committee Officers and other Republicans willing to serve as election board workers.

6. LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES

6.1 Single-County Districts. No later than ten days after a vacancy occurs, the Central Committee Candidate Director and Funding Director, and the incumbent Republican legislators, District Leader and Executive Board members for the district where the vacancy exists shall establish the procedures for identifying and nominating candidates to fill the vacancy including the location, time and date of a district caucus. No later than thirty days after a vacancy occurs, the Republican Precinct Committee Officers in a district where the vacancy exists shall meet to compile a list of three names, in order of preference, to be recommended to the Central Committee for submission to the Pierce County Council to fill the vacancy. The actions by the District Caucus and the Central Committee may be concluded prior to the effective date of an already announced or reasonably anticipated vacancy. Ref. Washington State Constitution Art. 2, Sec 15 and Pierce County Code 1.28.180, B.

6.2 Multiple-County Districts. The Republican Central Committee of Pierce County shall follow the procedures established in the Bylaws of the Republican State Committee of Washington.

7. COUNTY ELECTIVE OFFICE VACANCIES

Within thirty days after a previously unannounced vacation of a Pierce County elective office, or, if practical, prior to the effective date of a voluntary or required vacancy, the Central Committee elected officers and the District Leaders shall nominate and, subject to further nominations, the Central Committee shall approve a list of three persons, in order of preference, to submit to the County Council. The County Council will select one of the three to fill the vacancy in accordance with County Charter, Section 4.70.

8. CAUCUSES AND CONVENTIONS

8.1 Committee Chairs - Not less than thirty days prior to the precinct caucuses, the Central Committee Chairman shall appoint chairmen for the committees of Credentials, Rules/Order of Business and Platform and shall call a meeting of the Central Committee for the purpose of organizing for caucuses and convention. At the Central Committee meeting district caucuses shall be held for the purpose of electing the following:

8.2 Rules/Order of Business Committee - One member from each legislative district.

8.3 Credentials Committee - Two members from each legislative district with a registered voter population of 50% or more in Pierce County and one member from those legislative districts with a registered voter population of less than 50% in Pierce County.

8.4 Platform Committee - Two members from each legislative district with a registered voter population of 50% or more in Pierce County and one member from those legislative districts with a registered voter population of less than 50% in Pierce County.

8.5 Duties - Rules Committee

8.5.1 These Rules may be amended or modified only by a Pierce County Convention and not by a District Caucus. The adopted rules from the previous Caucuses and Conventions do apply to the new years events until they are replaced. That is, precinct and district caucuses and conventions subsequent to the adopting convention, except as modified by National or State rules and dates applicable to those subsequent events,

do apply until they are replaced by the rules adopted at a later Pierce County Convention.

8.5.2 No rules shall be added or deleted that will jeopardize the credentials of Pierce County delegates and alternates. Prior to the precinct caucuses, the Rules Committee shall review the Rules & Order of Business for precinct caucuses as prescribed by the Washington State Republican Party and the Republican National Committee. After the caucuses, the committee shall meet to prepare the Rules & Order of Business to be adopted by the convention. The committee chair shall submit a copy of the proposed caucus and convention rules and order of business to the Central Committee, the Platform and the Credentials Committee Chairs prior to a copy of them shall be enclosed in caucus and convention packets. The Rules & Order of Business will be referred to the Convention by its Chair for final adoption.

8.6 Duties - Platform Committee - Prior to the precinct caucuses, the committee shall prepare a questionnaire to be enclosed in the caucus packets. The questions may be on any issue of local, state or national importance. The committee may adopt the questionnaire prepared by the Washington State Republican Party. After the caucuses, the committee shall prepare a platform for consideration at the county convention. The committee shall consider the results of the caucus questionnaire in preparing the platform. Procedures for submitting resolutions to the Platform Committee for consideration at the county convention shall be included in the caucus packets. Resolutions may not be altered by the Platform Committee. The Platform Committee shall review each resolution submitted and prepare a "do pass" or "do not pass" recommendation. If the intent and substance of a resolution is incorporated into the platform, the author of the resolution shall be notified prior to the convention and given the opportunity to withdraw the resolution from consideration. The Platform Committee Chairman shall be responsible for meeting the deadline for having materials ready to be included in the caucus and convention packets.

8.7 Duties - Credentials Committee - Prior to the precinct caucuses and county convention, the credentials committee shall review the rules and order business and all materials to be included in the caucus and convention packets. The Credentials Committee Chairman or his/her designee shall be responsible for opening and removing materials from caucus packets returned to Republican headquarters, shall ensure caucus reports are kept in a secure place accessible only to members of the Credentials Committee, and shall act as swiftly as possible to get questionnaire reports to the Platform Committee and any money enclosed to the Central Committee Treasurer. Precinct reports shall be released by district, by the Credentials Committee Chairman only after the credentials work has been completed on the entire district. If a district caucus is held prior to the county convention, the Credentials Committee Chairman and the Credentials Committee member(s) from that district shall ensure that proper procedures for electing state convention delegates are followed.

8.8 Call to Caucus and Convention - Pursuant to notice from the Washington State Republican Party, the Central Committee Chairman shall be responsible for calling caucuses and county conventions and making all necessary arrangements including location, date and time.

8.9 Convention Rules of Order - The Central Committee Chairman shall preside over the opening of the convention. The following shall be the order of business:

- Order and Call Opening Ceremonies
- Appointment of temporary chairman

- Appointment of temporary parliamentarian, secretaries, and sergeant-at-arms

- Credentials Committee Report

- Rules Committee Report

- Election of permanent chairman

- Election of permanent parliamentarian, secretaries and sergeant-at-arms

- Platform Committee Report

- Miscellaneous Business

- Adjournment

8.10 Parliamentary Authority - The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern county conventions in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with any rules of order the convention delegates may adopt.

9. NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES AND BALLOT MEASURES

The Chairman of the Central Committee may appoint a committee to recommend support of or opposition to ballot measures and nonpartisan candidates. It will consist of at least four people, one of whom may be an appointed or elected Republican official from Pierce County. The Committee or its representative shall perform or review some practical degree of research on which measures and candidates support or do not support the fundamental political philosophy of the majority of Republicans. Nonpartisan candidates may not be identified as "endorsed" or "preferred" unless they have so requested or agreed in writing. The written recommendations of the committee shall be for endorsement, preference, or opposition to the nonpartisan candidates and ballot issues on which it chooses to take a position. They shall be mailed with the notice for the Central Committee meeting at which they are to be considered for adoption. The recommendations may be amended or rejected. A simple majority vote is required for amendment and for approval to become the official position of the Pierce County Republican Party.

10. SUSPENSION OR AMENDMENT OF STANDING RULES

These standing Rules may be suspended or amended at any meeting of the Central Committee or Executive Board by a simple majority vote provided a quorum is present.

11. MEETINGS

11.1 Meeting notices shall be post-marked or electronically dated so that time-sufficiency of the notice can be determined.

11.2 Meeting notices shall include any minutes sought to be approved at the meeting so that members have time to consider these matters.

11.3 Meeting sign-in sheets shall be organized by Legislative District and Precinct so that District Leaders know if they have a quorum for legislative district caucuses and who is present.

11.4 A sign-in sheet for guests shall be provided at Central Committee and Executive Board meetings to segregate non-voting members and for potential membership purposes.

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