

CONSTITUTION OF THE LODI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Effective: February 6, 2025

PREAMBLE:

We the members of the Lodi Amateur Radio Club of Lodi, California hereby declare and identify ourselves as an association of licensed amateur radio operators and others interested in amateur radio. We are formed in order to provide volunteer radio communication services during emergency situations and public activities, to render assistance by radio to visitors and travelers, and to aid our members in the practice of amateur radio, including public service, education, technical advancement and recreation. We further declare that this Constitution shall supersede all previous versions of and amendments to the Club's Constitution commencing on its effective date stated herein.

ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS:

The following terms are applicable to this Constitution and the Club's Bylaws:

Club: the Lodi Amateur Radio Club
Member: a person holding current membership in the Club as defined herein
Board: the Club's Board of Directors
Bylaws: the current version of Club Bylaws as approved by the Members
Director: a current officer or former officer having voting authority on the Board

ARTICLE 2: ORGANIZATION

Section 1: The Club shall be incorporated as a Non-Profit 501(3)(c), Public Benefit Corporation under the laws of the State of California.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws, any person who is interested in amateur radio and supports the principles stated in the Preamble is eligible for membership in the Club.

Section 2: A “Member” of the Club shall be an individual who meets the eligibility requirements stated herein, has been accepted for membership as provided in the Bylaws, has paid the appropriate dues, and is not in debt to the Club beyond any limit stated in the Bylaws.

Section 3: The types and privileges of membership and the procedures for becoming a Member of the Club shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 4: The membership of any Member may be revoked as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: The duties, term of office, and the procedures for nominating and electing officers shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 5: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The governing authority of the Club shall reside in a Board of five Directors, which shall be the custodian of all property owned by the Club. The Directors shall be the four current officers plus the Immediate Past President. The Board may also include other, non-voting members as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 2: Each Director must maintain membership in the Club as defined in this Constitution. A Member failing to do so automatically forfeits his/her position on the Board.

ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS, OPERATIONS, ACTIVITIES

Section 1: Club and Board meetings shall be scheduled, announced, and conducted as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 2: The Club may engage in any operations or activities that are consistent with the Preamble to this Constitution.

ARTICLE 7: DUES

Section 1: The Club may collect dues from the membership to the extent necessary for the conduct of business or operations that are consistent with the Preamble to this Constitution.

Section 2: The amount of dues and the membership types to which they apply shall be as specified in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 8: DISSOLUTION

Section 1: The Board may initiate the dissolution of the Club by motion at a regular Club meeting. If seconded and approved by a majority of the members present and voting, a vote for dissolution by written ballot shall be carried out as provided in the Bylaws, with ballots to be counted at next regular Club meeting. Dissolution shall require approval by two thirds of all ballots cast, and is effective immediately upon confirmation of the vote tally by the presiding officer at the meeting.

Section 2: Upon dissolution, the Club's bank or other institutional accounts shall be closed. Physical assets owned by the Club shall be offered for sale at fair market value and sold at the highest bid. Any account balance or other funds held by the Club and any unsold property shall be donated to a nonprofit organization. No one previously affiliated with the Club shall realize any financial benefit from the dissolution of the Club nor the disposition of its assets.

ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: An amendment to this Constitution may be submitted by motion and in writing by any Member at a regular Club meeting, as defined in the Bylaws. If the motion is seconded and carried by the members present and voting, the vote for approval shall be conducted at the next regular meeting by written ballot as provided in the Bylaws. The amendment shall become immediately effective if approved by two-thirds of all ballots cast.

Section 2: The Secretary shall revise the permanent copy of the Constitution accordingly with the amendment clearly identified and distribute copies to Members as provided in the Bylaws.