

The Party of Principle:
Minimum Government, Maximum Freedom

Libertarian Party of Davidson County ByLaws

Article I: Name of the Organization

We will be known as the Libertarian Party of Davidson County, referred to as the LPDC. We are the Davidson County Affiliate of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina, LPNC, which is an Affiliate of the National Libertarian Party, NLP.

Article II. Mission

Our mission is to protect the Constitution, reduce government spending, taxes and debt, and to help our members run for offices while working to increase our membership.

Article III, Officers

The officers for the LPDC will consist of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and if available a Vice Chairperson. The officers will be known as the Executive Committee (EC) and will be responsible for forming sub committees as needed. An officer will be required to attend EC meetings, if 3 or more meeting are missed within a year without notification to the rest of the EC, then the officer will automatically resign his/her position.

1. The Chairperson will be in charge of all meetings.
2. The Vice- Chairperson will assume the duties of Chairperson if the Chairperson should be unable to be at a meeting and will assist the Chairperson in any way needed.
3. The Secretary will be responsible for taking minutes of the board and regular meetings and reading minutes at the next meeting. The Secretary is responsible for notifying the LPDC of the monthly meetings and special events as they occur.
4. The Treasurer will be responsible for collecting and disbursing monies for the LPDC. He/she will report on the balance and any expenditures made during the preceding month. The checking account will have the Chairperson and Treasurer as signers. The treasurer will be responsible for filing the financial forms required by the State Board of Elections.

Article IV. Elections

The election of officers will be held in March, or one month before the LPNC convention. Elected officers must be registered Libertarians with the North Carolina State Board of Elections, prior to the annual election. The voting will be done by all members of our local party that are present the night of the election. The term of each office will be for one year. Each office is limited to two consecutive terms in a respective office. Nonconsecutive terms are permitted. If no other person is available to fill an executive committee position, the two term limit can be waived provided that $\frac{2}{3}$ of the LPDC members present approve of the term extension. There will be nominations for each office, followed by discussion and then a vote. If an officer should resign for any reason, the remaining officers will call for a new election to fill that office.

Article V. Membership

Membership is open to all libertarian-minded people. There are four ways to be a full member:

1. Be registered as a Libertarian with the County Board of Elections of his/her residence.
2. Be a dues paying member of the State Party (\$25.00 per year)
3. Be a dues paying member of the National Party (\$25.00 with a 1 year membership card and subscription the Party newspaper).
4. Sign a form that they do not advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals (Fill out the membership page and mark "I certify that I do not advocate the initiation of the use of force to achieve social or political goals")

Article VI. Committees

The LPDC will not have standing any committees. We will work together to get things done. When circumstances present a need for any ad-hoc committees, the Chairperson will appoint members to them as necessary.

Article VII. Meetings

We will have our board meeting concurrent with our regular meetings, unless there is something we need to discuss separately. We will strive to have transparency in all we do.

Article VIII. Voting

Should there need to be something brought before the entire group to be voted upon, other than elections, there must be a motion, a second and discussion before the vote. The vote will pass with a two-thirds majority of members present.

Article IX. Budget and Records

The LPDC will keep correct and complete books and records of accounts including: financial, attendance, membership, minutes of meetings and votes of its membership. The Board will inspect the books in February of each year.

Any member in good standing may inspect all books and records of the LPDC for any purpose and at any reasonable time upon written request.

Article X. Amendments to the By-Laws

Proposed amendments to these by-laws may be made in the form of a motion during any regular meeting of the LPDC. However, a vote on such proposed amendment changes will take place at the following general meeting in order to give all members an opportunity to be made aware of the proposed changes. Adoption of an amendment to the by-laws will require a 2/3 vote of the membership present and voting at the meeting at which the vote is taken.

Article XI Limits on Liability

No member of the LPDC will be personally held liable for any obligations of the LPDC.

Article XII. Criminal Activity

Any Board Member charged with crimes relating to theft or dishonesty, will be automatically suspended until the final Court verdict is handed down. It will then take a two-thirds vote to reinstate that member to his/her Board seat.