THE BYLAWS
OF
DESOTO SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization is the DESOTO SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.

ARTICLE II: IDENTITY AND PURPOSE

The DeSoto Senior Citizens, Inc., refereed to herein as the "DSC is a non-profit educational, scientific, and charitable corporation under the laws of the State of Texas as per its "Articles of Incorporation" filed with the secretary of State of the State of Texas on November 21, 1986, and granted charter number 775453-1.

The DSC has been granted exemption from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the internal Revenue Code as per a letter of determination dated September 10, 1986. EIN assigned: 75-2116741.

The purpose of the DSC is to accumulate and manage monies and properties donated or purchased for the use and benefit of the Senior Citizens of the Greater DeSoto area through the City of DeSoto Senior Activity Center, 204 Lion St., DeSoto, TX 75115, and adjacent parklands, and through other properties designated for Senior Citizen use. Members of the DeSoto Senior Activity Center must be a citizen of the Greater DeSoto Area and a minimum of fifty-five years of age.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The DSC shall be comprised of a Board of Directors acting on behalf of all Senior Citizens residing in DeSoto, Texas.

SECTION A: DEFINITIONS

1. Greater DeSoto Area – Includes the city limits of DeSoto and surrounding areas
2. Senior Citizen – Any citizen of Greater DeSoto who is 55 years of age or older.
3. Memorial Fund – Monies donated to the DSC for the sole purpose of memorializing a person or persons, or contributors to the development of the DeSoto Senior Activity Center.
4. Legacy Fund – Monies or property given to the DSC by a last will or testament. Monies received from legacies will be used for capital expenditures unless otherwise designated.
5. Foundation Fund – Monies donated or generated for capital expenditures to improve the DeSoto Senior Activity Center or its surrounding parkland area.

SECTION B: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of no less than five and no more than fourteen members, including: The Senior Center Manager, and Coordinator, representative of the of Parks and Leisure Services Department for the City of DeSoto, the Senior Center Historian, a member of the DeSoto Senior Activity Center Site Council and residents of the City of DeSoto who have contributed to the growth and development of the DeSoto Senior Activity Center and are active in the DeSoto community.
2. The Board of Directors may transact its business by a simple majority vote at any meeting when at least five (5) members are present.
3. The Board of Directors will hold regular meetings quarterly during the months of January, April, July and October on the 2nd Thursday at 1:00 p.m. These meetings will be held in the DeSoto Senior Activity Center unless otherwise communicated to the members, by the president, in writing at least fourteen days in advance.
4. The President shall nominate and submit to the Board membership the names of at least five and no more than eight individuals to serve on the Board of Directors for staggered two-year terms. Elections shall be held at the April meeting.
5. The Board of Directors shall elect by a simple majority present at the April meeting a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Chaplain, officers to serve for a period of two years.
6. The Vice-President shall conduct the business of the office of President in his/her absence. The Secretary shall notify the Board members of meetings. The Treasurer shall publish a quarterly financial statement which will be displayed in the Senior Activity Center for the duration of the quarter.
7. The Board of Directors may elect at any meeting individuals to fill Board vacancies.
8. The President shall appoint chairpersons for all standing committees including, but not limited to Planning, Finance, Fund Raising and Programs. A member of the Site Council will be appointed as a member of these committees as appropriate.
9. When necessary, the President shall also appoint chairpersons for ad hoc committees.
10. The Board of Directors may conduct called meetings upon requests filed with the President by two or more members at least 21 days prior to the desired date, or by the President of the Board with at least fourteen days notice.
11. The Board of Directors shall consider replacing a member absent for two consecutive meetings without having advised the Secretary with a valid cause as determined by the Board of Directors. Board member substitution for member attendance is not allowed.

ARTICLE IV: EXPENDITURES FROM CORPORATION FUNDS

Expenditures from monies accumulated in the Corporation fund accounts shall meet the following conditions:

1. Any expenditure over $1,000 must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the Board of Directors.
2. Any expenditure over $100 must be approved by a simple majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V: REGULAR MEETINGS

Quarterly meetings of the DSC will normally be held as stated in Article III, Section B3, at such time as the Quarterly Financial Report is published and available for discussion and Board approval.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS OF THE BY-LAWS

The Bylaws may be amended by the Board of Directors with at least fourteen days written notice of intention to amend the by-laws and if such written notice included copies of the bylaws to be amended.