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BYLAWS FOR \_\_\_\_\_ GRANGE # \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY.

*ARTICLE I*

Sec. 1. The name of this Grange shall be \_\_\_\_\_ Grange # \_\_\_\_\_.

Sec. 2. This 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 meeting, not to exceed one meeting, without amending its bylaws.

Sec. 3. Special meetings may be called by this Grange at any meeting, or by the master. 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 meeting unless specified in the call.

Sec. 4. Balloting for candidates, election of officers, or suspension of members may be done only at a regular meeting in accordance with Grange law.

Sec 5. 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 Grange and the Digest of Laws of the National Grange.

*ARTICLE II*

*Membership and Elections*

Sec. 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.

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

Sec. 3. Nomination 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 be no election, the master shall announce that the next ballot will be taken on the names receiving the majority of votes. This process shall be repeated until there is an election.

*ARTICLE III*

*Fees and Dues*

Sec. 1a. An individual candidate shall pay a fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Minimum of \$3 to a maximum of \$10) for admission to this Grange.

Sec. 1b. A family candidate shall pay a fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Minimum of \$6 to a maximum of \$12) for admission to this Grange.

(NOTE: Please select the Sec. 2 which you prefer and cross out the other. You may also mark out the words “who is head of household” in the first line and whole second line if this does not pertain to your Grange.)

Sec. 2. Each individual who is head of the household shall pay annually in advance the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. Each additional individual in the family shall pay annually in advance the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

Sec. 2. Each individual who is head of the household shall pay annually in advance the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ plus the amount of annual dues paid to the State Grange by the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. Each additional individual in the family shall pay annually in advance the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ plus the amount of annual dues paid to the State Grange by the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

Sec. 3. Each family shall pay annually in advance the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

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Sec. 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

##### *Standing and Special Committees*

Sec. 1. The standing committees of this Grange shall consist of: finance, committee on women's activities, relief, agriculture, membership and any other committee ordered by the Grange.

Sec. 2. The executive committee of this Grange shall consist of six members, including the master, who shall be chairman, the overseer, 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 a 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.

Sec. 3. The other standing committees shall consist of at least three members, appointed by the master with the advice of the overseer, unless otherwise ordered by the Grange.

Sec. 4. 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.

Sec. 5. The duties of all standing and special committees shall be determined by the Grange, including but not limited to the following:

A. Finance: Inspect and approve all bills and accounts, and examine the accounts and vouchers of the secretary and treasurer and report the financial condition of the Grange.

B. Relief: Keep in touch with and keep the Grange informed of members who are sick or in need of comfort.

C. Agriculture: Assist in advancing the interest of agriculture and keep the Grange informed of agricultural activities.

D. Membership: Assist in advancing the interests of the Grange by getting the Grange message to prospective members and keeping the current membership involved.

E. Women's Activities: The duties of this committee shall be such as may properly come before its members, or such matters which may be referred to them.

#### 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 subordinate Grange shall change the dues or its regular meeting schedule except on resolution presented at a previous regular meeting. Such 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 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 purport.

Adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

*Attest:*

(SEAL)

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*Master*

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*Secretary*