MODEL COUNTY PLAN - ADOPTED 6/30/26

THE PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

OF THE

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF _____ COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE ONE – THE PARTY AND ITS MEMBERS

Section 1-101. The _____ County Republican Party and This Plan.

(a). The Party and Its Governing Instruments. The _____ County Republican Party is a constituent entity of the North Carolina Republican Party and is governed both by this Plan of Organization and the Plan of Organization of the North Carolina Republican Party.

(b). Exhibits. The Exhibits attached to this Plan contain sample forms which the Party may, but is not required to, use. The Party may develop other similar forms or employ electronic means to record the information contained in those Exhibits.

Section 1-102. Definitions.

Wherever in this Plan the following terms are initially capitalized, they shall have the meanings set forth below.

(a) Member. The word "Member" refers to a United States citizen who is a resident of _____ County, North Carolina and is registered to vote in this county as a Republican.

(b) Party. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the word "Party" means the _____ County Republican Party.

(c) Public Notice. The term "Public Notice" refers to notice which is given on the Party's website and which may also be given by other means such as an email marketing platform and traditional media.

(d) State Plan. The term "State Plan" refers to the Plan of Organization of the North Carolina Republican Party.

Section 1-103. Right to Run for, Be Appointed to, and Hold a Party Office.

(a) General Rule. Except as provided in subsection (b), a person running for, appointed to, or holding a Party office described in this Plan must be a Member of the Party and, with respect to an office established for a precinct within this county, a resident of that precinct. For purposes of this Section, the term "office" includes both elected and appointed membership on committees created or authorized by this Plan.

(b) Exception. No Member who, after a final judgment, has ever been convicted of a felony involving a crime of violence, sexual abuse, or child abuse shall thereafter be eligible to run for, be appointed to, or hold Party Office.

ARTICLE TWO – PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

1. Organized Precincts.

Section 2-101. The Precinct Committee.

Each organized precinct shall have a Precinct Committee which shall, in cooperation with the County Chair and County Executive Committee, administer the affairs of the Party within its precinct. The Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. In addition to these Officers, the Precinct Chair may appoint other Committee members as needed.

Section 2-102. Term of Office.
The Precinct Officers shall be elected at the Annual Precinct Meeting held in an odd-numbered year. Unless sooner becoming ineligible to serve, an Officer's term of office shall end upon the adjournment of the Annual Precinct Meeting held in the next odd-numbered year. If no successor is elected at that meeting, a vacancy shall occur.

Section 2-103. Duties of the Committee.
The Precinct Committee shall (i) work for the election of Republican candidates for public office; (ii) recruit volunteers to work for the Party and its candidates; (iii) assist the Party in getting out the vote in the precinct; and (iv) provide the County Chair with a list of Members willing to serve as election officials.

Section 2-104. Duties of Individual Officers.
The Officers shall have the duties set forth in this Section.

(a) Chair. The Chair shall be primarily responsible for the affairs of the Party in the precinct and shall preside over the Precinct Meetings.

(b) Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair and preside at any Precinct Meeting when the Chair is not present.

(c) Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Precinct Meetings and other precinct records. In addition, the Secretary shall maintain a list of precinct volunteers and their contact information.

Section 2-105. Vacancy in a Precinct Office.
Precinct Officers shall be entitled to hold their offices until the expiration of their terms or, if earlier, upon the Officer's death, resignation, removal, or ineligibility to serve. When an office becomes vacant, the County Chair shall nominate a replacement to serve in that office until the next County Executive Committee meeting, at which time the Committee shall appoint that replacement or another Member to complete the term of the vacated office.

Section 2-106. Removal of a Precinct Officer.
A Precinct Officer shall be automatically removed if that Officer (i) switches his or her registration from the Republican Party, (ii) no longer resides in the precinct, or (iii) upon a final judgment has been convicted of a felony. Further, a Precinct Officer who (i) is grossly inefficient, (ii) fails without rectification to comply with a significant provision of this Plan or the State Plan, or (iii) commits an act of Party disloyalty by the active and meaningful support of a non-Republican candidate running against a Republican candidate in any race, may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the County Executive Committee upon 15 days' notice signed by one-third of the voting members of that Committee and after being given an opportunity to be heard.

2. Unorganized Precincts.

Section 2-201. Vacancy in All Offices of the Precinct Committee.
The goal of the Party is to have a viable organization in each precinct of the county. Accordingly, if at any time all of the offices of a Precinct Committee are vacant, the precinct shall be deemed to be unorganized and the County Chair and Executive Committee may fill those vacancies as provided in Section 2-105.

Section 2-202. Non-Resident Administrator.
The County Chair is authorized to appoint a Member of the County Party to serve as Administrator of an Unorganized Precinct in which he or she is not a resident. The Administrator shall (i) act in the role of

the Precinct Chair in the conduct of political campaigns, (ii) work to identify residents of the Precinct willing to be elected as members of the Precinct Committee at the Annual Precinct Meeting to be held in the next odd-numbered year, and (iii) preside at Precinct Meetings. The duties of the Administrator shall cease upon the election of a Precinct Chair as provided in Sections 2-102 or 2-105.

3. Annual Precinct Meetings.

Section 2-301. Call and Notice of the Annual Precinct Meeting.

(a) February Meetings. An Annual Meeting of the Members of each precinct may be held during the month of February after the number of Delegates allocated to each Precinct is known. Notice of the Meetings shall be given no later than February 1st as provided in subsection (c).

(b) Convention Meetings. Alternatively, the Annual Meeting may be held after February 14th and before April 1st provided that it is conducted on the same day and at the same location as the County Convention. Notice of the Meetings shall be given no later than March 1st as provided in subsection (c).

(c) Notice. The County Chair shall issue the call of the Meetings by (i) giving Public Notice and (ii) notifying the members of the Precinct Committees and the Chair or Chairs of the Congressional Districts within the county at least 10 days before the Meetings.

(d) Delegates Allocated to Each Precinct. As soon as it can be determined, the County Chair shall also notify each Precinct Chair or Member who is expected to chair an Annual Meeting of the number of Delegates to the County Convention allocated to the precinct.

Section 2-302. Eligibility to Participate.

Notwithstanding Section 1-103, a Member shall be entitled to participate in the Annual Precinct Meeting if he or she meets the conditions of either subsections (a) or (b).

(a) General Rule. The Member was registered to vote in the precinct as a Republican on the previous January 31st.

(b) Exception. If not so registered, the Member is registered to vote in the precinct as a Republican at the time of the Annual Meeting but only if during the period between January 1st and the date of the Annual Meeting, he or she became eligible to register to vote in the precinct by establishing residency in the precinct or by attaining the age of 18.

(c) Limitation. No one, however, shall be permitted to participate in more than one Annual Meeting in any year.

Section 2-303. Registration and Quorum.

(a) Registration. Upon arriving at the Annual Precinct Meeting, each participant shall register by providing his or her full legal name, address, phone number, and email address. **A sample registration form is attached to this Plan as Exhibit A**.

(b) Quorum. Unless this Plan is amended to establish a greater number, a quorum to conduct business at the Annual Precinct Meeting shall be one.

Section 2-304. Eligibility to Be Elected as an Officer or Delegate.

(a) Eligibility. Only those Members who reside in the precinct at the time of the Annual Precinct Meeting and are eligible to participate shall be qualified to be elected as a Precinct Officer or as a Delegate or Alternate to the County Convention. A Member, however, does not have to be present at the Meeting to be elected, provided that the Member complies with the procedure described in Section 3-301(l).

(b) Provisional Vote. If the right of an individual to participate cannot be determined at the time of the Annual Meeting, the individual will be allowed to cast a provisional vote and may be provisionally elected, subject to a final determination being made by the County Credentials Committee.

Further, unless that determination has no bearing on the actions taken at the Annual Precinct Meeting, the establishment of a quorum and the results of the elections conducted at the Meeting shall not be finally decided until the eligibility of all participants has been resolved.

Section 2-305. Election of Precinct Officers.
The Precinct Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting held in an odd-numbered year. In addition to absent Members who have nominated themselves by complying with the procedure described in Section 3-301(l), the Members present at the Meeting may nominate anyone present, including themselves, or anyone not present who is known to the person nominating that Member to be someone who is willing to serve.

Section 2-306. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention.

(a) Election and Number. Each precinct is authorized to elect Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention at its Annual Meeting. The number of Delegates allocated to each precinct shall equal the sum of (i) one plus (ii) an amount equal to one for every 100 Members, rounded to the nearest multiple of 100, registered in the precinct on January 31st of the year in which the Annual Meeting is held. Notwithstanding clause (ii) of the previous sentence, the County Executive Committee may allocate to all precincts in the county a number of Delegates greater than one for every 100 Members.

(b) Alternates. An equal number of Alternates shall be allocated to the precinct. No one shall be elected as an Alternate, however, until all the Delegate slots are filled.

(c) Finality. No one may be elected as a Delegate or Alternate following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

Section 2-307. Certification and Delivery of Annual Meeting Results and Documents.
Promptly after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, the Secretary of the Meeting shall (i) certify to the County Secretary and the Chair of the County Credentials Committee the full legal names, residence addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of those elected as Officers and as Delegates or Alternates at the Meeting, and (ii) provide the County Secretary and the Chair of the County Credentials Committee a copy of the register described in Section 2-303(a) and a copy of the minutes of the Meeting. **Sample forms for the Minutes and List of Delegates and Alternates are attached to this Plan as Exhibits B and C.**

4. Other Precinct Meetings.

Section 2-401. Call of Other Precinct Meetings.
Any member of the Precinct Committee or any five Precinct Members may call other Precinct Meetings by notifying the members of the Precinct Committee and providing them with a proposed agenda for the Meeting. The Precinct Chair or Vice Chair shall determine the time and place of the Meeting and shall give notice as provided in Section 5-305 to the members of the Precinct Committee and those calling the Meeting and shall arrange for the posting of a notice on the Party website. The Meeting shall be subject to the same quorum requirements as the Annual Meeting. The Secretary of the Meeting shall notify the County Secretary of any action taken at the Meeting.

ARTICLE THREE – COUNTY ORGANIZATION.

1. Purpose and Applicability.

3-101. Purpose.
The purpose of this Article is to create in _____ County an effective and efficient Republican organization under the direction of the County Executive Committee and the leadership of the County Officers. The County Republican organization in cooperation with the Party's candidates is the primary generator of election victories.

3-102. Applicability. The Officers and Executive Committee members are expected to make good faith efforts to comply with this ARTICLE and the provisions of the State Plan. If, however, they are unable to do so because of a lack of volunteers, they shall (i) continue to build the Party, (ii) meet as many of the requirements of the Plan as possible with fewer personnel than specified, and (iii) seek help from the District and State Parties.

2. Committee Members.

Section 3-201. Membership.
The Members listed in this Section shall constitute the voting members of the County Executive Committee.

(a) Required Members. The County Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, the Election Integrity Chair, and five other members.

(b) Additional Members. Such additional Officers and other members, including Members who hold office by virtue of an ex officio status, as provided by amendment to this Plan.

(c) Optional Members. The General Counsel, Audit Committee Chair, and Finance Committee Chair are not automatically members of the Executive Committee, but may be elected to the County Executive Committee as provided in Section 3-301(h).

Section 3-202. Non-voting Members of the County Executive Committee.
This Plan may be amended to allow non-voting members to serve on the County Executive Committee. Non-voting members may either be elected in the same manner as voting members or hold office by virtue of an ex officio status. Non-voting members may participate in debate at County Executive Committee meetings but shall not be permitted to make motions or vote. They shall not be taken into account in determining the existence of a quorum.

Section 3-203. The Election or Appointment of the County Executive Committee.
Except for the Election Integrity Chair and members who hold office by virtue of an ex officio status, the Officers and Committee members described in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 3-201 shall be elected at the County Convention held in an odd-numbered year. Upon taking office, the County Chair (i) shall nominate the Election Integrity Chair and the Audit Committee Chair, and (ii) may nominate a General Counsel and a Finance Committee Chair, if that Committee is created in accordance with Section 3-302(d), each of whom shall be subject to confirmation by the County Executive Committee.

3. The County Executive Committee.

Section 3-301. Duties of the County Executive Committee.
The County Executive Committee shall have the duties set forth in this Section.

(a) Elect Republicans. Work for the election of Republican candidates for public office in the county.

(b) Management. Manage the affairs of the Party within the county.

(c) Meetings and Quorum. Meet at least quarterly at the call of the County Chair or the call of one-third of its voting members, at which the quorum to conduct business shall be 25 percent of the voting members of the Committee unless this Plan is amended to require a greater percentage.

(d) Cooperation. Cooperate with the Congressional District and State Executive Committees in all elections and Party activities.

(e) Candidates. Encourage qualified candidates for office within the county.

(f) Budget. Adopt an annual budget.

(g) Board of Elections. Recommend nominees to the State Chair for appointment to the County Board of Elections in accordance with Section 9-502 of the State Plan.

(h) Nominations. Confirm or reject Members nominated by the County Chair as (i) the Election Integrity Chair, the General Counsel, and the Audit Committee Chair, (ii) the Finance Committee Chair, if that Committee is created in accordance with Section 3-302(d), and (iii) the members of the Credentials Committee formed in connection with the County Convention. Further, with the exception of the Election Integrity Officer who is a member of the County Executive Committee as provided in Section 3-201(c), confirm or reject any of the General Counsel, Audit Committee Chair, and Finance Committee Chair as members of the County Executive Committee.

(i) Inconsistent County Plan. Amend this Plan whenever a previous amendment to this Plan is not consistent with the State Plan.

(j) Fill Vacancies in County Offices. After conducting a meeting reasonably calculated to be fair to all potential candidates, recommend a nominee to the appropriate governmental authority to complete the unexpired term of any county public official who no longer holds an office, as permitted by law.

(k) Replacement of Republican Nominee. Fill the vacancy created by a Republican nominee for a county office dying, resigning, or becoming disqualified or ineligible to run before the general election.

(l) Members Absent from an Annual Precinct Meeting or County Convention. Adopt a procedure that complies with Section 9-203 of the State Plan and which permits Members not present at a Meeting or Convention to be elected as Officers, Committee members, and Delegates or Alternates. **A sample form for this purpose is attached as Exhibit D.**

Section 3-302. Committees.

(a) The Executive Board. This Plan may be amended to create an Executive Board consisting of the County Officers for the purpose of exercising the County Executive Committee's management function between the meetings of the Committee.

(b) The Election Integrity Committee. The Election Integrity Committee shall consist of the Election Integrity Chair and such other members as the County Chair may appoint. The Committee shall be responsible for identifying and reporting election fraud and maintaining trained and qualified election observers in every precinct. In addition, the Committee shall monitor the canvassing of votes by the Board of Elections and shall challenge any votes believed to have been improperly cast. The Election Integrity Chair shall preside over the Election Integrity Committee.

(c) Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall consist of the Audit Committee Chair and such other members as the County Chair may appoint. The Committee shall conduct an annual review of the financial records of the Party and report the results of its review and any recommendations to the County Executive Committee. The Audit Committee Chair shall preside over the Audit Committee.

(d) Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is an optional Committee and can be created (i) by amendment of this Plan or (ii) by the County Chair nominating and the County Executive

Committee confirming a Finance Committee Chair. The Committee may consist of such other Members as the County Chair may appoint. It shall have active management of the fund-raising efforts within the county and shall cooperate, as needed, with the Congressional District and State Finance Committees. The Finance Chair shall preside over the Finance Committee.

(d) Other Committees. The County Chair may create, charge, and appoint the Chairs and members of other committees deemed necessary or appropriate to conduct the business of the Party.

4. Officers.

Section 3-401. Duties of the Officers.
In addition to the duties assigned to them elsewhere in this Plan, the County Officers shall have the duties set forth in Sections 3-402 through 3-405.

Section 3-402. Chair.
The Chair shall have the duties listed below.

(a) Supervision. Have general supervision of the affairs of the Party within the county.

(b) Party Organization. With the assistance of the Precinct Committees, create and maintain an active Republican organization in every precinct within the county.

(c) Appointments. Nominate or appoint Members as provided in this Plan.

(d) Meetings. Call and preside at meetings of the County Executive Committee and any Executive Board established by an amendment to this Plan.

(e) Call. Issue the call for the Annual Precinct Meetings as provided in Section 2-301, the County Convention as provided in Section 4-101, and any meeting of a District Executive Committee as provided in Section 5-402 of the State Plan.

(f) Congressional Districts. Serve on, attend meetings of, and make periodic reports on the status of the Party to the Executive Committees of each congressional district within the county.

(g) State Party. Serve on and attend meetings of the State Executive Committee.

(h) Communication. Promote effective communications among Party Officers, Members, and committees, including encouraging the use of best technologies, such as the Party's website.

(i) Other Duties. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the County, Congressional District, or State Executive Committees.

Section 3-403. Vice Chair.
The Vice Chair shall act as Chair in the absence of the Chair and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair or County Executive Committee. Further, if the Chair has not issued the calls for the Annual Precinct Meetings or the County Convention in a timely manner, the Vice Chair shall issue those calls and may designate someone to chair the Convention and appoint the committees described in Section 4-102. In addition, the Vice Chair shall serve on and attend meetings of the Executive Committee of each congressional district within the county and serve on and attend meetings of the State Executive Committee.

Section 3-404. Secretary.
The Secretary shall keep all minutes and records of Executive Committee meetings, shall maintain a roster of all Precinct and Executive Committee members, and shall furnish lists of those members to the County Executive Committee members, the State Party, and to each Congressional District Party within the county, upon request and whenever a change in those members occurs.

Section 3-405. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse funds, make a financial report at each meeting of the County Executive Committee, and fulfill all duties imposed upon the treasurer of a political organization under federal and state law. Unless already in compliance, the Treasurer must successfully complete the mandatory compliance training provided by the North Carolina Board of Elections within 60 days after being elected or appointed. Further, the Treasurer shall serve as a resource for members of the Precinct Committees and the Executive Committee with respect to the campaign finance rules.

5. General Counsel.

Section 3-501. General Counsel.
The General Counsel shall be a lawyer licensed in North Carolina who shall provide parliamentary advice and general legal advice that is not inconsistent with the advice of the State General Counsel.

ARTICLE FOUR – COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

Section 4-101. Call of Convention.
In accordance with Section 3-402, on or before March 1st of each year, the County Chair shall call an annual Convention to be held at a suitable location within the county after February 14th and before April 1st and at least 10 days prior to the scheduled District Convention or Conventions in which Delegates from the County Party are entitled to participate. At the same time the Chair shall give notice of the Convention (i) to all Precinct Committee members and (ii) by Public Notice to the Members of the County Party. If the County Chair fails to issue the call in a timely manner, the Vice Chair shall do so. Whoever calls the Convention shall notify the Chairs of the Congressional Districts within the county and the State Executive Director of its date, time, and location.

Section 4-102. Registration Requirements. The Party may adopt a method of pre-registering Delegates and Alternates to a Convention but shall not prohibit any Member from registering on the day of that Convention.

Section 4-103. Convention Officers and Committees.

(a) Officers. The County Chair shall appoint (i) the Chair of the Convention, who may be the County Chair, and (ii) the Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Convention.

(b) Credentials. At or about the time of the call for the County Convention, the County Chair shall nominate a Credentials Committee consisting of a minimum of three Members, none of whom shall be eligible for election as an Officer or Executive Committee member at the Convention or shall publicly support anyone seeking office at that Convention. The Committee shall determine the eligibility of each Member elected to serve as a Delegate or Alternate to the County Convention.

(1) Seating. The Committee shall recommend the seating of those Delegates and, to the extent Delegates are not present or qualified, those Alternates elected at the Annual Precinct Meeting, who are not successfully challenged.

(2) Unrepresented Precinct. If no Member is elected as a Delegate to the County Convention from a precinct, then those Members attending the County Convention from that precinct shall be invited on to the convention floor and may collectively cast one vote at the Convention.

(c) Rules. The County Chair may, but is not required to, appoint a Rules Committee. The Committee shall propose rules that are consistent with this Plan and that will facilitate a fair, open, and

efficient County Convention. If the county lies within more than one congressional district, the Committee shall prepare rules governing the election of Delegates and Alternates to each Congressional District Convention. If the Rules so state, they may govern a subsequent Convention.

(d) Resolutions. The County Chair may, but is not required to, appoint a Resolutions Committee. The Committee may propose to the County Convention resolutions suggested by members of the Committee or any other Member. Resolutions inconsistent with this Plan or the State Plan, containing personal attacks, or considered tasteless by the Committee shall not be submitted to the Convention.

(e) Plan of Organization. The County Chair may, but is not required to, appoint a Plan of Organization Committee. The Committee may propose to the County Convention a County Plan of Organization or amendments to this Plan

(f) Approval. The reports of the Convention Committees may be amended by, and shall be subject to the approval of, the County Convention.

Section 4-104. Elections.

In every odd-numbered year, the County Convention shall conduct the elections described in this Section. Only those Members who were qualified to participate in the Annual Precinct Meetings and who may run for a position under Section 1-103 of this Plan are eligible for election.

(a) Officers. The Convention shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

(b) Committee Members. The Convention shall elect five County Executive Committee members.

(c) Additional Officers and Members. If this Plan is amended to so provide, the Convention shall elect additional Officers and Executive Committee members.

(d) State Convention Delegation. In every year the County Convention may elect to the State Convention (i) one Delegate, (ii) one Delegate for each Member residing in the county who currently serves as an elected member of the North Carolina General Assembly or holds an elected statewide or national office, plus (iii) a number of Delegates equal to one Delegate for every 250 Members, rounded to the nearest multiple of 250, registered in the county as of January 31st of the year of the Convention. An equal number of Alternates may be elected to the State Convention.

(e) Congressional District Delegations. With respect to each congressional district within the county, in every year the Delegates to the County Convention residing in the district shall elect to the Congressional District Convention (i) one Delegate, (ii) one Delegate for each Member residing in both the county and district who currently serves as an elected member of the North Carolina General Assembly or holds an elected statewide or national office, plus (iii) a number of Delegates equal to one Delegate for every 250 Members, rounded to the nearest multiple of 250, registered in both the county and district as of January 31st of the year of the Convention. An equal number of Alternates may be elected to the State Convention.

(f) Method of Delegate Elections. Delegate and Alternate slots shall be filled first by those eligible Members who are in attendance at the County Convention. If any Delegate or Alternate slots remain unfilled after the election of those who are in attendance at the Convention, then eligible Members who are not in attendance and who have nominated themselves in accordance with the procedure set forth in Section 3-301(l) may be elected to fill those slots. No one shall be elected as an Alternate, however, until all the Delegate slots are filled. No one may be elected as a Delegate or Alternate following the adjournment of the Convention. The Credentials Committee, however, may correct at any time clerical or administrative errors in the list of Delegates and Alternates.

Section 4-105. Compliance.

The appropriate Officers shall take the following actions as soon as practicable after the Convention.

(a) Proceedings. The Secretary's record of the proceedings of the Convention shall be reviewed, corrected if necessary, and approved by the County Chair, Convention Chair, County Secretary, and the Chair of the Credentials Committee.

(b) Documents. Within 10 days after the adjournment of the Convention, the County Secretary shall forward to all Chairs of the Congressional Districts within the county and to the State Party a list of the Precinct and County Officers, a list of the Delegates and Alternates elected to the State and District Conventions, and either a copy of the County Plan of Organization as adopted or amended by the Convention, or a copy of any amendments to the Model County Plan if adopted by the County, or a statement that the exiting Plan was not changed, or a statement that the County is governed by the State Plan or the unamended Model County Plan.

(c) Fee. The County Party shall forward to the State Party any fee assessed by that Party to defray the cost of communications with the Delegates and Alternates elected to the State Convention. This Plan may be amended to permit the County Party to recover this fee from the Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention.

Section 4-106. Convention Fee.
The County Party may charge the Delegates and Alternates attending the County Convention a reasonable fee, as determined by the County Executive Committee, to defray the costs of the Convention.

ARTICLE FIVE – PROVISIONS OF THE STATE PLAN THAT AFFECT THE COUNTY PARTY.

1. Arbitration Committee.

Section 5-101. Disputes.
Disputes among different Members or elements of the Party may be referred to the Arbitration Committee for resolution.

2. Officers and Committee Members.

Section 5-201. Term of Office.
The term of office of each Officer and Committee member who was elected at the County Convention shall commence upon the adjournment of the Convention and, unless sooner becoming ineligible, the term of office of each of them and any Member who was appointed to complete the term of someone so elected, shall end upon the adjournment of the County Convention held in the next odd-numbered year. Failure to elect a successor for any office shall result in a vacancy for that office.

Section 5-202. Multiple Vice Chairs.
If this Plan is amended to provide for the election of more than one Vice Chair, one of them shall be designated by the Convention electing them as the First Vice Chair and he or she shall be deemed to be the Party's Vice Chair wherever reference is made to that Office in the State Plan.

Section 5-203. Resolution of Censure.
The County Executive Committee may adopt a resolution of censure expressing disapproval of the actions of anyone. If, however, the subject of the censure is a Republican, the resolution may be adopted only if two-thirds of the members of the Committee agree. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions, no resolution of censure may be issued with respect to a Republican who has filed for office

during the period of his or her candidacy. See Section 9-103 and 9-402 of the State Plan for additional provisions related to resolutions of censure.

Section 5-204. Transfer of Party Property Upon End of Term.
An Officer or other Committee member possessing tangible or intangible Party property shall upon the end of his or her term of office promptly transfer that property, including access and control over any contact lists, internet sites, Party related data, electronic marketing media, and social media accounts, to his or her successor. Failure to do so within 30 days will be treated as grounds for discipline under the State Plan.

Section 5-205. Financial Responsibilities and Prohibitions.
An Officer, Committee member, or staff employee receiving or disbursing funds shall maintain and make available accurate and detailed records of those transactions to the Officer or Committee responsible for overseeing those receipts or disbursements. No Officer, committee member or staff employee shall without authorization borrow funds on behalf of the party or make unauthorized expenditures of Party funds.

Section 5-206. Vacancies.

(a) In General. If an Officer or Executive Committee member, dies, resigns, becomes unable to act, is removed, or otherwise becomes ineligible to serve, his or her office or position shall be filled in accordance with this Section.

(b) Chair. If the Chair's office becomes vacant, the Vice Chair shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held within 60 days after the vacancy for the purpose of electing a new Chair. The notice of the meeting shall announce the vacancy and that an election to fill the vacancy will be held at the meeting. During the interim, the Vice Chair shall act as temporary Chair. If the Vice Chair fails to call the meeting, the meeting may be called by petition of one-third of the Executive Committee members.

(c) Other Officers. If the office of an elected Officer, other than the Chair, becomes vacant, the Chair shall call a meeting of the Committee to be held within 60 days after the vacancy for the purpose of electing a new Officer. During the interim, the Chair shall appoint a Member to temporarily fill the vacated office.

(d) Other Committee Members. If the position of an elected member of the Executive Committee, other than an Officer described in subsections (b) and (c) above, becomes vacant, the remaining members of the Committee shall fill the vacancy at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

(e) Successor's Term and Description. Anyone elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of his or her predecessor's term and, if the predecessor was elected at the County Convention, shall be included wherever reference is made in this Plan to an Officer or Committee member elected at a Convention.

Section 5-207. Removal.

(a) Appointees. A Member appointed to a position by a Precinct Chair or the County Chair shall serve at the pleasure of that Chair.

(b) Nominees. Except as provided in subsection (c), a Member nominated by a County Chair to a position subject to confirmation or rejection by the Executive Committee shall serve at the pleasure of that Committee.

(c) Electees. An Officer or other Executive Committee member elected to that position at the County Convention or by the Executive Committee on which he or she serves may be removed only in

accordance with the provisions of Section 9-301 et seq. of the State Plan. A Party Officer seeking public office is subject to the rules contained in Section 9-302 of the State Plan

3. Meetings, Conventions, and Voting Methods.

Section 5-301. Voting Limitation.
Anyone serving as a voting member of a Committee in more than one capacity shall have only one vote.

Section 5-302. Electronic Meetings.
All Executive Committee meetings required by this Plan and Conventions shall be in-person events unless, (i) as a result of a governmental declaration of an emergency or other unforeseen circumstance, the event can only take place electronically and (ii) the Chair takes reasonable steps to notify the Members who would otherwise be in attendance. Any electronic meeting must permit all participants to hear the speaker who has the floor. Further, all eligible Members must be accorded the right to participate fully in the meeting and Convention to the same extent as they could at an in-person meeting, even if the pace of the meeting is slowed. In order to ensure accurate voting, any matter that does not obtain unanimous consent, must be subject to a roll-call vote, vote by reliable software, or any other means in which the participants have confidence.

Section 5-303. Postponed Meetings.
When it becomes necessary to cancel an Annual Precinct Meeting or County Convention, the Chair shall take whatever steps are available to notify the potential participants in the Meeting or Convention and to reschedule the Meeting or Convention, if possible. The County Chair shall also promptly notify the State Party of any cancelled and rescheduled Meeting or Convention.

Section 5-304. Action without a Meeting.
Any action with which a Committee under this Plan is authorized to deal may be taken without a meeting by the unanimous written consent of all of the members of the Committee. The action must be evidenced by one or more documents or email messages describing the action, signed or submitted by the members, included in the Committee's minutes, and filed with the Committee's records. The action will be effective when the last member has signed or submitted the document or message.

Section 5-305. Notice.

(a) Meetings. Notice must be given at least 10 days prior to the convening of any meeting. The members of a committee can unanimously waive any notice requirement.

(b) Method. Any notice required under this Plan may be delivered by U. S. Mail or by an electronic message. A notice requirement is satisfied whenever a Member has actual notice, even if he or she does not receive notice as provided in the previous sentence.

Section 5-306. Proxy Voting.
There shall be no proxy voting at any Committee meeting, Precinct Meeting, or Convention conducted under this Plan.

4. Party Discipline.

Section 5-401. Removal and Discipline in General.
Rules relating to the removal or discipline of an Officer or Committee member are contained in Sections 9-301 et seq. of the State Plan.

5. Party Neutrality and Endorsements.

Section 5-501. Contested Primaries.

(a) In General. Except as provided in Sections 9-401 and 9-402 of the State Plan, the Party shall not issue an endorsement of any candidate running in a contested Republican primary or adopt a motion to censure a Republican candidate who has filed for public office. The resources of the Party may not be used for the benefit of any primary candidate unless those resources are equally available to all candidates.

(b) Prohibited Actions. Except as provided in Section 9-403 of the State Plan, no County Officer shall endorse, be employed by or serve on a campaign committee, raise funds for, or otherwise publicly promote the candidacy of anyone running in a contested Republican primary.

(c) Permitted Actions. A County Officer may contribute financially to the campaign of a candidate running in a contested Republican primary, attend private fundraising events, and may privately make known his or her preference to family members and friends, but not to anyone else. All other Committee members may participate fully in contested primary campaigns provided that they do not identify themselves by any position they hold within the Party and do not utilize the resources of the Party for the benefit of any primary candidate unequally.

Section 5-502. Nonpartisan Races.

In a race where only voters from the county can cast ballots, the Executive Committee may endorse a registered Republican running in a nonpartisan race, whether for county, school board, or municipal office where the municipality is wholly within the county, or in a race without a primary election, only after the members of the Committee and the registered Republicans who are candidates seeking the office for which the endorsement is to be made have been notified of the endorsement meeting. The meeting shall be conducted in a manner designed to assure fairness to all potential candidates for the office.

ARTICLE SIX - AMENDMENTS.

Section 6-101. Amendments.

Except as provided in Section 3-301(i), this Plan can only be amended by the County Convention.

EXHIBIT A

_____ COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

REGISTER OF ATTENDEES AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE _____ PRECINCT

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

1

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME SR/JR

NO. RESIDENTIAL STREET PREFERRED PHONE EMAIL ADDRESS

2

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME SR/JR

NO. RESIDENTIAL STREET PREFERRED PHONE EMAIL ADDRESS

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LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME SR/JR

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LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME SR/JR

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LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME SR/JR

NO. RESIDENTIAL STREET PREFERRED PHONE EMAIL ADDRESS

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS REQUIRED

EXHIBIT B

_____ COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE _____ PRECINCT

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Republican Party registered and residing in the _____ Precinct, _____ County, North Carolina, was held on _____, 20___ at _____. The meeting began at _____.

1. _____ acted as Chairman and _____ as Secretary.

2. The Precinct Members present are listed on the attached Register of Attendees. A quorum was present.

3. The Meeting began with an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. For Meetings in an odd-numbered year: the Members of the Precinct proceeded to elect a Precinct Committee consisting of the following Officers:

Show below the full name, residence, phone, and email of any Officer not on the Register:

Chair: _____

Vice Chair: _____

Secretary: _____

5. For Meetings in every year: The Precinct is allocated ____ Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention. The Members of the Precinct elected the individuals listed on the attached Schedule of Delegates and Alternates and who were either present at the Meeting or were absent but complied with the provisions of Section 3-301(m) of the County Plan.

6. The following additional business, if any, was conducted:

7. There being no further business, the Precinct Meeting was adjourned.

_____ , Secretary

INSTRUCTIONS: The same Member can be both the Chair and Secretary of the Meeting. When adjourned, the Secretary should staple these Minutes, the attached Schedule of Delegates, and the Register together and deliver the package to the County Secretary.

EXHIBIT C

_____ COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
LIST OF NAMES OF THE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES
ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE _____ PRECINCT

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. NO ONE CAN BE ELECTED AS A DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE AFTER THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE PRECINCT MEETING.
2. NO ONE CAN BE ELECTED AS AN ALTERNATE UNTIL ALL OF THE DELEGATE SLOTS ARE FILLED.
3. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SHOW THE PERSON'S CONTACT INFORMATION.
4. AFTER THE NAME OF EACH PERSON LISTED, INDICATE WHETHER HE OR SHE IS A DELEGATE OR AN ALTERNATE.

EXHIBIT D.

_____ COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

The County Executive Committee adopts the following procedures allowing eligible Republicans who are not in attendance at an Annual Precinct Meeting or County Convention to be elected as an officer, Committee member, Delegate or Alternate.

This procedure applies to Members of the Party who are eligible to participate in their Annual Precinct Meetings but who are not in attendance at either those Meetings or the County Convention.

Any Member who is willing to serve as a Precinct Officer or as a Delegate or Alternate to the County Convention must send an email message to the Party Secretary at _____prior to ___ p.m. of the day before the Member's scheduled Annual Precinct Meeting. The email must contain the Member's full legal name, residential address, preferred phone number, email address, and the position or positions for which the Member is nominating himself or herself.

Any Member who is willing to serve as a County Officer, Executive Committee member, or Delegate or Alternate to the District or State Conventions must send an email message to the Chair of the Credentials Committee prior to ____p.m. of the day before the scheduled County Convention. The email must contain the Member's full legal name, residential address, preferred phone number, email address, and the position for which the Member is nominating himself or herself.

With the exception of Members who are nominated to serve as a Precinct Officer at a Precinct Meeting, this procedure constitutes the sole methods for non-attendees to participate in the election processes conducted at the Annual Precinct Meetings and the County Convention. The deadlines contained in this procedure are firm.

The County Chair is directed to include these rules in his or her Public Notice and other notices of the Annual Precinct Meetings and the County Convention. Notices of the

County Convention shall include the email address of the Chair of the Credentials Committee.