Constitution of the Commonwealth

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Preamble

During the 2.0 iteration of Civcraft, The Commonwealth, led by the almighty King Sashimii was one of the strongest powers on the server. Boasting the servers largest market and protected by the walls it is no wonder The Commonwealth flourished. Then came Civcraft 3.0. With 3.0 the Commonwealth evolved into Concordia and abandoned the King in favor of a total democracy. At first Concordia blossomed as it steadily grew in size and population. But this success was limited. With monthly elections and a diverse political landscape the playerbase became increasingly divided and was unable to work together. Not to mention many began to secretly steal resources from community vaults. Through all this division Concordia's enemies began to attack us in this weakened state and Concordia's international reputation plummeted after scandal after scandal rocked the subreddit. By the end of Civcraft 3.0 Concordia remained a husk of what it once was. Now in the new age of Civilization Experiment 3.0 the Commonwealth shall revive herself once more, but this time led by a King once again! With the combination of a King and some limited democratic elements this new Commonwealth will once again become a great power on the server just like our 2.0 ancestors. Long live the King, long live The Commonwealth!

Article I, The King of The Commonwealth

A. The King of The Commonwealth is the title granted to the sovereign leader of the Commonwealth.
B. The title of King is held for life or until abdication.
    a. If the King abdicates he must chose an heir to succeed him.
C. The King has the power to create laws, settle disputes between citizens, punish criminals, delegate administrative roles and sign treaties with foreign nations.

Article 2, Rights of the Citizens

A. Citizens granted the right of freedom of speech. The government may not restrict the free expression of a citizen.
    a. This includes political discussion and criticism of the state, the King, or any other member of the government.
B. Citizens are granted unconditional freedom of movement into and out of the Commonwealth and any public spaces within.
    a. Noncitizens are granted conditional freedom of movement- persons convicted of a crime may be turned away.
C. All persons are to be treated equal under the law no matter their race or gender.
D. Slavery is illegal.

Article 3, Referendums

A. Laws may be created by popular referendum as well as royal decree.
B. A petition for referendum may be submitted to the government by a party of at least two citizens. If the law is judged to be constitutional a referendum will be held. All citizens will be able to vote either aye or nay on the issue. If the referendum has at least 51% aye's it will be put into law.
C. To vote one must be a citizen. (see article 4)

Article 4, Citizenship

A. In order to be granted citizenship by His Majesty, a person must be a resident of The Commonwealth.
    a. Possession of a place of residence or employment is sufficient to establish residence.
B. Dual citizenship is not prohibited.

Article 5, Criminal Punishment

A. Criminal acts in the Commonwealth include:
    a. Destruction or defacement of private and personal property.
    b. Murder of citizens, as well as noncitizens in Commonwealth territory.
    c. Not replanting public fields after harvesting.
    d. Any other action deemed to be antisocial by The Commonwealth.
B. Punishments are to be judged on a case by case basis.
    a. For minor offenses, reparations will be ordered to be paid to the victim.
    b. Reparations may take one or more forms, including in-game monetary compensation or writing a real-life essay. If the convicted is unable to pay monetary reparations, they will be pearled.
    c. For major offenses, the convicted will be pearled.

Article 6, Administration

A. All Commonwealth territory is organized into districts and boroughs.
    a. A district is directly administered by the central government. The main purpose of the districts is to enforce building codes. Districts are created by an act of law.
    b. A Borough is a semi-autonomous district. A Borough is headed by a lord or mayor who is in charge of their Borough's internal affairs, especially city planning and building codes.
        i. All powers not explicitly granted to the borough are handled by the government of The Commonwealth, especially foreign affairs.
        ii. The charter of a Borough is granted by an act of law.

Article 7, Delegation of Powers

A. His Majesty the King possesses infinite knowledge and wisdom, however he does not possess infinite time with which to play Minecraft. Therefore, tasks and offices may be delegated to other citizens.
    a. Ministers are appointed by His Majesty to administrate a function of government permanently. The minister has authority in his field second only to the King Himself.
    b. Project leads are citizens chosen by the King to preside over the completion of tasks with a set goal and conclusion. A Project Lead has authority third only to the King Himself and the Minister in the applicable field, if there is one.
    c. Citizens may be appointed as Building Code Inspectors to oversee building construction and maintenance in Commonwealth Districts.