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NYC Fire Riders Constitution/ By-Laws

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By Laws for Constitution of N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C.

Article No. 1; Club Name

The club shall be known as the F.D.N.Y. M.C., Inc. (d/b/a N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C.)

Article No. 2; Mission Statement

The purpose of the N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C. is to provide a fraternal and social club to promote motorcycle ownership and use among its' members; to promote fellowship, recreation and entertainment in a united effort to enhance the common good, betterment and welfare of the club, the FDNY, and the community for active and retired Firefighters and all ranks promoted from the rank of Firefighter of the FDNY and associate members and associated chapters.

Article No. 3; Definition of Members

There shall be two classification of membership, "Regular" and "Associate". Regular membership shall be available to active and retired Firefighters, and members promoted above the rank of Firefighter, of the FDNY. Associate membership shall be available to any person, who in the opinion of a majority of the Executive Board, has substantially contributed to the promotion of the N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C, and who has been voted for such membership by a majority of active members present at two consecutive regular meetings. Associate members shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) at any one time. An additional lower rocker with the wording ASSOCIATE shall identify associate members colors. A member in good standing shall be defined as a member whose dues are paid in full by January 31st. of the current calendar year. A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed to those members that pay dues after February 1st. An Active member shall be defined as a member who has attended four (4) regular meetings of the club from the previous calendar year and four (4) additional meetings and/or club events from the previous calendar year. The Executive Board shall designate club events. Only regular members in good standing, who are Active, have the right to vote at any club function. All associate members must be active and in good standing in order to maintain their associate

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status. Any Regular Active member may request a review by the Executive Board on the active or good standing status of any Associate member. Members who are living "OUT OF STATE" will be granted a lifetime membership for a one-time fee of \$150.00 under the following criteria: Any member whose dues are paid up to date and has been a member in good standing for a minimum of one year AND their primary residence is 200 miles or more from any N.Y. CITY, 5 borough city limit. (All are subject to executive board approval.)

CHARTER MEMBERS

A charter member whose dues are paid up to date will be granted a lifetime membership if they submit a \$100.00 payment to the club. Upon receipt of payment, that member will be granted a LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP. All names of charter members will be posted in this article at the time that it is either voted on, or accepted by the executive board, or both.

Article No. 4; Officers

The officers of the club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-At- Arms and Road Captain. These officers shall constitute the Executive Board. Only a Regular Active Member in Good Standing may be an officer of the club. Terms of office shall be for two years commencing from January 1st, and ending on Dec 31st. of the following year. To ensure that the entire Executive Board is not changed in one election, the terms of office of President, Road Captain and Sergeant-At-Arms shall be voted on in an even numbered year and the offices of Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary in an odd numbered year. Nominations will be accepted at the September and October meetings. Voting shall be conducted at the November meeting by members in good standing as defined in Article 3.

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Article No. 5; Duties of the President

The duties of the President shall be: to preside at all club meetings, to have general supervision of the affairs of the club, to appoint any person or committee not otherwise ordered by the club, to personally represent the club, or designate a person to represent the club at any occasion, to assist all other officers of the club, to promote interest on the part of each member in club activities, and to vote only when necessary to break a tie. All gifts given to the club are club property. All Club property is to be safeguarded by the sitting president or his designee. At the end of a president's term all property is to be passed on to the new president at the first January club meeting of the new president's term. The Marine Officer's Sword and the U.S.S. Arizona Flag shall be presented at the first January club meeting of a new president's term. After a brief history by the exiting President how the club acquired these gifts, the Marine Officer's Sword will be passed to the new president by the exiting president and the Pledge of Allegiance will be said to the U.S.S. Arizona Flag.

Article No. 6; Duties of the Vice President

The duties of the Vice-President shall be: to perform the duties of the President in his absence, to act as recruitment officer of the organization to act as a liaison officer between associated chapters to insure compliance with all By-Laws of the N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C., and to serve as an assistant to the President and perform such tasks as the President shall assign to the Vice-President.

Article No. 7; Duties of the Secretary

The duties of the Secretary shall be: to keep a record of the meetings of the club, to send out notices of regular or special meetings, to handle all club correspondence, to record member's attendance of meetings to determine members in good standing, and to perform such other duties as generally fall to that office.

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Article No. 8; Duties of the Treasurer

The duties of the Treasurer shall be: to collect dues from all members and associated chapters, to collect all other money due the club, to be responsible for and to account for all funds collected, and to furnish an annual financial report to the Executive Board by April 1st of the following year for audit by the President. A copy of this report will be made available to active members in good standing upon request.

Article No. 9; Duties of the Sergeant at Arms

The duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be: to enforce order at meetings and to perform such duties as are delegated by the President to the Sergeant-at-Arms

Article No. 10; Duties of the Road Captain

The duties of the Road Captain shall be: to lead the club in formation riding or parades, to enforce all rules of group riding, and to select assistants to aid in special tasks.

Article No. 11; Duties of the Executive Board

The Executive Board is charged with responsibility for the proper and efficient conduct of the business of the N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C. The Executive Board shall interpret these By-Laws and shall make all decisions concerning the affairs of the N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C.

Article No. 12; Meetings

The regular meeting of the club shall be held monthly, day and time to be decided at the previous meeting. Only Regular members shall be eligible to attend the meeting. Guests and associate members may attend the meeting only with the permission of a majority of the active members present at the meeting.

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Article No. 13; Amendments to Constitution

Any Regular Active member in good standing may sponsor an amendment and/or a new article to this Constitution, at a General Membership Meeting. The Proposal will be reviewed at the next Executive Board Meeting and provided to the membership including the identity of the sponsor by posting it on the club web site, by "text messaging" and "Call 'n' Post" messaging. The proposal must be passed by a two-thirds majority of the Regular Active members in good standing present at the next two consecutive General Membership meetings, after which it immediately becomes effective unless otherwise specified in the amendment. Once effective the President (or his appointee) will be responsible for reformatting the table of content in an organized manor to reflect the changes.

Article No. 14; NYC Fire Riders M.C. Registered Marks

The N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C. shall have the exclusive right to use the name Fire Riders and any affiliation thereof. The N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C. shall retain the exclusive and sole right to use, or allow or refuse the use of, all emblems, seals badges and/or other items incorporating the words Fire Riders or all of the N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C. registered marks. No member, chapter or other sub -division of the N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C. shall use the club name or any of its marks in any business pursuit or in any other activity which violates the Constitution, By-Laws or guide lines set forth by the N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C. Executive Board. Any Items bearing the Fire Riders name or design must be purchased through the N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C., or its authorized agents. All purchases of the Fire Riders colors and merchandise shall be approved by the N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C. Executive Board prior to its purchase. No Chapter may alter the design or color of the Fire Riders design. The use of the Fire Riders name, logo, seals, badges or other items incorporating the words Fire Riders or the club's registered marks are a privilege granted to affiliated chapters by the Executive Board of the N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C. These privileges may be revoked at any time upon the discretion of the N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C. Executive Board. Chapters gaining acceptance shall remit a \$500.00 initiation fee to the N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C. and a \$5.00 per member per year dues. Chapters shall be responsible for their own dues collection, and shall furnish an updated roster of members to the N.Y.C Fire Riders Executive Board annually with their payment of dues before January 31st of each year. A late fee of \$50.00 each month will be incurred if payment is not received by 1/31.

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Article No. 15; Chapter Clubs

All groups meeting the requirements of the Constitution shall apply to the N.Y.C. Fire Riders M.C. for membership. The N.Y.C. Fire Riders shall have the final decision of the acceptance or rejection of applications.

Article No. 16; Conduct of Chapter Members

All individual chapters are responsible for the affairs and conduct of their members. Any chapter unable to control their members from bringing discredit to the Fire Riders name shall have its Chapter and Color privileges revoked.

Article No. 17; Colors

Club colors shall be awarded to those members who are active and in good standing. The minimum qualification for Club Colors is one (1) year as a member plus attendance at four (4) general membership meetings and four (4) additional meetings or other club events in the previous calendar year. Eligibility to receive colors shall be determined by the Executive Board whose decision is final. Presentation of colors shall occur when the member has completed the above requirements. Cost of the colors shall be borne by the member receiving the colors. All colors remain the property of the NYC Fire Riders MC. Only members in good standing are authorized to wear the club colors. All colors remain the property of the NYC Fire Riders MC, and must be returned to the club in the event a member leaves the club.

Article No. 18; Conduct of Members

No NYC Fire Rider Colors may be worn at any 1% club function. Any member bringing discredit upon the NYC Fire Riders M.C. as determined by the Executive Board shall be subject to having their membership revoked.

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Article No. 19; U.S.S. Arizona Flag & Marine Officers Sword

The Marine Officers Sword and the U.S.S. Arizona Flag shall be presented twice a year at the Winter Dinner Dance and the July General membership meeting. After a brief history how the club acquired these gifts, the Pledge of Allegiance will be said to the U.S.S. Arizona Flag, after which the presentation of the Club Colors to qualifying members shall commence. The Marine Officer's Sword and the U.S.S. Arizona Flag shall be presented at the first January club meeting of a new president's term. After a brief history by the exiting President how the club acquired these gifts, the Marine Officer's Sword will be passed to the new president by the exiting president and the Pledge of Allegiance will be said to the U.S.S. Arizona Flag. It will be the sitting President's responsibility to bring said gifts to the above events and club meetings.

Article No. 20; Vacancies / Special Elections / Appointments

Any vacancy or vacancies occurring in the office of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Road Captain not less than six (6) months prior to the next regular nominations meeting shall be filled by special election within sixty (60) days of the date the vacancy occurs. Nominations for said office shall take place at the next two general membership meetings with the special election to be held at the second meeting.

If a vacancy occurs within six (6) months prior to the next regular nominations meeting, except in the office of President, the President shall appoint a person to that office for the balance of the term; and if the President's office is vacant the Vice President shall become President and appoint a person to the office of Vice President.

In the event the office of President shall become vacant not less than six (6) months prior to the next regular nominations meeting the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President and appoint a person to the office of Vice President until a special presidential election is held.

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