

# SC ASSOCIATION FOR HAZARD MITIGATION CONSTITUTION

## Preamble

In order to promote the common interest in natural hazard mitigation including flood erosion, wind, hail, drought, etc. to enhance cooperation between the various related private, local, state, and federal agencies, and to encourage and ensure effective, new, and innovative approaches to managing the state's storm water and natural hazard mitigation. This body hereby adopts this document as the official Constitution of the Association.

## Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be: South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation, hereafter referred to as the Association.

## Article II. Purpose

The purposes of the Association:

1. To promote public awareness of proper natural hazards management and mitigation:
2. To promote the professional status of hazard managers and secure all benefits resulting therefrom:
3. To enhance cooperation and to exchange information among various related private organizations; individuals; and local, state, and federal agencies:
4. To keep individuals concerned with proper natural hazards management, and mitigation well informed through educational and professional seminars and to provide a method for dissemination of information, both general and technical:
5. To inform concerned individuals of pending hazards legislation and other related matters:
6. To study and support legislation pertinent and necessary to the effective implementation of natural hazards management, and mitigation regulations.

The Association is one which does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and is organized solely for non-profit purposes. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall personally benefit or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except to recompense for authorized services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the will of the Association.

### **Article III. Location**

The principal place of business of the Association shall be within the State of South Carolina, United States of America.

### **Article IV. Parliamentary Law**

In all questions involving parliamentary procedure, including election procedures not covered by the Constitution of the Association or established by the Board of Directors, Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall be considered the governing authority.

### **Article V. Association Records and Reports**

#### **Inspection of Records**

1. The original Constitution and copies thereof as amended to date, certified by the Secretary, shall be kept on file at a location selected by the Board of Directors, and open to inspection at all reasonable times.
2. The minutes of the Board of Directors and membership meetings, and the membership register shall be kept on file at a location selected by the Board of Directors and open to inspection at any reasonable time upon written demand of any member for any purpose reasonably related to his/her interest as a member.
3. The books of account shall be kept on file at a location selected by the Board of Directors and open to inspection at any reasonable time upon written demand of any member for any purpose reasonably related to his/her interest as a member. At the direction of the Board of Directors, the books of account shall be audited prior to the annual meeting.

## **Article VI. Dissolution Clause**

The Association is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its member, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of purposes set forth in Article II. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing and distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law).

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision of the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporations exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such a manner, or to such organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for educational or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organizations(s) under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of by the Common Court of Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations(s), as said Court shall determine, which are organized as operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **Article VII. Saving Claus**

Should any provisions of the Constitution of this Association, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be held invalid, then the remainder of the same or the application of such provision to other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

This Constitution was adopted at a meeting of the general membership held on March 19, 1996.

Certified by:

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