

**GRAFTON SENIOR CENTER CONSTITUTION
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2020**

ARTICLE I--NAME

The organization will be known as the Grafton Senior Center.

ARTICLE II--PURPOSE

The purpose of the Grafton Senior Center is to provide recreation, education, information and social services to the adult people in Grafton and surrounding areas.

ARTICLE III--MEMBERSHIPS CONTRIBUTIONS

Section 1: Membership is open to any adult aged 55 or older. Members are encouraged to be in good standing by attending membership meetings and submittal of a contribution to the Senior Center. Use of the Center is limited to seniors, except arrangements can be made for space by non-profit Grafton groups when not in use or needed by the senior citizens. The Senior Coordinator reserves the right to cancel, reschedule, or relocate a previously planned event to accommodate unanticipated circumstances.

Section 2: A senior citizen membership activity roster will be maintained with a renewal every 12 months. A contribution is required at that time to assist in identification of the membership.

Section 3: An organizational membership meeting shall be held annually in the month of January.

ARTICLE IV--SENIOR PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE; OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: Goals and philosophy on the center's activities will be vested in a Senior Participating Committee that shall consist of five members voted and elected every 2 years at the meeting in November for a period of two years. The meeting prior to the elections, a nominating committee will be appointed to recruit members who wish to run for office. They shall be installed at the annual Christmas Party in December. To reserve continuity in the committee membership, they shall each serve for two years.

Section 2: Members of the Senior Participating Committee will be current members of the Grafton Senior Center. If a senior is not a member and wishes to participate in Grafton Senior Center events, they will be considered as a guest and may be subject to an additional cost charged to guests.

Section 3: In the event a member would resign in mid-term, the remaining seniors on the Senior Participating Committee will appoint a member to serve only until the end of the term.

Section 4: Senior Participating Committee officer terms are two years in length. Elections are held in November of odd numbered years. Inform a current Grafton Senior Center officer or staff member if interested in being placed on the ballot.

Section 5: Officers of the Senior Participating Committee may not hold more than one office at a time, but may also serve as a committee chairman.

Section 6: Senior Participating Committee will meet quarterly on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. before the monthly meeting on Thursday. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President or upon request of three or more members of the Senior Participating Committee. A quorum will be four. Robert's Rules of Order will be the authority in all questions not specifically stated in the Constitution and/or by-laws.

Article V--Amendments

Section 1: Amendments may be recommended to the Senior Participating Committee by any member in good standing, and will be submitted to and approved by the Senior Participating Committee, at least sixty days before the annual meeting with notification of the members-at-large.

Section 2: By-laws will be amended only at the annual meeting by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

Section 3: By-laws will be reviewed and evaluated every four years by the Senior Participating Committee.