

**JOINT COUNCIL OF TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATIONS
OF LONG BEACH ISLAND, INC**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Joint Council of Taxpayers' Associations of Long Beach Island [JCT] is made up of representatives from each participating taxpayers' organization on Long Beach Island. The principle contact in each participating organization is the president, who may participate in meetings and/or may assign one or more delegates to participate in meetings and/or committees.

The purpose of the JCT is to identify issues of importance to all taxpayers on Long Beach Island and to address those issues as determined to be appropriate by the Council. This may be accomplished by, but is not limited to, group discussions, performing research, tracking legislation, attending applicable meetings, letter writing, newspaper advertising.

Constitution and By-Laws

of the

Joint Council of Taxpayers' Associations of Long Beach Island, Inc.

CONSTITUTION

Article I ORGANIZATION AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1 This organization shall be known as the JOINT COUNCIL OF TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATIONS OF LONG BEACH ISLAND, INC.

Section 2 Its purposes shall be as follows:

- a. To preserve and promote the quality of life of the residents and taxpayers of Long Beach Island.
- b. To study and make recommendations on matters of common concern to the member organizations.
- c. To promote efficiency and economy in government at all levels.
- d. To foster public interest in all government operations pertinent to Long Beach Island.
- e. To represent the member organizations before the Municipal, County, State, Federal and other public and quasi-public bodies on matters of common concern to the member organizations.
- f. To assist and advise as a non-partisan planning group for the development of Long Beach Island and other areas where development may have an adverse impact on Long Beach Island.
- g. To assist member organizations in problems affecting common interests and which are consistent with the objectives set forth above. Such assistance or action by the Council shall in no way inhibit independent action by a member organization.
- h. To encourage communications between the member organizations.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 An organization to be eligible for membership shall be:
- a. One which represents a taxpayer association on Long Beach Island or any other association on Long Beach Island with interests and purposes consistent with Article I, Section 2.
 - b. Is formally organized to the extent that it has regular meetings and
 - c. has designated officers to represent it.
- Section 2 A member organization in good standing shall be one which has paid the annual dues to the Joint Council and shall have complied with such other requirements as may be set forth from time to time by the Joint Council.
- Section 3 A member organization in good standing is eligible to vote and participate in the activities of the Joint Council.
- Section 4 Upon written notice to the Secretary, any member organization may withdraw from the Joint Council. Such notice shall be deemed to take effect immediately.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP OF PAST PRESIDENTS

- Section 1 All Past Presidents of this organization shall be Honorary Members, entitled to attend and participate in the business of this organization, but shall not be entitled to a vote. In the event that a Past President is duly appointed a delegate from a member organization, then he or she shall be a voting member.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

AMENDED 9/19/90

- Section 1 Regular meetings shall be held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month on Long Beach Island. 2
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- Section 2 Special meetings may be called by the President and/or duly elected officers upon notification to the members in writing or otherwise with at least 24 hours notice, if possible.
- Section 3 At the regular meeting in May, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee which shall nominate officers for the year starting in June. The

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Committee shall report at the June meeting.

Section 4 At the June meeting, the new slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee will be put in nomination. Nominations from the floor can then be made, provided the person being nominated has been consulted and has consented to be nominated. If there is more than one nominee for an officer position, there will be a vote on this position, with the nominee receiving a majority of the votes of the delegates present being elected. The unopposed nominees shall be elected by the Secretary casting one vote for each nominee. The newly elected officers shall take office immediately.

Section 5 Each organization shall be represented by not more than two voting delegates appointed by the officers of the parent organization or, in their absence, their alternates.

**ARTICLE V
CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION, ADOPTION AND
CHANGES TO BY-LAWS**

Section 1 The Constitution may be amended after a proposed amendment has been given due notice and readings at the two previous meetings. The amendment shall be adopted after ratification by two-thirds of the member organizations. Member organizations may vote either in person at the meeting when the vote is held or through a written proxy which has been sent to and received by the Secretary prior to the vote.

Section 2 By-laws for the Joint Council may be adopted or amended after a proposed By-Law or amendment has been given due notice and reading at the previous meeting. The By-Law or amendment shall be adopted after ratification by a majority vote of the member organizations. Member organizations may vote either in person at the meeting when the vote is held or through a written proxy which has been sent to and received by the Secretary prior to the vote.

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**ARTICLE VI
COMMITTEES**

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 DUES

Amended 1/19/94

Section 1 Annual membership dues shall be in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and shall be payable to the Treasurer by January 1st for the ensuing year.

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ARTICLE II OFFICERS

Section 1 The officers shall consist of the following:

- a. A President who shall preside at all meetings and be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- b. A Vice President who shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President.
- c. A Treasurer who shall have custody of the Joint Council funds and perform all functions usual to that office.
- d. A Secretary who shall prepare and keep a written record of all regular and special meetings, keep a correct roll of the members, and perform the other functions usual to that office.

Section 2 The duly elected officers shall also serve as Trustees and, together, they shall form the Board of Trustees.

Section 3 The officers may serve on committees and perform such other functions as are consistent with the responsibilities and objectives of the Joint Council. In the event of the inability of any officer to continue in office for the year for which he/she is elected, the remaining officers have the authority, by a majority vote, to appoint any delegate to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE III COMMITTEES

Section 1 The President shall have the authority at any time during his term of Office to appoint committees and to assign any matter for study and Action to the standing or ad hoc committees deemed most appropriate.

Section 2 The President shall appoint an Audit Committee from the delegates for the purpose of auditing the books of the Joint Council at such times as seems advisable.

Section 3 The following shall be standing committees:

- a. Education Committee
- b. Environmental Committee

Section 4 Members of committees shall be appointed to the committee by the President and shall serve on the committee at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE ~~III~~ IV MEETINGS

Section 1 At the regular meetings, the following order shall be observed:

- a. Since minutes of the previous meeting are always mailed to all delegates, there will be no reading of the minutes. The President, however, will ask whether any of the delegates wish to correct the minutes, and if so, such request will be entertained.
- b. Reports of officers
- c. Reports of committees
- d. Unfinished business
- e. New Business
- f. Election of officers
- g. Adjournment

Section 2 At all meetings, a quorum shall consist of representation of a majority of the organizations in good standing which make up the Joint Council.

State of New Jersey



Department of State

I, the Secretary of State of the State of
New Jersey, do hereby Certify, that THE JOINT COUNCIL OF TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATIONS
OF SOUTHERN OCEAN COUNTY, INC.

was duly incorporated under and by virtue of the laws of this State, by
a Certificate filed in this Department on the 15th day
of October A. D. 19 71, which Certificate had previously
been recorded as required by law in the office of the County Clerk of
the County of Ocean, as appears by the
certificate of said County Clerk endorsed thereon.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my Official
Seal at Trenton, this 15th
day of December A. D. 19 71.

Paul J. Sheerin

Secretary of State

