

MAYOR'S MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1: Name:

The name of the organization shall be **Mayor's Multicultural Council of the City of Stamford, Connecticut (MMC)**

ARTICLE 2: Purpose:

It is the Purpose and Mission of the Mayor's Multicultural Council of the City of Stamford, Connecticut to inform, celebrate, promote, understand, appreciate and respect the many diverse cultures that enrich the City. The Mayor's Multicultural Council of the City of Stamford, Connecticut is made up of these cultures, nationalities and ethnicities who are appointed by the mayor as stewards from and for their communities to learn how:

- to understand and appreciate diversity and differences
- to advocate on behalf of diverse communities
- to promote complete community inclusion in government; including City boards, commissions and departments
- to celebrate and share cultural traditions
- to capitalize on each culture's ability to contribute to the community
- to be proactive in developing community relations

ARTICLE 3: Membership:

Members of the MMC are selected by the Mayor's office and serve a term of two years which can be renewed with approval from the Mayor's office.

- Expectations
- Absences
- Participation
- Communication

ARTICLE 4: Organization Structure:

The MMC Executive Board comprised of (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary). The Chair is appointed by the Mayor's office and the other Executive Board members will be elected bi-annually by a simple majority of the Council.

a. Titles:

The officers shall be:

- Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- All others are Members At Large

b. Duties:

- The Chair shall preside over general meetings
- The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings and preserve such records
- The Treasurer shall report financial information
- The Vice Chair shall act as Chair in the absence of the Chair
- The members-at-large shall be residents or influential participants in the City of Stamford

c. Terms of Officers:

Terms will begin December 1 and continue for a two year period.

ARTICLE 5: Meetings:

Monthly meetings will be held the fourth Monday of each month with the exception of the months of July and August. Meeting agendas must be submitted to the Clerk's office within one business day before the meeting date. General informational meetings (special interest speakers or workshops) shall be held at the discretion of the Executive Board. Times, dates, topics and places will be announced in advance.

ARTICLE 6: Absences:

Members of the MMC are expected to attend at least 75% of the meetings and participate in at least 50% of the activities and events hosted and sponsored by MMC.

ARTICLE 7: Amendments to By-Laws:

Amendments to the By-Laws may be made by 66% plus 1 at a business meeting.

ARTICLE 8: Funding

All monies for the Mayor's Multicultural Council of the City of Stamford are held and expedited by the Mayor's office and managed in designated budget.

If situations are not clearly defined in the Mayor's Multicultural Council of the City of Stamford, Connecticut bylaws, Robert Rules of Order will prevail.

ARTICLE 9: Quorum

A simple majority will be considered a quorum for meetings of the Mayor's Multicultural Council of the City of Stamford, Connecticut.