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Date Adopted __October 13, 2005__

Date Revised __August 7, 2013__

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Kitsap County 4-H Council hereafter referred to as Council.

ARTICLE II

General Powers and Duties

The property, business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the Kitsap County 4H Council, and the Council may exercise all such powers of the corporation as by law of the State of Washington, articles of incorporation and the bylaws as required.

ARTICLE III

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of the Council shall be to fulfill the mission of the 4-H Youth Development Education Program of Washington State University Extension in cooperation with Extension professionals without regard to race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or handicap.

Section 2: Mission

The Kitsap County 4-H Council, as supporters and advisors of 4-H Youth Development Programs, in cooperation with Washington State University and the county 4-H professionals, promotes 4-H and provides training, financial support, and the recognition of 4-H participants, leaders, and volunteers.

Section 3: Responsibility

The responsibility of the 4-H Council is to:

1. Determine and make decisions on 4-H policy, subject to review by Washington State University.
2. Plan, execute, and evaluate a well-balanced program for 4-H youth with both short and long term-goals.

3. Promote volunteer leadership development and empower adult and teen volunteers in the 4-H program.

4. Secure and manage the private resources available to the 4-H youth development program by:
   A. preparing an annual budget.
   B. giving direction to acquiring private funds.
   C. approving all expenditures from the Council budget.
   D. holding title to any property owned by the Council and providing for management of such property.

5. Serve as a link between the Kitsap County 4-H Youth Development Program and the county 4-H professional, Fair Board, Agricultural Societies, schools, community agencies, and the public.

6. Serve as the 4-H Expansion and Review committee as required by the Civil Rights Act of 1974, Title VI. (If the membership of the Council meets the criteria found in chapter 6, pages 70-79).

7. Provide a recognition program for volunteers and youth in the 4-H youth development program.

8. Develop and maintain a vibrant, active Council membership that believes the major responsibility of the county 4-H program belongs to the Council in cooperation with the Extension professionals.

9. Publicize the objectives and philosophy of the 4-H youth development program and serve as an advocate for youth.

ARTICLE IV

Amendments

Amendments to the constitution may be made at any annual, regular or special meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the Council members present providing:

A. A WRITTEN notice of the pending amendments was sent to all members of the Council at least two weeks and not more than four weeks prior to the meeting, and

B. A quorum of the Council is present at the meeting.
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ARTICLE V

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order newly revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and are not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, bylaws or special rules of order.

The Constitution of the Kitsap County 4-H Council were adopted on (date) at (location.)

Approved:

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President of the 4-H Council - date

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Secretary of the 4-H Council - date

Reviewed by:

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Extension 4-H Professional – date