

SONS OF THE BEACH OF VOLUSIA, INC.  
BYLAWS  
AMENDED APRIL 11, 2023

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as Sons of the Beach of Volusia, Inc. In advertising and other media the organization may also be referred to as "Sons of the Beach" or "SOBs".

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

The Sons of the Beach of Volusia County (SOBs), Inc. is a grassroots organization dedicated to increase public awareness of matters concerning the management of our beaches, the protection of its marine wildlife habitat, and securing preservation of the traditional vehicular access to Atlantic Ocean Beach (henceforth referred to as 'the Beach'). The SOBs recognize that our ocean beach and surrounding waterways create a singular marine environment, as such the SOBs will work to preserve and improve the overall environment of Volusia County. From time to time the SOBs may pursue action on other issues deemed important to the public welfare.

ARTICLE III - GOALS

- Develop relationships with both governmental and private entities and individuals that will help to move our goals forward.
- Educate the public about governmental actions (past, present, and proposed) affecting the use of the Beach and the quality of life it provides.
- Seek participation from the public regarding issues affecting citizens' ability to safely use the Beach.
- Raise awareness about economic benefits to the public derived from unrestricted access to the Beach.
- Address issues and facilitate actions with a view to restoring unfettered traditional vehicular access for the public to the Beach.
- Work cooperatively with governmental agencies to improve the free and safe use of the Beach.

- Participate in the governmental process and advocate for the protection and improvement of the Beach, including its dune line and natural vegetation.

#### ARTICLE IV - ORGANIZATION

The Corporation shall maintain a policy of openness to all without regard to race, creed, sex, religion, economic status, sexual orientation, disability, or ethnicity.

#### ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the SOBs is open to all persons who have a desire to support our mission statement and goals. There is no cost or other requirements to become a member. General membership meetings will be held periodically addressing issues as they arise, open to the public.

#### ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section 1.** The affairs, actions, interests, property and business of the Corporation shall be governed by the Board of Directors (the Board), which consists of the Officers and Board Members.

**Section 2.** The Board shall consist of not less than five (5) members, including Officers. The Board will be made up of citizens of Volusia County who have been nominated by existing Officers.

**Section 3.** Powers of the Board shall include those powers and duties necessary for administration of the affairs of the Corporation. They may appoint and charge committees as deemed necessary.

**Section 4.** Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at such time and place as determined by a majority of the members of the Board. Special meetings may be called by order of the President. At all meetings, there shall be a quorum consisting of a majority of Board members.

**Section 5.** Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by a majority vote of the current Board. Members shall serve until they elect to resign or are voted off the Board by a 2/3 majority of current members.

#### ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of President, two (2) Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Section 2. The President** shall have general supervision over the business of the Corporation subject to the direction of the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at Board meetings and represent the Corporation in public affairs and meetings. The President shall perform all duties incidental to the office of President.

**Section 3. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President** shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned by the President. The 1st Vice-President, shall perform duties of the President should the President not be present or is unable to perform such duties. The 1st Vice-President shall serve as the liaison to all governmental agencies and remain informed on those issues relevant to the organization.

**Section 4. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President** shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned by the President. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President shall perform duties of the President should the President or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President not be present or is unable to perform such duties. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President shall serve as the liaison to the Neighborhood Associations and other beach-oriented associations and maintain contact with them.

**Section 5. The Secretary** shall keep the minutes of all official meetings, maintain meeting attendance records, and provide advance notification of meetings. The Secretary shall be custodian of the records and of the Seal of the Corporation. The Secretary shall see that all documents of record required by law are properly kept and filed and in general, perform all the duties related to the office of Secretary.

**Section 6. The Treasurer** shall have responsibility for the funds and securities of the Corporation and shall keep full and accurate records of all receipts and disbursements in accordance with good accounting practices. The Treasurer shall prepare the budget to be presented at the annual General Meeting and provide financial reports at each Board Meeting or at such time as requested by the President. The Treasurer shall perform all duties incidental to the officer of the Treasurer.

## ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS

**Section 1.** Officers and Directors shall be elected, or re-elected to their current office, by majority vote at the biannual meeting of the organization. Any member present at the meetings when elections are

held, shall be eligible to vote. Officers & Directors shall serve two year terms. Terms shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they were elected and end at the conclusion of the next scheduled election.

**Section 2.** No member shall serve more than one office at a time.

**Section 3.** Any member may be nominated for any Board or Officer position during the meeting when elections are held.

**Section 4.** Sixty (60) days prior to the biannual election meeting, the President shall appoint a three-member panel consisting of the Secretary and two other Board members for the purpose of conducting the election.

**Section 5.** The President, upon assuming the office, shall announce within the next thirty days, the date of the next biannual general election will be held.

#### ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The current edition of Robert's Rule of Order will guide the conduct of the Board and Members during meetings.

#### ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

**Section 1.** Bylaws of this organization may be amended at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors of this Corporation by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting personally, via proxy, or via electronic means. Amendments must have been received seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

**Section 2.** Having attained a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at the meeting dated April 11, 2023, being duly authorized and recognized in good standing, these bylaws have been amended and accepted as written on this date.

#### ARTICLE XI - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this Corporation shall end on December 31st of each year.

#### ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, the Treasurer will liquidate the assets of the Corporation and pay any remaining expenses of the Corporation. Any

remaining funds will be donated to organization(s) chosen by a majority vote of the Board members present at the final official meeting. Such organization(s) must be tax exempt as described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.