

# **Mebane Business Association, Inc.**

*The purpose of the Mebane Business Association is to promote a growing Mebane Community through business networking opportunities and special events which support and enhance the lives of Mebane's citizens.*

## **By-Laws**

Revised Date: September 2, 2009

### **ARTICLE I**

#### Membership

Section 1: Qualifications – Any reputable citizen, organization, or business interested in the welfare of Mebane may become a member of the Mebane Business Association, Inc. (MBA)

Section 2: Election of Members – Such individuals or businesses must submit an MBA application which will be considered by the Board of Directors. Membership is granted after a majority (5) vote by the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Honorary Members – The Board of Directors, at a duly organized meeting, may elect honorary members by unanimous vote of the members present. Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of any dues and shall be entitled to all the privileges of regular members, except the right to vote, hold office, or chair a committee.

Section 4: Resignation – Any member may withdraw from the MBA after fulfilling all obligations to it by giving written notice of such intention to the secretary. This notice shall be presented to the Board of Directors by the secretary at the first meeting after its receipt. Or, non-payment of dues for three (3) consecutive months constitutes discontinued membership.

Section 5: Membership Revocation – Membership privileges may be revoked for any conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the MBA by a majority secret ballot vote of the Board of Directors. However the member shall be given an opportunity to present a defense at a meeting of the MBA Board before a vote is taken. A letter of notification of the Board's decision will be sent to the individual within 10 days.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the MBA shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June in each calendar year.

Section 7: Vacancies – All vacancies of any director shall be filled by the MBA Board of Directors at its regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

## ARTICLE VII

### Committees

Section 1: Appointment of Committees – Committees and their respective chair persons may be established within the MBA at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Members of such committees shall hold office until the appointment of their successors.

Section 2: Committee Quorum – A majority of any MBA committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3: Committee Vacancies – The various committees shall have the power to fill vacancies in their membership.

## ARTICLE VIII

### SEAL

The seal of the corporation shall be as follows:

## ARTICLE IX

### AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended, repealed, or revised or repealed by a majority vote of a quorum present at any meeting of the general membership, provided that the following steps have been taken:

1. Proposed changes have been submitted to the Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors has reviewed, revised (if necessary), and approved the presentation of the proposed changes to the general membership.
3. Written notification of the proposed changes has been sent to all members of the Mebane Business Association at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which the changes are to be considered.

  
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President Date

  
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Secretary Date