

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE

Islamic Center of Fort Collins

Document #I: The constitution

Article 1: The Name and Foundation of the Organization

The organization shall be The Islamic Center of Fort Collins (ICFC), an independent organization with sovereignty. The ICFC shall be unified and indivisible and its system based on the principles of the Islamic doctrine according to the consensus of the Muslim Ummah “Ahlu Alsunnah wa Aljamaa”. At no time shall an individual, a group, an institution or a country take control of the center or its activities without the consent of the general body of the ICFC. This article is not subject to change.

Article 2: Description and Location

The organization shall be a non-profit organization.

The ICFC shall maintain an office at the center located at “Hidaya Village”, 925 W. Lake Street, Fort Collins, CO 80521.

Article 3: Ownership

- A. The ownership of the ICFC rests with the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT).
- B. All buildings, belongings and assets are part of this center and are subject to the constitution and its by-laws herein.

Article 4: Purpose

The purpose of the ICFC shall be to serve the best interest of the religion of Islam and its followers in the area of Northern Colorado at large and the city of Fort Collins in specific. By engaging in lawful activities not for profit, the ICFC will help organize, lead and supervise, including, but not limited to the following activities:

- A. Contribute positively to the human civilization.

B. Assist Muslims in conducting themselves and carrying out various activities in pursuance of the complete way of life according to the Islamic tradition.

C. Establish religious rituals of worship and carry out social, civic, humanitarian, educational, scientific, research, literary, athletic and other Islamic initiatives.

D. Affiliate with, cooperate with and strengthen relationships among Muslims, Muslim communities and Muslim Countries from all over the World without giving any priority to ethnicity or culture.

F. Help eliminate discrimination or enmity in the society and lend support to Muslims throughout the World, wherever there may be an act of injustice or inequality.

G. Present Islam to Non-Muslims and maintain strong outreach activities in the Fort Collins region to help eliminate stereotypes and bigotry aimed at the religion of Islam and Muslims.

F. Promote and establish the maintenance of the buildings affiliated with the ICFC especially the masjid.

H. Carry out, in general, any and all activities and exercise any and all powers, now, or in the future, to accomplish the purpose of the organization.

Article 5: Membership

Membership shall be open to all Muslims who believe in the Quran and sound Sunnah of prophet Muhammad (PBUH). There will be two kinds of membership:

A. Active Membership: This membership shall be open to all Muslims who pay dues for the annual membership and abide by the constitution and its by-laws that govern the organization.

B. Associate Membership: Shall be open to all other Muslims.

Article 6: Organization

The organizational structure of the ICFC shall consist of two bodies: The Shurah Council and the Executive Committee. Members of one body cannot be members of the other simultaneously.

A. The Shurah Council shall be the highest administrative body responsible for deciding the affairs and strategic planning of the center including supervision over the executive committee. The power and authority given to the council is delegated by the General body, which will elect the members of the council.

B. The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the center. The Committee will be headed by a president and executive officers elected by the general body as outlined in the corresponding section.

Article 7: Shurah Council

- A. The Shurah Council hereinafter referred to as "SC" shall be advised by seven members.
- B. The General body shall elect the Council members.
- C. The elections shall proceed according to the attached by-laws.
- D. The members shall serve on a voluntary basis (without any compensation or benefits) for three years.
- E. The Council shall elect from among them a chairperson and a secretary, each of whom shall serve for three years.
- F. The duly elected president shall conserve the broad policy outlines and act in a way that does not clash with the Qur'an and the Sunnah of the prophet (PBUH). The Council shall advise and/or remove the president if he is in violation to the abovementioned guidelines.
- G. Elections will be held to replace any member who leaves the council due to unforeseen circumstances.

Article 8: Executive Committee

The Executive Committee hereinafter referred to as "EC" shall be elected by the General body annually.

The organization shall have the following officers in the EC:

- A. President
- B. Vice president
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Imam
- F. Chairpersons of the following standing committees:
 - a. Dawah and outreach
 - b. Culture

- c. Maintenance
- d. Youth activities
- e. Education
- F. Membership

G. A special women's affairs committee, which shall be elected by the ICFC's female members.

H. The president, after consulting/informing the SC, shall establish any ad-hoc committee with special assignments such as writing a new constitution or by-laws, Ramadan awareness dinner, Eid preparation, moon-sighting, fundraising...etc.

F. The term of office and method of selection for the Imam will vary from the abovementioned guidelines as it is subject to availability and circumstances.

I. Selection of the Imam or termination thereof shall be decided by the majority (at least 5 members including the president) of the SC after arbitrations of all members.

Article 9: Finances

A. The organization shall be financed by membership dues and all lawful and unconditional contributions, donations and other sources consistent with the purpose of the ICFC.

B. No transactions are to violate the Islamic *sharia*.

C. The organization shall collect and administer the zakat paid by its membership.

D. The finances of the organization shall be budgeted and approved yearly as provided for in the by-laws by the General Assembly hereinafter referred to as "GA".

Article 10: Amendments

A. Amendments to the constitution shall be submitted in writing to the constitution committee, president and/or the SC not less than 60 days before the GA.

B. All amendments to the constitution shall require the approval of the EC and SC before they are presented to the GA for discussions.

C. All amendments shall require approval by two thirds of active members attending the duly held annual GA.

D. No amendments in clear violation of the Islamic *Sharia* should come to pass.

Article 11: Dissolution

Should it become necessary, the SC shall dissolve the ICFC executive committee after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the center and disposing of all assets of the center to an Islamic organization as the SC shall determine. Such an Islamic organization should be in compliance with the current internal revenue laws or the corresponding provisions of any future United States internal revenue laws. Any assets proved as not being disposed of will be disposed of by the court of common pleas of the county in which the headquarters of the organization is then located, exclusively for such an Islamic organization as the said court shall determine.

Article 12: By-Laws

- A. The EC is authorized with exclusive rights to initiate by-laws and resolve all administrative disputes, claims and disciplinary appeals.
- B. All by-laws shall be according to the principles of the Islamic *Sharia*.
- C. Members of the ICFC shall approve of the by-laws by a simple majority.