

THE RULES of the CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY

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We, the members of the Chesterfield
County South Carolina
Republican Party, dedicated to the sound
principles fostered by that Party,
conscious of our civic responsibilities and
rights and firm in our determination to
support and to help perpetuate the

American way of life do herewith establish this instrument, the Rules of the Republican Party of the Great State of South Carolina.

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RULE 1

NAME

The name of this political organization shall be "The Chesterfield County South Carolina Republican Party." The name of each component precinct organization shall be "The _____ Precinct of the _____ County Republican Party."

RULE 2

INTERPRETATION & APPLICATION OF RULES; AMENDMENT; DISTRIBUTIONS; DEFINITIONS

- (a) These Rules shall be interpreted and applied so as to substantially accomplish their objectives. All records and lists required by the Rules shall be in writing. The spirit and not the letter of each Rule shall be controlling. Substantial compliance with a Rule shall be sufficient.
- (b) Should any conflict exist or develop between any of these Rules and the South Carolina election law, the latter shall govern except as to those laws which have been judicially held to be constitutionally unenforceable or which are patently unconstitutional.
- (c) In matters or areas not covered by these Rules, the Rules of the South Carolina Republican Party may be followed as a guide.
- (d) The proceedings of all business, organizational, reorganizational, and committee meetings and all county and state conventions, not covered by these Rules or by enforceable provisions of the South Carolina election law, shall conform to the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- (e) All elections to a party office at all levels of organization shall be decided by a majority vote unless otherwise directed by the rules; all delegates shall be elected by plurality vote.
- (f) These Rules may be amended only by the County Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total number of delegates registered and approved for that convention or reconvened convention.
- (g) The County Executive Committee or the county chairman may cause explanatory footnotes to accompany these Rules when published or printed. Footnotes may be added to, removed, supplemented, corrected or altered as the occasion requires or as the orderly utilization and implementation of the Rules may suggest. Such footnotes or explanatory comment shall not be regarded as part of these Rules or have the force of Party Rules, but shall be considered as advisory only. The county chairman may require specific forms to be used for administrative purposes at all levels of the party. The county chairman may make other regulations regarding administrative practices at all levels of the party.
- (h) The County Executive Committee and each county convention may adopt for their own purposes such rules as they deem necessary and which are not in conflict with these Rules or with enforceable state law.
- (i) The Rules may be reproduced and distributed as the County Executive Committee may direct. Each county party officer, each county convention officer, each committeeman, and each county chairman shall be furnished upon request a certified copy of these Rules by the county party secretary.
- (j) Where used in these Rules, the male gender shall include female unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- (k) "County Chairman" shall mean the duly elected Republican chairman of the county

executive committee in his county.

(l) "State Executive Committeeman" shall mean the duly elected Republican committeeman from his county to the Republican state executive committee.

(m) "County Executive Committeeman" shall mean the duly elected Republican committeeman from his precinct to the Republican county executive committee in his county.

(n) "Party" shall mean the Chesterfield County South Carolina Republican Party at the county, or precinct level.

(o) "County Officer" shall mean any officer of the party at the county level, duly elected or appointed.

(p) "Precinct Officer" shall mean any officer of the party elected by the precinct, which includes county committeemen.

RULE 3

LEVELS OF ORGANIZATION

(a) Organization of the party shall be at four levels:

(1) the precinct organization;

(2) the county organization;

(b) Any other Republican organization based upon a geographical area may be established, or altered, only by the County Executive Committee.

RULE 4

PRECINCT ORGANIZATION

(a) Initial Organization

(1) Initial organization of a precinct in a county that does not have a county organization that is recognized by the State Executive Committee shall be in accordance with such instructions and procedures as the State Chairman shall direct. Such initial organization may be accomplished at any time in the manner as hereinafter stated.

(2) Initial organization of a precinct in a county that has a county party organization, which is recognized by the State Executive Committee, shall be under the direction of the County Chairman, their designee, State Chairman or other Party official designated by the State Chairman upon noncompliance or refusal by County Chairman. Precincts undergoing initial organization that did not go through reorganization may be organized at any time.

(b) Reorganization

(1) Organized precincts shall meet during the month of March at an appropriate place within the county at a time and day set by the County Executive Committee of each non-general election year, or at such other time and date as may be required by law for reorganization. The county chairman shall also set a date no later than five days prior to the county convention for precinct to meet, referred to as a make-up meeting, that have failed to organize or re-organize or that need to conduct further business, including the ability of precincts to fulfill their delegate allotment to the county convention. The make-up meeting for all precincts shall be

held in one central location in the county and shall be properly advertised.

(2) Only those precincts previously certified or recognized as duly organized shall conduct reorganizational meetings. (7-9-50)

(c) Proceedings

In all organization and reorganization meetings of precinct, business may be conducted as follows:

(1) The meeting shall be called to order by the precinct president or vice-president, if the president is not present, in an organized precinct. In an unorganized precinct, the meeting shall be called to order by such person as may have been designated by the county chairman (or State Chairman, if applicable) to arrange the meeting, and if none, then by some person in attendance who is eligible for membership in the precinct.

(2) A temporary president, a temporary secretary, and a committee on credentials for the purpose of organizing or reorganizing shall be elected.

(3) The credentials committee shall report the names of those in attendance who are eligible for membership and who have signed the membership roll, verifying that each member is in fact eligible for membership. Membership eligibility is determined by the member having a current, valid voter registration certificate in that precinct, and either (1) the person having voted in the election designated for the purposes of delegate allocation set forth in Rule 4(c)(5) or (2) the person being elected to membership at a precinct meeting.

(4) When organized, a permanent president, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and a county committeeman to the county executive committee (a minimum of five (5) officers) may be elected. One person may not hold more than one office unless there are fewer than five people present at the meeting. Such committees as may be desired may be created. Precinct officers do not assume the duties of their office until after the county convention set forth in Rule 5(b) has been held, unless they are elected from a precinct not organized during the month of March under regular precinct reorganization.

(5) Delegates and alternates to the county convention shall be elected from among the members of the precinct in attendance and/or those whose membership is set forth in the poll list of the preceding primary election. Each precinct shall have one delegate for every 25 members and major fraction thereof, based upon the number of votes polled in the first primary of the preceding general election year or based upon the number of votes for presidential electors at the last preceding general election thereof from the precinct as determined by the State Executive Committee; or if the last preceding nominations were by convention, the representation shall be based upon the number of votes for presidential electors at the last preceding general election therefore from the precinct. All precinct representation shall be based on the same election. An equal number of alternates may also be elected. The precinct secretary and precinct president shall certify the names of precinct members, precinct officers and delegates and alternates, along with their own certifications, to the county chairman no later than five (5) days following the initial precinct meeting. Vacancies in any precinct delegation at any County Convention or reconvened convention shall be filled from among the alternate delegates present. No delegate nor alternate shall be elected by the precinct less than five (5) days before the County

Convention. A certified list of precinct members, precinct officers and delegates and alternates shall be forwarded to the state chairman by the county chairman no later than (7) seven days following the initial meeting, and no later than (3) three days after a make-up meeting. The county secretary shall make the certified list of delegates and alternates to the county convention available to any delegate, alternate or precinct officer no later than (3) three days after a make-up meeting. Such certified lists shall contain all contact information known to the county party. Upon receipt of the lists from the precinct, the county chairman shall promptly notify the precinct president of any irregularities found therein, and conversely, the precinct president shall be informed if the lists are in order.”

(6) Except for organization and reorganization meetings, the president or five (5) members may call special meetings of the precinct at any time by giving at least fortyeight (48) hours public notice.

(7) If federal or state actions result in the creation of new precincts, consolidation of precincts or redrawing of precinct lines that cause duly elected precinct officers and delegates to no longer reside within their original precinct, the offices of the affected officers and delegates shall be declared vacant. The county executive committee shall set a date within 45 days of such action for a special precinct reorganization meeting for those precincts affected. The meeting shall be held in one location within the county and under the direction of the county chairman, their designee, the State Chairman or other Party official designated by the State Chairman upon noncompliance or refusal by County Chairman.

(d) Resignations, vacancies

(1) Resignations by any officer shall be submitted to the president and secretary. The county committeeman shall submit his resignation to the county chairman also. The precinct shall fill all vacancies in its elective offices, including county committeeman. If an elected officer or committeeman becomes disabled and cannot act or serve, or if he abandons his office by refusing to serve, he shall be notified in writing by the county executive committee, upon concurrence of a majority of the entire executive committee, that his office will be declared vacant, effective thirty (30) days from the date of notice, unless the person gives earlier notice of his resignation or unless, within that time, he resumes the full duties of his office or furnishes a reason acceptable to the county executive committee as to why his office should not be declared vacant.

(2) A vacancy shall occur immediately if any elected officer or executive committeeman moves his legal residence outside the geographical area his office encompasses, and such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the Rules. Should any officer or delegate publicly endorse or financially support a candidate for partisan office other than a duly nominated Republican candidate, unless there is no Republican nominee in the relevant race, they shall immediately vacate their Republican Party office. The State Executive Committee may waive this provision in statewide and multi-county elections, and the county executive committees may waive this provision for their county and less-than-county elections.

(3) Additionally, any County Executive Committee may declare vacant the office of any member of the County Executive Committee who is absent from three (3) consecutive County Executive Committee meetings without good cause when such committeeman has not been represented by a designated proxy or by the

precinct president in attendance in his place. Provided, however, before such committeeman's office shall have been declared vacant, he shall be notified by certified mail by the county chairman and given opportunity to show cause before the County Executive Committee why he should not be removed from office.

(4) Should a vacancy occur in the office of a County Executive Committeeman or Precinct Chairman, and if there be no other members or officers of the precinct, the precinct shall become unorganized. Upon notice by the Executive Committee and at the discretion of the County Chairman that there is someone interested in reorganizing the precinct, it shall become organized pursuant to Rule 4(a).

(5) A vacancy shall occur as covered in Rule 15.

(6) A precinct meeting may be called by the precinct president or five other precinct members for the purpose of filling a vacancy among its officers, but such meetings require 48 hours notice to all precinct members.

(7) The precinct secretary shall keep a current roll of members, removing names as a result of death, transfer, resignation, request, etc. New precinct members may be added as indicated by county party rules.

RULE 5

COUNTY ORGANIZATION

(a) Initial Organization

(1) Initial organization of a county organization in a county not having a county party organization which is recognized by the state executive committee shall be in accordance with instructions and procedures as the state chairman may direct. Such counties may be organized at any time

(b) County Convention

(1) In every non-general election year, the County Convention shall be called by the County Executive Committee in each county having an organization recognized by the State Executive Committee. The convention shall be held during the month of April, no less than 14 days following precinct reorganization meetings, and the specific date, time and location of the convention shall be set by the County Executive Committee. A notice shall be caused to be published by the County Executive Committee once a week for two consecutive weeks, not more than three nor less than two weeks before the actual day of the convention in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The list of delegates certified by the president and secretary of each precinct shall constitute the temporary roll of the County Convention.

(c) Convention Proceedings

In all county conventions, business shall be conducted as follows:

(1) The meeting shall be called to order by the county chairman, or vice-chairman if the chairman is not present.

(2) A temporary convention president, a temporary secretary and a committee on credentials for the purpose of organizing shall be elected.

(3) The credentials committee shall make its report and any appeals from the credentials committee's report shall be to the county convention. Further appeals there from may be made to the State Executive Committee at its next meeting thereafter, and if necessary, to the next regular state convention meeting.

(4) When organized, a permanent convention president, secretary, and treasurer shall be elected. It shall also elect the county chairman, county vice-chairman (preferably of the opposite sex), a state executive committeeman, and other such officers as the convention deems necessary, who shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected.

(5) It shall also elect delegates to the district and State Convention. One delegate shall be elected for each six thousand residents in the county or majority fraction thereof, according to the latest official United States Census, plus two additional delegates. Double the number of delegates may be elected in which case each delegate shall have one-half vote. An equal number of alternates may also be elected (7-9-80). Should the county convention desire to designate the order of alternates who might fill vacancies, it may do so. Where no order of alternates is designated, the order in which the names are submitted to the state party shall be deemed the order of succession. The convention shall designate one of its delegates as a member of the state credentials committee.

(6) If a county is divided between two or more congressional districts, the number of state convention delegates to which such county shall be entitled shall be apportioned among the district as nearly as possible based on the population residing in each congressional district as a percentage of the entire population of the county at the last decennial census. "Each State Convention delegate elected to attend a Congressional District Convention shall be a resident of the congressional district the person is elected to represent and shall be elected only by those County Convention delegates who are residents of the same congressional district.

(7) A list certified by the convention secretary and signed by the convention president and/or county chairman, of all officers, delegates, and alternates elected by the county convention shall be forwarded by the county chairman or convention secretary to the state chairman and a copy to the district chairman not later than five (5) days following the county convention. Such list also shall include the name of the delegate chosen to serve on the credentials committee.

(8) The county convention shall be recessed in non-general election years and may be reconvened in the following general election year, during the month set by the state committee, to conduct such business, as it deems advisable, including nomination of candidates.

(d) County Executive Committee

(1) The precincts in each county shall be held together and operated under the control of a County Executive Committee which shall consist of one (1) committeeman from each precinct elected by the precinct. The committee, when elected, shall by majority vote appoint its own officers, except the chairman and vicechairman, who shall be elected by the County Convention. Appointed officers need not be executive committeemen. An officer of the County Executive Committee who is not an executive committeeman shall not be entitled to vote on any question. The county chairman may vote only in case of a tie vote.

(2) The state executive committeeman from the county shall also be an officer of the County Executive Committee and shall be entitled to vote on any question.

(3) The tenure of office of the county committeeman shall be until the convening of the county convention in each non-general election year.

(4) The secretary of the County Executive Committee shall keep such record of the committee's meetings as the committee may direct. Any written record that is kept

shall be in duplicate, one copy for the chairman and one copy to be retained by the secretary.

(5) The County Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, any three committeemen, or by ten percent of the Committee's membership, whichever is greater, at such time and place as he or they shall appoint, but no meeting shall be held without each member of the committee having been given at least 24 hours notice thereof. Mailing written notice at least two (2) secular days prior to the date of the scheduled meeting shall be sufficient compliance with this requirement.

(e) Resignations, vacancies

(1) Resignation by any officer shall be submitted in writing to the county chairman and county secretary. Resignation by a county executive committeeman shall also be to the president and secretary of this precinct. Resignation by the state executive committeeman shall be to the county chairman, county secretary and state chairman and state secretary.

(2) The County Executive Committee may remove any appointed officer at any time. It may fill any vacancies among its appointed officers.

(3) Should the office of the county chairman, county vice-chairman or State Executive Committeeman become vacant, the County Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy by electing a chairman, vice-chairman or Executive Committeeman, respectively, for the unexpired term. Vacancy in the office of county chairman shall not cause the vice-chairman to succeed to the office of chairman unless elected thereto by the County Executive Committee. Vacancies in these offices that are filled by the County Executive Committee will not cause such officers to be "appointed" officers by the committee, but the same as if elected by the County Convention.

(4) If an elected officer or committeeman becomes disabled and cannot act or serve, or if he abandons his office by refusing to serve, he shall be notified in writing by the county executive committee, upon concurrence of a majority of the entire executive committee, that his office will be declared vacant, effective thirty (30) days from the date of the notice, unless the person gives earlier notice of his resignation or unless, within that time, he resumes the full duties of his office or furnished a reason acceptable to the county executive committee as to why his office should not be declared vacant.

(5) Additionally, any County Executive Committee may declare vacant the office of any member of the County Executive Committee who is absent from three (3) consecutive County Executive Committee meetings without good cause when such committeeman has not been represented by a designated proxy or by the precinct president in a attendance in his place. Provided, however, before such committeeman's office shall have been declared vacant, he shall be notified by certified mail by the county chairman and given opportunity to show cause before the County Executive Committee why he should not be removed from office. Should any officer or delegate publicly endorse or financially support a candidate for partisan office other than a duly nominated Republican candidate, unless there is no Republican nominee in the relevant race, they shall immediately vacate their Republican Party office. The County Executive Committee may waive this provision in statewide and multi-county elections, and the county executive committees may waive this provision for their county and less-than-county elections.

(6) A vacancy shall occur immediately if any elected officer or county executive committee moves his residence outside the geographical area his offices

encompasses, and such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

(7) A vacancy shall occur as covered under Rule 15.

RULE 6

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

(a) Resolutions may be presented to the County Chairman prior to a meeting for the sake of preparing members for voting.

(b) Chairman may present resolution to members during regular monthly meeting but can not make a motion to except the resolution. Chairman shall call for a roll call after a motion has been made to vote on the resolution. to vote on resolution a quorum must be present.

(c) Only members of the County party may present or vote on a resolution.

(d) Resolutions shall not be used or recognized in the Party at any level except as provided for in these rules.

RULE 7

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

(a) Special Appointments may be made by County Chairman except during a county convention.

(b) Chairman may appoint officers to vacant positions after the County convention.

(c) Chairman appointments may only be denied by a vote of 2/3rd of the county members.

RULE 8

PROXIES

(a) Proxies may be used by any county republican member in a vote called by the County Chairman except during a county convention.

(b) To be valid, a proxy must be in writing, dated, signed by the author, give the full name and address of the person designated as proxy, specify the specific meeting for which the proxy is given, all in duplicate. One executed copy of the proxy shall be given to the chairman or secretary of the group, committee or meeting at which the proxy attends. A proxy shall also contain a signature endorsement thereof by the proxy that he consents to the appointment.

(c) Only members of the party from the same group represented by the author shall be appointed proxy. Such as, a county Republican Party member may only appoint a proxy from his own county.

(d) Proxies shall not be used or recognized in the Party at any level except as provided for in these rules.

(e) Individuals may have more than one (1) vote either in his own right or by reason of any proxy he may hold. A proxy can only be used by an individual actually in attendance at the meeting for which the proxy is given. Attendance at the meeting for which the proxy is given by the author of the proxy shall terminate the proxy, unless the author should leave prior to the termination of the meeting and announce prior to his leaving whom he has designated as his proxy.

- (f) If a county republican party member does not attend scheduled meetings of the county the chairman may take the proxy.
- (g) The county executive committee may provide for the use of proxies within a party organization created by it under the provisions of the Party Rule 3, and, in any event, the use of proxies so authorized shall be limited to meetings of or at the organization created by the county executive committee and shall not extend to the use of such proxies at state executive committee meetings.
- (h) No proxy shall be authorized to designate a substitute or successor proxy. However, an author of a proxy may designate successive proxies in the event the proxy first designated does not attend.

RULE 9

QUORUM

- (a) A quorum of all county issues shall be the lesser of 25 members or one-third of the members thereof. All meetings must be properly noticed.
- (b) In case of a vacancy occurring in the office of county chairman, county vice-chairman, county committeeman, a quorum for the purpose of electing an individual to fill the vacancy shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the county executive committee electing the replacement.
- (c) A quorum at all conventions shall be a majority of the delegates thereto.
- (d) However, for entity that has (2) two consecutive inquorate meetings for which notice has been properly provided, the quorum at all meetings of such entity shall be the members present until the succeeding reorganization.
- (e) The quorum for taking any action required by law or state party rules, including but not limited to election protest hearings and election of presidential electors, shall be the members present.

RULE 10

APPEALS

- (a) All controversies that may arise in precinct organization shall be decided on appeal by the county committee.
- (b) All controversies which may arise in county party organization shall be decided on appeal by the state executive committee, provided that all questions pertaining to the seating of delegates at all levels shall be determined by the convention, meeting, or body. The county chairman shall call a meeting of the county executive committee no later than two weeks after an appeal has been filed with the county chairman.

RULE 11

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

- (a) Nomination of candidate for elective public office
 - (1) As a general policy the Chesterfield County South Carolina Republican Party endorses

the primary method of nominating candidates for elective office. However, the convention method also is considered to be an acceptable and approved method of nomination.

(2) Where a convention nominates candidates for public office the convention must first decide to use the convention method of nomination by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the total membership of the convention or such other majority as may be required by law.

(3) Where a convention method of nomination is adopted, candidates for federal and state offices of divisions larger than counties, which includes statewide, congressional, judicial and senatorial districts, shall be nominated by the state convention. However, where it is otherwise provided by law that candidates for certain offices encompassing an election district not larger than counties shall have candidates nominated as determined by the county convention not inconsistent with existing valid state law.

(4) If the primary system of nominating candidates for elective public office is used, such rules and procedures in connection therewith shall be forwarded as may be required by law and as supplemented by such rules and procedures as may be promulgated by the State Executive Committee.

(5) When no other filing fee has been set by state or county committee each candidate at the time of filing for the nomination as a candidate for the Republican Party shall place with the appropriate party official a fee, in the form of cash or certified check, equal to two (2) percent of one year's salary for the office being sought. Provided that in the event that the office being sought has no salary, the governing committee shall set a reasonable filing fee.

(6) No candidate may be nominated by the Republican Party who is not a registered elector in and a bona fide resident of the State of South Carolina and of the particular election district, if less than statewide, in which he offers as a candidate for office.

(7) Where by reason or changes in the governing law, either by way of legislative enactment or by judicial decree by a court of competent jurisdiction, it becomes impossible to comply with any provision of these rules and also with changed condition, the state executive committee is authorized to promulgate such rules, procedures and guidelines as may be necessary and appropriate.

(8) Presidential electors shall be elected in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 11 of this body of rules.

(b) The Presidential Preference Primary

(1) Unless decided otherwise by the state party convention within two (2) years prior to each presidential election year, the South Carolina Republican Party shall conduct a statewide presidential preference primary on a date selected by the chairman of the party and this date must be within two weeks after the New Hampshire Republican Primary, or earlier if necessary to preserve South Carolina's "First in the South" status. Notwithstanding this provision, the State Chairman and the State Executive Committee have the right to set the primary date.

(2) In the event that the convention decides not to hold a primary, and circumstances surrounding the presidential election shall have substantially changed such that a primary would be deemed advisable, the state executive committee, prior to January 15 of the presidential election year, may override the decision of the convention and reinstate the primary.

(3) If, however, after the closing of the filing period for the presidential preference primary no more than one candidate has qualified, no presidential preference primary shall be held.

(4) Each congressional district delegate from South Carolina to the ensuing Republican National Convention shall be bound during the first ballot at the convention to the presidential candidate who received the greatest number of votes in that particular delegate's home district during the presidential preference primary.

(5) Each delegate-at-large shall be bound for the first ballot to the candidate who received the largest number of votes statewide in the presidential preference primary.

(6) However, if the candidate to which a delegate is bound falls below thirty (30) percent of the vote on the first ballot, that delegate automatically is released before the second ballot.

(7) All other details pertaining to this presidential preference primary shall be the responsibility of the state executive committee.

(c) Prohibition of Crossover Voting

(1) No person that has voted in the primary or run-off election of another political party, including a presidential preference primary, shall be allowed to cast a ballot in a Republican Primary or run-off for the same office in the same election cycle.

RULE 12

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

(a) Election of Presidential Electors

(1) No later than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the general election in each presidential election year it shall be the responsibility of the State Executive Committee of the South Carolina Republican Party to elect the Party's presidential electors for the ensuing presidential elections.

(2) After coming together the committee shall caucus according to congressional districts and each caucus shall nominate not more than seven (7) and not less than two (2) candidates for that district's position on the Electoral College.

(3) The committee then shall reassemble and each member of the committee shall vote by secret ballot for not more than one (1) of the nominees listed by each caucus. The winner for each district shall be determined by plurality vote.

(4) Nominations for South Carolina's two at-large positions on the Electoral College shall come from the floor of the committee. After all the nominations have been made each member of the committee shall vote by secret ballot for not more than two (2) of the nominees. The two winners shall be determined by plurality vote.

RULE 13

FINANCES

No one is empowered to incur indebtedness or financial obligation on the part of the Chesterfield County South Carolina Republican Party unless expressly authorized to do so by the state convention or the state executive committee. Prior to any such authorization, funds must be on hand and available for the purpose authorized. The county chairman may authorize the expenditure of available funds for necessary activities, the payment of bills or the reimbursement of expenses incurred by an individual on party business, but there shall

be no obligation to do so. Any person incurring expenses does so on his own responsibility and he shall promptly make payment therefore personally, regardless of whether or not reimbursement is expected. All checks issued by the county treasurer shall be signed by him and countersigned by the county chairman. The names of the county chairman, the county treasurer, shall be certified to the bank of deposit.

RULE 14

MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATION

The County Committee is authorized to provide such rules or adopt such regulations as it may deem necessary or desirable to structure, organize and establish a Municipal Republican Executive Committee in each municipality, principally located in said County for the purpose of administering the Republican Party participation in any partisan municipal election including the nomination of Republican candidates therein. The Organization must be in accordance with the Rules of the South Carolina Republican Party and must conform to the requirements of the South Carolina Municipal Election Code. **South Carolina Republican Party Rules 34**

RULE 15

PARTY OFFICIALS AS CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

- (a) Officers and Delegates as candidates from a different political party
- (1) A vacancy shall occur immediately if a person who holds an elected or appointed party office or who is a Delegate or Alternate to a Party Convention, at any level becomes
 - (a) an announced and/or official candidate for the nomination to elected public office who at the close of filing, has not filed as a candidate in the Republican Primary or,
 - (b) an elected officer of another political party.
- (b) Officers as candidates for public office as a Republican
- (1) At levels above the precinct level, an officer—but not a delegate—shall resign such office if
 - (a) such officer files as a candidate in a Republican Party primary and,
 - (b) at the close of filing and certification of candidates, more than one candidate is certified as seeking the Republican nomination.
- (2) A person who holds an elected or appointed party office must immediately resign from such office upon announcing for federal or statewide office.