

# EMPIRE CITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB BY LAWS

## Preamble

Empire City Motorcycle Club, founded in October 1964, and incorporated under the Not For Profit Corporation provisions of the State of New York in November 1972, is a fraternal and social organization of male motorcyclists, with its principle base in the City of New York.

## Article I – Purposes

Empire City Motorcycle Club was founded to cultivate brotherhood among its members by engaging in diverse motorcycling and social activities.

## Article II – Membership

### 1. Membership

#### A. Associate Membership:

Becoming an Associate member is the first step towards becoming an Active member.

Associate members also fall into three categories:

- a. New members who have been members for under one year
- b. Members who live out of the area and cannot regularly attend meetings
- c. Members of other clubs who have been invited by the club to join.

Associate members of any type do not have voting rights and cannot hold office.

#### B. Active Membership:

Active members shall be male owner/operators of motorcycles and shall have the right to vote on all club matters unless specifically denied elsewhere in this document. Responsibilities of active membership include attendance at five or more club functions, i.e., rides, meetings, bar nights, parties, etc., during any preceding twelve-month period. Failure to meet attendance requirements may result in suspension of voting privileges, pending club action on exoneration, censure, probation, or expulsion. Those who have been members for at least 10 years but no longer own motorcycles or are unable to operate one may retain active membership for a period of no more than one year. If after that time they still cannot fulfill active membership requirements, they may apply for Emeritus Membership. The member may request retention of active membership if he resumes motorcycling. He may resume active membership if a majority of the membership votes yes and fewer than three members vote no.

#### A. Emeritus membership:

Active members in good standing who have been members for at least 10 years but can no longer fulfill the attendance and/or the riding requirements of active membership may request emeritus membership. Emeritus membership carries the full compliment of membership benefits (the right to attend club meetings, events, and to wear Empire City Motorcycle Club insignia and colors) except the right to vote at meetings. Emeritus membership must be requested in writing by the member requesting it and must be approved as outlined in Article II, Section 2 (membership Applications).

### 2. Membership Applications:

Two members in good standing must recommend applications for Associate membership if the intent is to become a full time member. Out of area Associate member applicants need only one sponsor, and Associates applicants from other clubs are by invitation of the membership. Associate applicants desiring to become full Active members must attend three meetings or functions and not a following meeting, during which the membership will discuss his qualifications with the sponsors. Acceptance of membership requires that the majority of the membership vote yes and fewer than three members vote no. The sponsors will then advise him if he is accepted as an Associate member. Upon receipt of the pro rated

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dues, he becomes an Associate member. Before becoming eligible for full active membership, he must meet Active member attendance requirements during the next 12 months.

### 3. Membership Reapplication

Members who have resigned without prejudice may, within one year, reapply for membership. In such event, the waiting period is waived. Acceptance of membership requires that the majority of the membership vote yes and fewer than three members vote no.

### 4. Expulsion

A member may be expelled for unbecoming conduct. In such an event, a written complaint shall be submitted to the Board of Directors, who shall take evidence, hold a hearing at which the member may appear, and report its recommendation to the membership. Action on the Board's recommendation shall require a two-thirds vote of all active members in good standing.

### 5. Dues and Fees

The Club shall determine dues and fees for active members and pledges. Members in arrears shall be considered delinquent. Any member two months delinquent in his dues shall be disqualified from voting. Any member six months delinquent will automatically be expelled from the Club. A member so expelled whom wishes to reapply for membership would have to first pay the delinquent dues and then follow the procedure in Article II, Section 1.

## Article III - Meetings

### 1. Regular Meetings

Regular membership meetings shall be held at a date as early as the first Wednesday of each month, but no later than the first Sunday following the first Wednesday, to be decided in advance at a prior meeting. Exceptions to this schedule can be made by a prior majority vote.

### 2. Special Meetings

The Directors may call special meetings of the Corporation. The Secretary shall be required to notify all members of the Board prior to such a meeting in the most expeditious manner.

### 3. Order of Business

Roberts's Rules of Order shall define the order of business at meetings.

### 4. Quorum

The attendance of a number equal to more than half the number of active New York City members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

### 5. Proxies

Each active member may designate another to vote on his behalf.

### 6. Guests

Members may invite guests to attend meetings. No guest may attend more than three meetings within one calendar year.

## Article IV – Officers and Directors

### 1. The Officers

The officers shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Road Captain
- d. Treasurer
- e. Secretary

In addition, an AMCC representative will be named annually.

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### 2. The Directors

The elected officers shall constitute the Board of Directors.

### 3. Duties of Officers

- a. The President shall have the general management of the affairs of the Corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions are carried into effect.
- b. The Vice President shall serve in the absence of the President. He shall plan all non-biking activities.
- c. The Road Captain shall plan all club rides and biking activities. He shall enforce the rules of club riding
- d. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and disbursements of funds and maintenance of club bank accounts.
- e. The Secretary shall have the custody of the seal of the Corporation and shall attend to all official correspondence. The Secretary shall also be responsible of recording, maintaining, and reporting the minutes of all meetings and shall maintain a membership roster.

### 4. Elections

Elections of all officers shall be held at the second meeting of the year. Neither the President nor the Road Captain shall be permitted to serve more than two consecutive terms.

## Article V - Amendments

### 1. Amendments

Any proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing at a regular membership meeting. It is incumbent upon the member proposing such amendment that he contacts the entire membership before the meeting at which it will be read. He can obtain proxies from those that cannot attend the meeting. It shall be read and discussed at the next 3 meeting and called for voting. A vote of two-thirds of all active members in good standing shall be required to pass an amendment.