

Valencia County Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization is the Valencia County Amateur Radio Association, Inc., herein after referred to as “VCARA” or “the Association”.

ARTICLE II – LEGAL AUTHORITY AND STATUS

SECTION I. Non-profit Corporation

VCARA is organized as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of New Mexico Nonprofit Corporation Act (NMSA 1978, Chapter 53, Article 8) and is a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

SECTION II. Governing Authority

This Constitution is subordinate to the Articles of Incorporation and applicable state and federal law. The Bylaws shall be subordinate to this Constitution. The VCARA Corporate Handbook further expands direction of the Constitution and Bylaws and is the “how to” direction for the Association.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

Section 1. Charitable and Educational Purpose

The Association is organized exclusively for the charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. Organizational Mission

The mission of VCARA is to, (a) support and advance amateur radio communications in the public interest, including emergency communications, public service, education, technical advancement and communications infrastructure development, and (b) increase the knowledge and enjoyment of its members in the field of amateur radio communications.

Section 3. Specific Objectives

- a. Manage Corporation funds and property (real or personal) for the benefit of the Association.
- b. Maintain a fully equipped VHF-UHF and HF “radio shack” for membership use.
- c. Provide emergency and disaster communications support.
- d. Promote amateur radio education and training, especially among school age youth.
- e. Maintain communications infrastructure, including repeaters and related systems.

- f. Serve the public through volunteer communications service.
- g. Promote technical advancement and regulatory compliance.
- h. Support community preparedness and resilience.

ARTICLE IV – NONPROFIT LIMITATIONS

Section 1. Private Benefit Prohibition

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall benefit any private individual monetarily.

Section 2. Political Activity Restriction

The Association shall not engage in political campaign activity prohibited under Section 501(c)(3) and/or under the requirements of its FCC license(s).

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

The Association shall have members with their eligibility, classes, rights, and responsibilities defined in the Bylaws and/or VCARA Corporate Handbook.

ARTICLE VI – GOVERNANCE AUTHORITY

Section 1. Board Authority

The Corporation shall be governed by its Board of Directors.

Section 2 Board Responsibility

The Board shall manage the affairs, assets, and operations of the Association in accordance with applicable law and Corporation governing documents.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

The officers, their duties, and election method and terms shall be defined in the Bylaws and/or the VCARA Corporate Handbook.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

The Association shall have regular meetings open to the membership and public as defined in the Bylaws and/or VCARA Corporation Handbook.

ARTICLE IX – CORPORATE ASSETS

Section 1

All assets acquired by the Association shall be corporate property with the Board ensuring proper custody and protection.

Section 2. No individual member shall acquire ownership rights to any Association asset.

ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, after settlement of all Corporation liabilities, assets shall be distributed exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of voting members in good standing present at any annual, regular or special meeting after proper notice in accordance with the Bylaws and/or VCARA Corporate Handbook.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026

President: _____
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Secretary: _____
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