

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

ALIGNMENT OF AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS AREAS WITH DEPARTMENT DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the American Legion Riders Department of Kansas (ALR) operates as a subsidiary program under the American Legion Department of Kansas, governed by the ALR Constitution and Bylaws (2023) and the Kansas American Legion Riders Handbook (2020), and must conform to the Department Constitution and Bylaws (Effective August 1, 2020, Article VI, Section 9); and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Department of Kansas is structured into eleven (11) Districts to facilitate administration, communication, and program coordination across the state, as outlined in the Department Constitution and Bylaws (Article X) and the Posts by District Listing (2024); and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Riders organizes its chapters into Areas with appointed Directors to manage local operations and promote Post-level activities (ALR Handbook, p. 4), but the current structure does not formally align Areas with the Department's Districts, potentially leading to inconsistencies in communication, membership planning, and program execution (Department Bylaws, Article VI, Section 12); and

WHEREAS, aligning ALR Areas with Department Districts would streamline coordination, enhance operational efficiency, and ensure consistency in organizational structure across the state; and

WHEREAS, any future changes, modifications, or additions to the Department's Districts, as authorized by the Department Executive Committee (Department Bylaws, Article X, Sections 1-2), should automatically be reflected in the ALR Areas to maintain alignment without requiring repeated amendments to the ALR Bylaws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

by the American Legion Riders Department of Kansas, in accordance with the amendment provisions of the ALR Constitution and Bylaws (2023) and Robert's Rules of Order, that the ALR Constitution and Bylaws be amended by inserting the following as a new Article [X or Appropriate Number: Alignment of Areas with Districts]:

1. The Areas of the American Legion Riders Department of Kansas shall align directly with the eleven (11) Districts of the American Legion Department of Kansas, as defined in the Department Constitution and Bylaws (Article X) and the Posts by District Listing (2024), such that each Area corresponds to one District for purposes of chapter coordination, Director appointments, and program execution.

2. Upon any change, modification, or addition to the Department's Districts (e.g., boundary adjustments or new formations per Department Executive Committee authority, Department Bylaws, Article X, Section 1), the ALR Areas shall automatically adjust to reflect such changes, with notification from the Department Adjutant to the ALR Department Committee within thirty (30) days, ensuring no further bylaw amendment is required.

3. The ALR Department Committee shall maintain and annually update a map and roster of Areas mirroring Department Districts (per ALR Handbook, p. 4), to be filed with the Department Adjutant for record-keeping.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that this amendment shall take effect immediately upon approval by a two-thirds majority vote at the next ALR Department meeting or Convention, ratified by the Department Executive Committee (Department Bylaws, Article VI, Section 9), and filed with the Department Adjutant within ten (10) days (Department Bylaws, Article X, Section 7).

Submitted by: [Alan Zeitvogel, 11th District Commander Chapter 17, Manhattan, KS]

Date: October 15, 2025

Presented for Consideration at: [Next ALR Department Convention or Specify Meeting]

This is to certify that this resolution was voted on by our Post Commander and Post Executive Committee

Post Commander Alan Zeitvogel Exec. Committee William Shaly

Date: 16 Mar 2026

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Approved Approved with Amendment Rejected Received and Recorded Consolidated with Referred to Department Commander or Department Adjutant on Other Action

Signature OF ALR Chairman or ALR Secretary: _____

Date: _____