

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND**



This version of the Constitution, with approved amendments, as adopted by the membership on April 15, 2025, supersedes and replaces all prior versions and is the official Constitution of the Democratic Party of Frederick County.

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We, the Democrats of Frederick County, Maryland, recognize our heritage and responsibilities as members of a great and historic political movement dedicated to democratic government, social justice, and economic opportunity for all our citizens. We shall work to promote sound, honest, progressive government; to preserve the dignity, rights, and liberties of the individual; to correlate and unify under one central organization the activities of the Party; to build and promote leadership within the Party and within Frederick County and its municipalities; and to stimulate participation in all activities of the Party. We dedicate ourselves to furthering the principles and ideals that have led our Party since the time of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson, and further commit ourselves to promote and elect the nominees of our Party for local, state, and national offices. To these ends, and to our better governance, we hereby establish this Constitution for the Democratic Party of Frederick County.

### **Article I.      Name and Affiliation**

The name of this organization shall be the “Democratic Party of Frederick County” (hereinafter referred to as “the Party”). The Party shall maintain an affiliation with and be a part of the Maryland Democratic Party (“MDP”) and the Democratic Party of the United States.

### **Article II.      Membership and Participation**

Membership in the Democratic Party of Frederick County shall be open to all residents of Frederick County, Maryland who support the ideals and principles of the Maryland Democratic Party and have registered their party affiliation as Democrats. Discrimination in the conduct of the affairs of the Party on the basis of sex, race, age (if of voting age), religions, economic status, sexual orientation, or ethnic origin is prohibited. Persons under the age of registering to vote are encouraged to participate in the activities of the Party.

### **Article III.      Governing Body**

The governing body of the Democratic Party of Frederick County shall be the Democratic State Central Committee of Frederick County, Maryland, also known as Frederick County Democratic Central Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Central Committee” or “FCDCC”).

1. The Central Committee shall have full power and authority to act with respect to all matters pertaining to the organization, maintenance, conduct, affairs, and interests of the Party in accordance with the laws of Maryland, the Charter and By-Laws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland Democratic Party.

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2. The members of the Central Committee shall be those persons elected from Frederick County, Maryland in accordance with the laws of Maryland, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland Democratic Party, and the By-Laws of the Democratic Party of Frederick County.
3. The Central Committee shall elect a Chair and other officers as set forth in the By-Laws of the Party.

### Article IV.     **Amendments and By-Laws**

1. This Constitution may be ratified and further amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the current membership of the Central Committee, provided that written notice of the meeting and the proposed text shall be sent to the members of the Central Committee. The notice and proposed text must be sent to the members of the Central Committee at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting.
2. The Central Committee shall adopt By-Laws for the Party to provide for the governance of the Party's affairs not provided for in this Constitution. By-Laws may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the current membership of the Central Committee, provided that written notice of the meeting and the text of the By-Laws shall be sent to the members of the Central Committee. The notice and proposed text must be sent to the members of the Central Committee at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting.
3. Copies of this Constitution and the By-Laws and any changes thereto shall be filed with the Secretary of the Maryland Democratic Party within ten (10) days following their adoption.