## **SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION:**

The North Plains Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) Dues Structure and Classifications Policy sets forth guidelines as outlined in the Chamber Bylaws:

<u>Section 2.4 DUES</u>. Membership dues shall be that amount proscribed by a Board policy reviewed annually before the start of the fiscal year.

#### **SECTION 2. BUSINESS MEMBER DUES:**

## \$100.00 a year

A Business Member is defined as:

- 1. A business, store, industry, factory, corporation, partnership or other for-profit entity.
- 2. An agency established as a city, county, district, state or federal system of political administration.
- A professional group representing a number of persons classified for business by their
  occupation or profession under an identifying name. This will include an aggregate of persons
  under a group name for other than a profession or occupation, but not holding a non-profit
  status.
- 4. A supplier of a public service commodity to include gas, electric power, water, telephone, cablevision or internet.
- 5. A non-profit organization or association which holds a Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) definition of the Internal Revenue Code.

All rights and privileges of membership as described in the Chamber Bylaws are granted to Business Members.

# **SECTION 3. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER DUES:**

# \$25.00 a year

An Individual Member is defined as:

1. A person who is a member of a Professional Group, but not the representative of that group, who wishes to be recognized for their own individual name and profession.

2. A person who is not doing so on behalf of, or cannot represent, a specific business, but who is joining as an individual to support and promote the purposes of the Chamber.

All rights and privileges of membership as described in the Chamber Bylaws are granted to Individual Members.

### **SECTION 4. ASSOCIATE MEMBER DUES:**

#### None

An Associate Member is defined as:

- A public institution established for teaching, training or instruction, either formal or informal.
   This is to include divisions of, or governing entities or support services of an institution or school system.
- 2. A non-profit organization or association which has been approved by the Board of Directors as an Associate Member rather than a Business Member.
- 3. A local area Chamber of Commerce which is interested in supporting and promoting the business of this Chamber.

All rights and privileges of membership as described in the Chamber Bylaws are granted to Associate Members except that of holding office and the right to vote.

### **SECTION 5: LIFETIME MEMBER DUES:**

#### **None**

A Lifetime Member is defined as a person who has been designated as such through the procedures in the Chamber Bylaws.

All rights and privileges of membership as described in the Chamber Bylaws are granted to Lifetime Members.

## **SECTION 6. PAST DUE MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENT:**

Members who are 90 days past due will be dropped. Dropped members may reinstate by paying past dues plus \$20.00 reinstatement fee.

### SECTION 7. PRO-RATING OF DUES FOR NEW MEMBERS:

Dues will be pro-rated for Business and Individual Memberships of the North Plains Chamber of Commerce during the calendar year. The chart below shows the initial amount of dues to be submitted with new-member applications (processing fee is extra).

|   | Business Members:                              | Individual Members:                            |
|---|--|--|
| Month in which Membership is considered | Amount of dues to be included with application | Amount of dues to be included with application |
| January                                 | \$91.30  | \$22.88  |
| February                                | \$83.00  | \$20.80  |
| March                                   | \$74.70  | \$18.72  |
| April                                   | \$66.40  | \$16.64  |
| May                                     | \$58.10  | \$14.56  |
| June                                    | \$49.80  | \$12.48  |
| July                                    | \$41.50  | \$10.40  |
| August                                  | \$33.20  | \$8.32   |
| September                               | \$24.90  | \$6.24   |
| October                                 | \$16.60  | \$4.16   |
| November                                | \$8.30   | \$2.08   |
| December                                | \$100.00                                       | \$25.00  |

Thereafter, membership will be renewable at the full annual rate. Membership renewal notices are mailed the first week in November, and are due by December 31 each year.

# **SECTION 8. PROCESSING FEE:**

All new Business Members must pay a one-time processing fee of \$35 with their initial dues payment included with the membership application. New Business Members will receive a Chamber plaque for display, two window decals, a name tag for the primary representative and listing in the Chamber website Business Directory and Chamber Directory. Additional decals and name tags may be purchased from the Chamber.

All new Individual Members must pay a one-time processing fee of \$10 with their initial dues payment included with the membership application. New Individual Members will receive a name tag and listing in the Chamber website Member Directory. Individual Members may purchase a Chamber plaque for display and window decals.

There is no processing fee for a New Associate Member. They will be listed in the Chamber website Chamber Directory and may purchase a Chamber plaque, window decals and a name tag.

#### **SECTION 9. POLICY AMENDMENTS:**

The Dues Structure and Classifications Policy will be reviewed and amended, as necessary, by the Chamber Board at their Regular Board Meeting in November in conjunction with budget preparation.

The Dues Structure and Classifications Policy is an important part of the Chamber's financial business and adherence to the Bylaws. Therefore, the Chamber Board will recommend any Policy amendments to the Membership for their approval.

### **SECTION 10. RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL:**

The Chamber Board of Directors, at their Regular Meeting on November 20, 2014, has reviewed this amendment of the Dues Structure and Classifications Policy, and recommends adoption by the Chamber Membership at the next Regular Membership Meeting.

This amended Dues Structure and Classifications Policy was adopted by the Chamber Membership on December 9, 2014.

Attest:

Russ R. Sheldon, President

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Original Policy adopted by the Chamber Membership on April 8, 2014. Amended Policy adopted by the Chamber Membership on May 13, 2014. Amended Policy adopted by the Chamber Membership on December 9, 2014.