

Fort Mill Hall of Fame Bylaws

Article I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the **FORT MILL HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE**.

Article II: PURPOSE

The *Fort Mill Hall of Fame* Nominating Committee (the Committee) exists to: annually recognize outstanding Fort Mill citizens whom have achieved distinction in their lives and / or chosen field through significant contributions to their career, community or through personal achievements.

Article III: FORMATION

The Hall of Fame was founded in April of 2008 as a function of the *Town of Fort Mill*

Article IV: MEMBERSHIP

The Hall of Fame Nominating Committee shall be comprised of nine members representing the greater Fort Mill Township a designated Town staff member and a selected member of Town Council or the Mayor. The Committee will solicit new members to serve as needed; and each new member will be approved by a majority vote of the Town Council.

Article V: TERM OF OFFICE

All members shall serve two-year terms. Members may serve consecutive terms upon reappointment from Town Council. Should a committee member be unable to complete his/her term, a new member will be appointed by the *Fort Mill Town Council*.

Article VI: OFFICERS

There shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary. Officers shall be selected from the committee membership annually at the April meeting. Additional officers will be selected as needed. Minutes will be assigned to the Secretary.

Article VII: DUTIES

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings and with the Vice-Chairperson coordinating all induction activities. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will also formalize meeting agendas and distribute them to committee members in a timely fashion. The Vice-Chairperson shall act in the absence of the Chairperson. The Secretary/Treasurer shall oversee all financial matters of the committee. Town Staff or elected officials may not be officers in the Fort Mill Hall of Fame committee. It shall be the duty of the committee to verify information and check references on nominees to the Hall of Fame.

Article VIII: MEETINGS

The committee shall establish its meeting schedule. The committee will establish agendas for subsequent meetings.

Article IX: QUORUM

A simple majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum. All votes of the committee shall be carried by a majority of the members present and voting unless specified otherwise elsewhere in the by-laws.

Article X: SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominees to the **Fort Mill Hall of Fame** shall be selected based upon the following criteria:

- a.) Nominees have resided or had been born within the delineated area on the attached map. Those nominated from what is now the City of Tega Cay are only eligible for induction if their accomplishments that warrant induction took place prior to the incorporation of the City.
- b.) Nominees are first eligible for selection at any time.
- c.) Selection is based on achievements which shall include a worthy record in more than one and exemplary achievement in at least one of the following:
 - 1.) Job-related achievements;
 - 2.) Professional honors and awards, professional affiliations, publications;
 - 3.) Civic or community involvement;
 - 4.) Personal achievements/accomplishments;
 - 5.) Positive impact on the community of Fort Mill
 - 6.) Other appropriate qualifications which the committee believes merit consideration.

Article XI: NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

[1] The committee shall solicit nominees from the community at large. Anyone may submit a nomination for any person meeting the minimal eligibility criteria (a, b, and c above). Every person nominated shall be eligible for a period of three years. Individuals may be re-nominated.

[2] The committee shall require a minimum vote of 7 of the 9 member body to select the Hall of Fame inductees. Absentee voting is acceptable.

[3] No member of the selection committee shall be nominated or inducted during his or her term of office.

Article XII: INDUCTION

The Induction Ceremony shall be held annually at a date and location set by the committee. Fort Mill **Hall of Fame** Selection Committee shall establish a program and see to all necessary details of the Induction Ceremony.

Article XIII: AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

The bylaws shall be amended by a 7 of 9 majority of the committee membership. All suggested amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the membership in advance of any vote.

Article XIV: REMOVAL OF HALL OF FAME MEMBER

The committee reserves the right to remove a member from the Hall of Fame based on a majority vote of Council. Removal is a serious action to only be considered in cases of egregious conduct reflecting poorly on the Town or Township of Fort Mill.