THE FEDERAL ALLIANCE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION

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CONSTITUTIONAL COMMUNITIES

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STATUS

Constitutional Communities are recognised by the Federal Constitution as the primary local expression of self-government within every Sovereign State.

The Community is not created by Government.

Government exists to serve the Community.

Every Municipality therefore exists in Constitutional Trust.

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1. PURPOSE

The Constitutional Community exists to preserve the daily wellbeing of its Citizens.

It provides the constitutional environment in which:

Families flourish.

Children are educated.

Businesses develop.

Neighbourhoods prosper.

Communities solve their own challenges.

Government remains closest to the People.

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2. CONSTITUTIONAL DEFINITION

A Constitutional Community consists of:

Families.

Citizens.

Neighbourhoods.

Municipal Administration.

Schools.

Faith Communities.

Businesses.

Community Organisations.

Local Infrastructure.

The Municipality administers.

The Community lives.

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3. THE PRINCIPLE OF LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Every matter capable of being resolved locally should be resolved locally.

Only matters beyond the reasonable capacity of the Community shall move to the Sovereign State.

Only matters beyond the capacity of the State shall move to the Federal Alliance.

This becomes the operational expression of our earlier principle that power should remain as close to the people as practicable.

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4. RESPONSIBILITIES

Every Constitutional Community shall strive to maintain:

Clean water.

Reliable sanitation.

Roads.

Markets.

Parks.

Schools.

Public health.

Waste management.

Local planning.

Neighbourhood peace.

Emergency preparedness.

Public participation.

Government exists to assist Communities in fulfilling these responsibilities.

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5. COMMUNITY SELF-GOVERNANCE

Communities are encouraged to solve problems through:

Public participation.

Voluntary cooperation.

Neighbourhood initiatives.

Community forums.

Local mediation.

Constitutional education.

Government shall encourage initiative rather than dependency.

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6. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE

The Sovereign State supports Constitutional Communities.

It shall not unnecessarily centralise matters capable of local administration.

Resources shall flow toward Communities according to constitutional priorities.

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7. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE'S TRIBUNALS

Community disputes should, where appropriate, first be addressed through mediation and local resolution.

Where constitutional or legal adjudication is required, matters shall proceed to the appropriate People's Tribunal.

Justice begins with restoration wherever possible.

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8. COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Peace Keeping Force shall maintain close cooperation with Constitutional Communities.

Community knowledge.

Community trust.

Community participation.

These form the first line of preserving peace.

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9. EDUCATION

Every Community shall promote Constitutional Education.

Citizens should understand:

The Constitution.

Their Rights.

Their Responsibilities.

The institutions of the Alliance.

An informed Citizen strengthens constitutional government.

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10. ECONOMIC LIFE

Every Community should encourage:

Local enterprise.

Agriculture.

Markets.

Apprenticeships.

Innovation.

Community investment.

Prosperity grows from productive Communities.

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11. CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS

Municipal Administration shall not:

Exercise powers reserved to the State.

Exercise powers reserved to the Federal Alliance.

Interfere with People's Tribunals.

Exercise authority beyond constitutional legislation.

The Municipality administers.

It does not dominate.

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12. OATH

Every Community Office Bearer shall affirm:

> **Standing before God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, and before the Sovereign Peoples of this Alliance, I accept this Office in Constitutional Trust.**
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> I shall faithfully serve my Community.
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> I shall protect public resources.
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> I shall promote peace.
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> I shall uphold the Constitution.
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> I shall faithfully discharge the responsibilities entrusted to me.

CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLE

Strong Communities create Strong States.

Strong States create a Strong Alliance.
