

ATTERIDGEVILLE SAULSVILLE TAXI OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION OF THE ATTERIDGEVILLE SAULSVILLE TAXI OWNER'S ASSOCIATION 2025



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1. Article One: Name

- 1.1. The name of the organization shall be Atteridgeville Saulsville Taxi Owner's Association, hereinafter referred to as "the Association."
- 1.2. The organization shall be known as ASTOA in the abbreviated form.

2. Article Two: Legal Status

- 2.1. The Association is a voluntary association, duly constituted under this Constitution and recognized under South African common law.
- 2.2. The Association shall possess legal personality, with the capacity to acquire rights, incur obligations, own property, and to sue or be sued in its own name.
- 2.3. The commercial operations of the Association shall be conducted through its duly established company, ASTOA Enterprise (Pty) Ltd, Registration No. 2022/388378/07, which functions under the direct supervision and authority of the Association.

3. Article Three: Definitions

- 3.1. The Act: refers to the National Land Transport Act, 2009 (Act No. 5 of 2009), as amended.
- 3.2. SANTACO: means the South African National Taxi Council.
- 3.3. Operating License: means a license issued in terms of the Act, authorizing a person to operate a public transport service along a specified route or within a designated area.
- 3.4. Member: means any taxi operator duly admitted to the Association and whose membership remains in good standing.



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3.5. Executive Committee: means the duly elected governing body of the Association as provided for in Article 8.

4. Article Four: Objectives

- 4.1. To represent and advance the collective interests of members in dealings with government, regulatory bodies, and all relevant transport authorities, including municipalities, the Provincial Regulatory Entity, and SANTACO.
- 4.2. To promote safe, reliable, efficient, and lawful public transport operations within its area of jurisdiction.
- 4.3. To assist members in complying with the provisions of the National Land Transport Act and related regulations, including the application and renewal of operating licences.
- 4.4. To promote professionalism, discipline, ethical conduct, and unity among members.
- 4.5. To resolve disputes among members through fair, transparent, and peaceful processes.
- 4.6. To manage, maintain, and regulate all taxi ranks and facilities under its control, ensuring they remain clean, safe, and operational.
- 4.7. To serve as an official communication channel between members, SANTACO structures, and relevant stakeholders.

5. Article Five: Membership

- 5.1. **Eligibility**: Membership shall be open to any person or entity that:
 - 5.1.1. Holds a valid operating license for a route or area within the Association's jurisdiction.
 - 5.1.2. Agrees to abide by this Constitution and the codes of conduct of both the Association and SANTACO.



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5.1.3. Pays the prescribed membership fees and levies.

5.2. **Classes** of Membership:

- 5.2.1.Full Member: An individual or entity owning one or more taxis with valid operating licenses.
- 5.2.2.Proxy Member: A driver, conductor, or employee nominated by a Full Member, admitted without voting rights.

5.3. **Rights** of Full Members:

- 5.3.1. Attend, speak, and vote at General Meetings.
- 5.3.2. Stand for election to the Executive Committee.
- 5.3.3.Benefit from the representation, protection, and services offered by the Association.

5.4. **Termination** of Membership:

- 5.4.1. Submission of written resignation to the Secretary.
- 5.4.2.Non-payment of membership fees or levies for more than three (3) consecutive months.
- 5.4.3. Expulsion following due disciplinary procedures.

6. Article Six: Financial Management

- 6.1. Treasurer shall ensure that receipt books are purchases and kept in good available supply.
- 6.2. The funds of the Association shall derive from membership fees, levies, fines, weekly collections, or any income-generating activities approved by the General Meeting.



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 - 6.3. All monies shall be deposited into a bank account held in the name of the Association or its commercial arm, ASTOA Enterprise (Pty) Ltd, as directed by the Executive Committee.
 - 6.4. Proper and accurate financial records shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
 - 6.5. The Association's financial year shall run from 1 April to 31 March.
 - 6.6. The Executive Committee shall prepare an annual budget and financial report, to be tabled and adopted at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

7. Article Seven: General Meetings

The Executive Commit	tee shall meet every of every				
7.1. Annual General Meeting (AGM)					
7.1.1. An AGN	A shall be convened within months after the close of the financial				
year, to:					
7.1.1.1.	Receive and adopt the Chairperson's Annual Report.				
7.1.1.2.	Receive and adopt the Secretary's Report.				
7.1.1.3.	Receive and adopt from the Treasurer the annual financial statements.				
7.1.1.4.	Review membership fees and levies.				
7.1.1.5.	Deliberate on any other business duly placed on the agenda.				

7.1.2. All meetings shall be recorded and the minutes filed and computerized.



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 - 7.2.1. A quorum for any General Meeting shall be 50% plus one of Full Members in good standing.
 - 7.2.2. If a quorum is not met, the meeting shall be adjourned and reconvened within fourteen (14) days, where those present shall constitute a quorum
 - 7.3. Special General Meetings
 - 7.3.1. A Special General Meeting may be convened:
 - 7.3.1.1. By resolution of the Executive Committee, or
 - 7.3.1.2. Upon a written request submitted by at least one-third (1/3) of the Full Members.

8. Article Eight: Executive Committee

- 8.1. Executive Composition:
 - 8.1.1. The Executive Committee shall comprise of the following offices:
 - 8.1.1.1. Chairperson
 - 8.1.1.2. Deputy Chairperson
 - 8.1.1.3. Secretary
 - 8.1.1.4. Deputy Secretary
 - 8.1.1.5. Treasurer
 - 8.1.1.6. Grievance
 - 8.1.1.7. Disciplinary Committee Chairperson
 - 8.1.1.8. Training
 - 8.1.1.9. Public Relations
- 8.2. Duties of The Executive Committee:



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- 8.2.1. Manage and control the affairs of the Association between General Meetings.
- 8.2.2. Implement resolutions passed by the General Meeting.
- 8.2.3. Represent the Association in all official dealings.
- 8.2.4. Manage staff and appoint sub-committees when necessary.
- 8.2.5. Ensure compliance with financial, legal, and regulatory obligations.

9. Article Nine: Code of Conduct

- 9.1. Members must never be engaged in violent behaviour.
- 9.2. All members, their drivers, and employees shall adhere to the Association's Code of Conduct, which shall cover:
 - 9.2.1. Compliance with traffic and transport legislation.
 - 9.2.2. Professional conduct towards passengers and the public.
 - 9.2.3. Respectful and non-violent engagement among members.
 - 9.2.4. Prohibition of illegal, unethical, or anti-competitive practices.
 - 9.2.5. Proper and orderly use of ranks and facilities.
- 9.3. The Association shall establish a Disciplinary Committee to adjudicate complaints.
- 9.4. Decisions of this Committee may include warnings, fines, suspension, or expulsion.
- 9.5. Any member aggrieved by a disciplinary decision may appeal to a General Meeting, whose decision shall be final.

10. Article Ten: Affiliation



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10.1. ASTOA is a direct affiliate of SANTACO. The Association shall remain affiliated with SANTACO at both the Provincial and National levels and shall comply with the national Constitution and policies of SANTACO.

11. Article Eleven: Amendment of Constitution

11.1. When two thirds majority agree, then a section of this constitution can be amended, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been circulated to all members at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting.

12. Article Twelve: Dissolution

- 12.1. The Association may be dissolved by a resolution adopted by two-thirds (2/3) of Full Members at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose.
- 12.2. Upon dissolution, and after settling all liabilities, the remaining assets shall be transferred to SANTACO (Gauteng Province) or another non-profit entity with similar objectives, as determined by the meeting.

13. Certification

This Constitution was adopted by the members of the Att	eridgeville Saulsville	Taxi Owner's
Association at a duly convened General Meeting on the	dav of	20 .



Signature

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Chairperson		Secretary	
Full Name	Makgoka Thalaga Lekganyane	Full Name	Mmina Mashapa
Date		Date	

Signature