



Experience.
Create.
Reach.

Constitution Amendments 2025 – Clovercrest Baptist Church

Date: 4 March 2025

Author: Church Council

Contents

Part 1 – INTRODUCTION

Part 2 – AMENDMENTS

Part 1 – INTRODUCTION

1. Introduction/Background/Rationale

Following the 27 November 2023 Members’ Meeting, Clovercrest Baptist Church submitted amendments to the constitution with a copy of the updated constitution to Consumer and Business Services, as required within one month after approval of amendments.

Consumer and Business Services completed a review of the constitution and outlined some updates they require as per legislation.

2. Rationale and Process

It was not imperative that we vote on these amendments as they were requested by law, however as the constitution requires Members to vote on changes, Church Council decided to present the updates to our Members.

Clause 21 of the constitution requires Members be given at least sixty (60) days’ notice prior to a Members’ Meeting called to vote on any proposed changes to the constitution and that any changes made shall be passed by a majority of not less than 75% of votes cast by Members.

Part 2 – AMENDMENTS

This section is intended to highlight the **changes** as requested by Consumer and Business Services, and subsequent updates required.

1. Section 2 – Preamble:

Current	Recommended Change
4. A review and rewrite of the Constitution was undertaken in 2019 and amendments made in 2023.	4. A review and rewrite of the Constitution was undertaken in 2019 and amendments made in 2023. Subsequent amendments were made in 2025 at the request of Consumer and Business Services.

Rationale: Due to amendments being made, as requested by Consumer and Business Services, we subsequently needed to make an update to the Preamble.

2. Section 8 – Membership, Discipline of Members

Current	Recommended Change
New clause, following Clause 17	18. Once a decision has been made to request a Member to resign, or expel a Member by resolution of the Church Council, the Member has the opportunity to appeal the decision by submitting a written request for appeal within 30 days, outlining the reasons they should not be expelled. Upon receipt of the request, the Church Council will review the decision. If no request is made within 30 days, the opportunity to appeal will have passed. If, upon review, the original decision remains valid, the Member will be notified of their expulsion and the reasons for this.
18. Liabilities of Members	Numbering change to 19
19. Resignation of Members	Numbering change to 20

Rationale: Consumer and Business Services requested an update to add a clause for natural justice, for Members to be able to appeal. Subsequently, we need to update the numbering of the clauses.