

ARTICLE VIII - Territorial Baronial Nobles

VIII-100 The Crown shall appoint a Territorial Baronial Noble(s) when a branch is granted baronial status and at such subsequent times as a new Baronial Noble(s) is required. Each barony must have a written baronial selection procedure that is in accordance with the procedures as set out in Kingdom General Operating Policy 5 – Baronial Selection Procedures and has been approved by the Crown. Subsequent changes to the baronial procedure must be presented by the Baronial Noble(s) in conjunction with the Baronial seneschal and have the approval of the Crown. The Kingdom Seneschal shall sign the procedure to ensure its legality.

VIII-105 All Territorial Baronial Nobles traditionally swear fealty to the Crown upon Their Investiture, and to each succeeding Crown. In some cases, Territorial Baronial Nobles have reasons they cannot swear fealty (eg. religious reasons) and make an equivalent agreement.

VIII-200 A written petition to the Crown for a baronial appointment or re-appointment must be made by, and reflect the support of, the majority of the subjects of the Barony. Consideration of this petition requires that the subjects of the Barony not substantially oppose it. Bearing in mind the will of the people, the Crown shall appoint the Baronial Noble(s) deemed most fit to represent the Kingdom in the Barony.

.VIII-300 Territorial Baronial Nobles, once titled, shall serve an initial term not to exceed five years. The duration of subsequent terms must be defined before re-appointment and must not exceed five years.

VIII-400 All Territorial Baronial Nobles must be subjects of the Barony. Should one or both take up residence outside the territory in such a manner as to preclude their active participation in the Barony, the individual(s) shall resign their title. Should both the Baronial Nobles resign, the process as outlined in Article VIII-100 shall be followed.

VIII-500 In the event of an extended, but temporary, absence of the Baronial Noble(s), they may, with the approval of the Crown, appoint a Vicar to fulfill their duties until their return. Vicars serve as interim representatives of the Territorial Baronial Noble(s), as long as they continue to have the ongoing support of the Baronial Noble(s) and the current Crown. In the absence of a Baronial Noble, or a Vicar, the Barony will be governed by the Baronial Seneschal, and the Crown may appoint a Regent as outlined in Article II-500 of these Laws.

VIII-600 Territorial Baronial Nobles will make every reasonable effort to attend sessions of the Baronial Council of Ealdormere.

VIII-700 All officer appointments are at the pleasure of the Crown. It shall be the right and responsibility of the Territorial Baronial Nobles to be active in the process of selecting Baronial Officers.