

## **Proposed By Law Change**

Passed by the vestry meeting on October 28, 2019 and November 18, 2019

### ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF THE VESTRY AND OFFICERS OF THE PARISH.

Section 2. The Vestry shall be agents and legal representatives of the Parish in all matters concerning its corporate property, subject to the provisions of the Canons. The Vestry shall authorize all contracts and expenditures valued in excess of ~~\$1000~~ \$1500; contracts involving less than that amount may be executed by the Rector or the Junior Warden.

Section 6. The Junior Warden shall be an *ex officio* member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and an *ex officio* member of the Finance Committee. The Junior Warden shall have the authority to enter into contracts valued at ~~\$1000~~ \$1500 or less on behalf of the Parish, for servicing and for repairs and maintenance of buildings; In the absence of the Rector and Senior Warden, the Junior Warden shall preside at meetings of the Vestry.

#### **Article VI: Section 2:**

The proposed change to the bylaws relating to the increase from \$1000 to \$1500 increase for expenditures requiring vestry approval is to provide a more flexible response to costs that arise between vestry meetings. Normally these costs relate to small emergencies or time-critical needs. This also brings the number in line with another limit in the bylaws. All checks over \$1500 must be counter-signed by two authorized signers. Having both of these limits at the same number makes logical sense, and helps us keep track.

#### **Article VI: Section 6:**

The proposed change to allow the Junior Warden to enter into contracts valued at \$1500 instead of the current limit of \$1000 is asked for reasons similar to the proposal for Section 2. Often these needs reflect emergencies or urgencies that cannot wait until the vestry convenes but which need immediate attention, such as repairs required after a service call for the HVAC or elevator, as examples. The \$1500 limit is more accurate to the range of these costs, which typically are few in number every year.