

**THE SAVANNAH SOUND, ELEUTHERA  
COMMONAGE RULES**

S.I. 102/2004

(SECTION 11)

*[Commencement 15th December, 2004]*

- 1.** These Rules may be cited as the Savannah Sound Commonage Rules. Short title.
- 2.** To become registered as a commoner of Savannah Sound the applicant must be able to prove his or her direct ancestry to a Bahamian Descendant of the above mentioned settlement and must be residing in the settlement for a continuous period of at least six months prior to the application. Direct ancestry means a son, daughter, grandson or grand daughter to a resident Bahamian Descendant. Registration.
- 3.** When a commoner is registered under these rules he shall pay a registration fee and annual dues. Fee.
- 4.** A register of commoners shall be made and kept by the Family Island Administrator at Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera. Register.
- 5.** There shall be an annual meeting of commoners of any land held in common on the first Monday in the month of December. Annual Meeting.
- 6.** Meetings of the commoners may be summoned at any time by the Family Island Administrator, or by the Chairman or by five or more commoners. Public notice of any such meeting shall be given twenty four hours before such meeting by an announcement on a public radio station or on the community notice board, or by public announcements in the schools or churches. Meetings.
- 7.** The elected officers of the commoners or persons delegated by them shall comprise of the Land Policy Committee of the commoners. Land policy.
- 8.** (1) The application for land can be made by any registered commoner in good financial standing for residential, commercial, touristic or farming usage. All applications are subject to investigation by the Land Policy Committee. Land Policy Committee.

(2) The Land Policy Committee will go out and measure all approved properties before any labourer or machinery begins to clear land. Lots are to be one hundred feet by one hundred and fifty feet.

(3) Any commoner who has been granted a parcel of land who fails to cultivate that land in one year after clearing the land and allows the land to grow up in excess of six feet will have forfeited his or her claim to that land, and any other registered commoner of Savannah Sound may apply for that property.

Setting Fire. **9.** Fire shall not be put to any land in possession of a commoner until reasonable notice has been given to the occupiers of the adjacent land.

Watering places. **10.** Every commoner at all times shall have free access to all natural watering places containing water and a fair use and distribution of such water supply for drinking and other purposes excluding the sale of such water.

Permission to enter land. **11.** No person shall enter upon the lands of a commoner without his/her permission or other lawful excuse.

Resolution of disputes. **12.** In the case of any disputes arising between commoners in relation to commonage land and its use, the Land Policy Committee shall investigate and determine such dispute and the decision of the majority of that committee shall be final.

Work on commonage land. **13.** No person who is not a registered commoner shall be allowed to work or cultivate any land of the commonage upon shares, except in the case of rule 15.

Right to enclose land. **14.** A commoner shall have the right to enclose any approved land that he/she occupies.

Illness or absence. **15.** In the event that a commoner becomes ill or is absent from the community any member of his/her immediate family or a registered commoner that he/she shall direct may continue his cultivation.

Trespassers. **16.** At any time subsequent to a date which shall be three months after these rules shall have become law any person in occupation of land held in common, but not registered as a commoner shall be deemed a trespasser and shall not have any right in respect of any land which he/she may occupy or cultivate except he/she shall have caused his/her name to be registered by the Family Island

Administrator or some other person acting under his/her authority.

17. These Rules shall apply to commoners in the Application. settlement of Savannah Sound, Eleuthera.

**Register of the Savannah Sound, Eleuthera Commonage Committee**

Trustees:

Henry Sands	Frank Culmer	James Culmer
Marion Oliver	Ellen Gibson	

Officers:

Chairman:	Michael Culmer
Asst. Chairman:	David Wallace Jr.
Secretary:	Marsha Nottage
Treasurer:	Ellen Gibson
Chaplain:	James H. Gibson

Land Policy Committee:

President:	Philip Culmer
Vice President:	Lester Wallace Sr.

Members:

Pedro Culmer	Henrietta Bethel	Larone Gibson
Katrece Culmer	Kasim Wallace	Ryan Culmer

Financial Commoners:

Ethel Cooper	Frank Cooper	James Cooper
Enid Cooper	Carla Culmer	Carlis Culmer
Carl Culmer	Carletta Culmer	Kayla Culmer
Iris Dean	Emily Ferguson	Rosilee Hall
Myra E. Mitchell	Theodore Neilly	Pamela Newbold
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Floramae Carey	Jasmine Rahming	Tameka Stubbs
Gaye Dean	Janet Hall	Gregory Hall
Sandra Burrows	Laverne Sawyer	Eliza McCartney
Nikki Sawyer	Lanardo Nottage	Katherine Petty
Sherika Sands	Barbara Bullard	Majorie Archer
Sharon Clarke	Sophie Neilly	Bridgette Neilly
Duceille Neilly	Desorene Roker	Dwayne Roker
Stephanie Hicks	Judy Fields	Craig Atwell
Kent Butler	Shanica Culmer	Kevin Culmer

Non-Financial  
Commoners:

Calvin Allen	Annis Antrobus	Inez Antonio
Jamma Antonio	Lawrence Antonio	Majorie Archer
Kevin Archer	Ron Armbrister	Elois Bacchus
Elois Bannister	Carlton Blair	Jacqueline Blair

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Veronica Barbar	Gina Bennett	Dana Bryne
Bloneiva Braithwaite	Decosta Bethel	Vaughn Bethel
Theodore Bethel	Keva Bethel	Linda Burrows
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David Bullard	Edward Bullard	Frederick Bullard
Gentle Bullard	Maxwell Bullard	Michael Bullard
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Olga Culmer	Murillo Culmer	Majorie Culmer
Mary Culmer	Kirk Culmer	Glen Culmer
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Deloris Culmer	Carlene Culmer	Alva Culmer
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Suzette Clarke	Sylvia Clarke	Una Clarke
Winston Clarke	Wilshire Clarke	Emerson Davis
Patricia Delevaux	Erica Dillette	Brenda Deleveaux
Terry Evans	Sandra Evans	Linda Evans
Olga Elbers	Sandra Elbers	Violet Elbers
Freda Ferguson	Raymond Ferguson	Cutell Francis
Julie Francis	Krystel Francis	Lynette Francis
Nehemiah Francis	Peggy Francis	Vanie Francis
Wayne Francis	Ricardo Fields	Judy Fields
Gwen Ferguson	Laverne Gardiner	Anthown Gibson
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Douglas Hilton	Shirley Hanna	Charles Ingraham
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Deadre Kelly	Thomas Kelly	Shonique Kelly
Patricia Kelly	Annie Kemp	Chantell Kemp
Patrick Kemp	Philip Kemp	Cleveland Knowles
Ethel Knowles	Freddie Knowles	Gerana Knowles

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Tamara McCartney	Rose McNeil	Denise Mortimore
Joan Mortimer	Elizabeth Mitchell	Michelle Mitchell
Myra Mitchell	Peter Mitchell	Paulette Mitchell
Toni Mitchell	Theresa Mitchell	Mavis Munnings
Philip Mortimore	Cornell Mortimore	Danielle Neilly
Bridgette Neilly	Sophia Neilly	Marie Neilly
Tudgelyn Neilly	Janet Newbold	Pamela Newbold
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