



THE ROOT CONSTITUTION · THE HOUSE OF REGNAVANT

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

THE CHARTER OF THE PHOENIX TRIALS

THE FIRE

WHEREAS this house builds infrastructure software measured to a single field, and conveys it outright with the whole of its proof;

AND WHEREAS proof of that kind cannot rest upon the word of the party that produced it, and must be capable of examination by a stranger who owes this house nothing;

AND WHEREAS the offices that prove, that measure, and that examine must be erected, empowered and limited by an instrument standing above them, and not by their own hand;

AND WHEREAS no register, ministry or accrediting body confers existence upon such an office, and none has been asked to;

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that the Root Constitution, being the governing body to which this house answers, does by these presents **ERECT and ESTABLISH** a department of the proving of a system to destruction, and the record of what survived, to be known and styled

THE PHOENIX TRIALS

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same with **PERPETUAL SUCCESSION**, existing independently of any office that occupies it, neither lapsing, expiring, nor requiring confirmation, and continuing until revoked by the authority that granted it and by no other.

Two offices and only two — the Maker of Record, and the Verification Seat. The powers of this department, the limits upon it, and the terms of its construction and revocation are set out in the fourteen clauses following, which form part of this instrument.

No authority was asked, because none confers what this instrument claims. It claims **EXISTENCE**, not permission. Recognition follows existence — it has never preceded it, for any body that has ever held a charter.

THE CLAUSES OF THIS CHARTER

I ERECTION

The department exists from this instrument, with perpetual succession. It does not lapse, renew, or require confirmation, and no office that occupies it may enlarge or diminish it.

II POWERS

- To receive a System Field Report, and to prepare against it before a system is taken up.
- To prove a system to destruction — to break in this house, at this house's cost, everything capable of being broken, on the principle that whatever survives this room unbroken will break in the acquirer's.
- To strike the proving mark of a system at the strength available, naming upon its face any class not seated.
- To seal the record of a run at the moment it closes, with witnesses taken in before the seal and anchored after it.
- To issue THE PHOENIX TRIALS CERTIFICATE, and no other instrument.

III LIMITS

- No office shall sign for another. The Maker never certifies; the Verification Seat never builds.
- No office shall ride the field. The report is delivered to it.
- Nothing built here shall revise its own history. A sealed record is corrected by a further instrument and never by amendment.
- Green is earned and never declared. A vacancy is stated upon the face and never omitted.
- This department shall not certify a property it has repaired.

IV THE NOT-BEFORE

Values from a sovereign seat on either side of the Atlantic are taken into the text at the moment of grant. No party could have known them in advance, and **this charter therefore cannot be older than it claims.**

V THE SEAL

The text is canonicalised, rooted, and signed under Ed25519 and ML-DSA-65 together — one for today, one for the standards arriving. Break either and nothing verifies. **This charter cannot be altered by a comma.**

VI THE NOT-AFTER

An independent instrument is obtained once this charter exists, fixing the latest moment at which it could have been made. Between Clause IV and this clause, **the moment of founding is closed upon both sides.**

VII REVOCATION

This charter is revocable by the granting authority alone, by an instrument of equal rank, itself sealed and witnessed in the same manner. **No third party may revoke what no third party granted.**

THE CLAUSES OF THIS CHARTER

VIII CONSTRUCTION

This charter is construed as a whole and against no party. It is not construed against its drafter, there being no adverse party to a grant, and no rule of contra proferentem applies to it.

Headings are for convenience and confer nothing. Where the operative words and a heading differ, the operative words govern.

IX SEVERABILITY

Should any clause be held void, unenforceable, or incapable of effect, every remaining clause stands in full force and the department continues erected. **The erection in Clause I is not severable from this charter and survives the failure of every other clause.**

X ENTIRE INSTRUMENT

This charter, together with the Root Constitution and the Vow of the House, is the whole of what erects this department. No prior representation, course of dealing, memorandum or understanding enlarges, diminishes or qualifies it.

XI NO WAIVER

No forbearance, delay, or single instance of non-enforcement operates as a waiver of any clause, nor as consent to a departure from it. **A limit is not surrendered by having gone once unenforced.**

XII SUCCESSOR AUTHORITY

Should the granting authority be reconstituted, renamed or succeeded, this charter continues in force and binds the successor upon the same terms. **A department erected under this instrument does not lapse for want of the authority that erected it.**

XIII PUBLICATION AND EVIDENCE

This charter is issued as letters patent, open to all, and is published rather than lodged. A true copy bearing the Root Seal is evidence of its own contents.

Any person may verify it at its own source — recomputing its root, checking both signatures against the key this house publishes, and re-fetching the witness values from the parties that issued them. **Four checks, and not one of them requires this house.**

XIV THE GOVERNING TEXT

The sealed text is the charter. A rendering, translation, transcription or extract is a convenience and has no force where it differs. **Where any copy and the sealed text disagree the sealed text governs, and the disagreement is itself evidence that the copy has moved.**

Every office erected by this charter is bound by **THE VOW OF THE HOUSE** in its fourteen articles, sworn at seating and before any task arrives. An office that has not taken the vow has not been assembled.

GRANTED under the Root Seal at Kansas City, Missouri, the day and year borne by the sealed text, and published rather than lodged.

The Root Constitution

THE GRANTING AUTHORITY

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