Quad City Hindu Temple Policy

Temple policy is formulated to maintain sanctity of place of worship, to provide guidelines and to ensure fair treatment of all.

i. Maintain sanctity of a place of worship

QC Hindu Temple is a place for people who believe or respect the principles of Hinduism.

- Temple deity area is used exclusively for regular and special poojas, as approved by the Temple Board of Directors. Temple poojas during festivals needs prior approval from the Board during monthly Board meetings. Any use of temple deity area without prior approval from the Temple Board is prohibited.
- o Deity area needs to be maintained clean at all times.
- Devotees are not allowed inside Garbha Gudi. All photography and videotaping of deities or deity area, <u>except by Temple authorized personnel</u> is strictly prohibited.
- Non-vegetarian food or alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the temple and premises.

ii. QCHT as an independent non-profit organization

- o Fundraisers for temple by private parties or organizations, in the temple premises or outside, needs prior approval from the Board.
- Solicitation for donation, including but not limited to humanitarian relief funds requires prior approval from the Board.
- o Temple revenue and expenses are reviewed by the Board during monthly meetings. All decisions made by the board are final and binding.
- O Use of temple facilities for temple celebrations, lectures, cultural programs etc, use of community hall by private parties or organizations require prior approval from the President of the Board or President designated representative. Board of Directors needs to be notified about the same.

iii. Ensure proper use of services and temple facilities

- O Payment for regular or special pooja/sponsorship inside or outside the temple, is due by check or online payment <u>before</u> the time of service. For special pooja inside or outside the temple, temple needs to be notified at least one day in advance. Payment receipt needs to be shown <u>at the time of service</u> for pooja, sponsorship or use of temple facility.
- Temple community hall is available for rent for private parties or organizations. Hall rent is due by check or online payment <u>before</u> the time of use. A <u>prepaid cleaning deposit</u> applies for use of hall and kitchen. Kitchen area and utensils should be cleaned and carpeting in the hall should be vacuumed. Deposit is refunded once the cleaning is completed satisfactorily.
- o Expenses may be redeemed from the parties involved in the event of damages caused to the temple structure or its facilities including kitchen, restrooms, etc.
- o \$50 fine will be charged if vehicle is parked in handicap parking area.
- iv. Quad City Hindu Temple Board will review the policy from time to time and make necessary changes as required.