

# General Defense Committee

PO Box 15573, Pittsburgh, PA 15244

## Petition for Local Charter of the GDC

We the undersigned, members in good standing of the IWW and the GDC, request the Steering Committee of the GDC to issue to us a Local Charter as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the General Defense Committee of the Industrial Workers of the World.

We agree to abide by the Bylaws of the GDC and the Constitution of the IWW.

Name	Members Number
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
_____	_____
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Signature of the Secretary-Treasurer of the GDC*



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## Starting a Local of the General Defense Committee

A GDC local must consist of at least five members of the IWW in good standing, and shall be open to non members of the IWW who subscribe to the general principles and aims of the IWW and GDC. Charters for GDC locals are issued by the Steering Committee of the IWW General Defense Committee.

Each chartered local shall elect a Secretary-Treasurer who shall be the responsible custodians of all branch records, funds and supplies, coordinating efforts with other locals, and reporting all such business and activities to the local IU or GMB and making monthly reports to the CST of the GDC. The local Secretary/Treasurer will be responsible for all minutes of meetings and of his/her own monthly financial report to his/her branch; shall endeavor to keep all members in good standing and aware of all referenda.

The local's elected Secretary-Treasurer is the delegate for the local, and as such is responsible for all initiation fees, dues and assessments taken in by the local, and seeing that all funds are properly maintained, and that the per capita set aside for the Central Fund is properly deposited with the CST.

Each local may modify their local dues structure, and produce local assessment stamps.

Each local retains 50% of dues collected, passing on the 50% remaining to the GDC Central Fund.

Please fill out the following application and have the Petition for Local Charter signed by your members. After you complete this application and petition they should be returned to the Central Secretary-Treasurer who will then see that they are brought before the Steering Committee for review and approval.

Please attach any additional information that you think might be helpful in the SC's consideration.

Upon completion and approval by the GDC Steering Committee, you will be assigned a Local Number and sent a Charter as a Local Branch of the GDC. Please note that the Charter and all issued materials are the property of the GDC, and may be recalled at any time.

### Application - General Information

Proposed Name of the Local:

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Mailing Address:

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Give a Brief Description of Your Group's Plans and Goals:

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How many members of the GDC are currently in your group? \_\_\_\_\_

How many are members in good standing in the IWW? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will act as your Local Secretary-Treasurer and Delegate?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you anticipate needing any initial assistance from the Central Office of the GDC? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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This application has been prepared and submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the completed application and petition to the General Defense Committee; PO Box 15573, Pittsburgh, PA 15244

