

**THE TION
HEGEMONY
CODEX ACT**

Preface

The Codex of the Tion Hegemony was scribed for the sentients within Tion Space whether citizen or visitor. The purpose of the Codex is to give all beings inside the space of the Tion Hegemony an understanding into the system of government as well as their legal rights and responsibilities while living within its borders. While commonly known as the Tion Hegemony Codex, the official legal documentation calls the Codex '*The Tion Hegemony Codex Act*'.

Herein lies all legal rights and responsibilities of all those within Tion Hegemony space, along will all summary and indictable offences and their relevant punishments in accordance with Tion Hegemony laws and values. Should a visitor or citizen of the Tion Hegemony infringe upon these laws, the Armed Forces of the Tion Hegemony have the right and responsibility to arrest the offending individual(s) until such a time that a legal proceeding can be conducted by a legal operative appointed by the Tion Hegemony Council.

All offences, both summary and indictable, carry a mandatory minimum sentence as set out by this legal document, however under 'Lord Hegemony Powers', the leader of the Tion Hegemony or an appointed representative should the Lord Hegemon be incapacitated or deceased has the right to amend the sentence, both in leniency or severity should they see fit. In instances where the maximum sentence of death has been handed down to the offender by the legislating operative of the Tion Hegemony, the Lord Hegemon must review the case and approve the undertaking prior to it being carried out by the Armed Forces of the Tion Hegemony.

Under the Codex of the Tion Hegemony, Tion Space is defined as all planets, systems and sectors that the government of the Tion Hegemony and its nationalized corporations control. All space within the controlled sectors should be considered, as under to guise of the Tion Hegemony, along will all foreign embassies, delegations and military craft owned by the Tion Hegemony Government.

The Tion Hegemony Council officially supported the instituting of the Tion Hegemony Codex on Day ??? of Galactic Year ???, including it being signed retroactively to cover the Tion Hegemony from Day ??? of Year ???, and was ratified by Lord Hegemon Typhon Corbin on Day ??? of Galactic Year ???

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Section I: Tion Citizenship

A citizen of the Tion Hegemony is a sentient who recognized to be a law-abiding citizen who seeks to live within Tion Space and follow all laws and systems of government, which in turn grants them the rights of being a recognized Tion Hegemony citizen. Being officially recognized by the Tion Hegemony as a citizen grants them a number of rights that are protected by this legal codex. These rights are as follows:

- The right to live in a free society under the protection of the Tion Hegemony
- The right to practice ones own traditions, beliefs, values and religion, free from discrimination
- The right to legal representation for all legal proceedings
- The right to an unbiased legal proceeding while being perceived as innocent until proven guilty
- The right to face ones accusers and to decline questions in cases of self incrimination
- The right to own assets throughout Tion Space¹
- The right to carry a weapon, both openly and concealed, throughout the Tion Space²

Applying for Citizenship

To become a citizen of the Tion Hegemony, desiring sentients must submit their interest to the Interior Ministry for approval. This process applies for all new beings to Tion Space, along with those who wish to political asylum and diplomatic immunity. By submitting interest to become a Tion Hegemony citizen, the applicant automatically agrees to obey all Tion Hegemony laws and uphold all responsibilities, while submitting to a background check to ensure security. Once the relevant checks have been completed and the Interior Ministry grants citizenship to the applicant, they have the right to wear the various citizenship badges as granted by the Tion Hegemony, along with the rights listed above.

Once ratified as a citizen of the Tion Hegemony, the successful individual will have their assets monitored in accordance with their rights. They also have the responsibility to obey all laws and government legislation and regulation while within Tion Space, and not commit any acts that would infringe upon the image or abilities of the Tion Hegemony in any way whilst outside Tion Space. All Government and nationalized company employees, as part of their citizenship agreement, acknowledge their participation in the Armed Forces Reserves of Tion, and can be called upon whenever required in a state of emergence to gather arms and defend the Tion Cluster.

Political Asylum and Diplomatic Immunity is granted to those delegates or individuals who are in no way, shape or form threats to the Tion Hegemony. Should the applicant be deemed to pose a threat to any citizen of the Tion Hegemony or a citizen of the Imperial Union in accordance with the Imperial Union Accord, their political asylum and/or diplomatic immunity will be declined and they will be arrested by the Armed Forces of the Tion Hegemony for processing.

Extradition arrangements are available should it be proven that a citizen of the Tion Hegemony has committed criminal offences within the space of a friendly government before, during or prior to their citizenship being approved by the Tion Hegemony. Should irrefutable evidence be presented to the Tion Hegemony Council, the offending individual(s) will be arrested by the Armed Forces of the Tion Hegemony prior to being deported back to the authorities of the friendly government.

¹ The Interior Ministry will imprint all Spacecraft & Vehicles with a traceable identification.

² The Tion Hegemony Armed Forces using surveillance and tracking will monitor all weaponry.

Section II: The Tion Hegemony Government

The Tion Hegemony Government is the sole legislative body within Tion Space. Through the powers granted to them, they have the right and responsibility to act as the voice for all Tion Hegemony citizens throughout the galaxy and protect them and their interests within Tion Space. The main legislative branch of the government is the Tion Hegemony Council, which consists of all Branch Leaders, and all relevant department leaders as appointed by the Heads of State and Government within the Hegemony.

Through this leadership, the Council has the following responsibilities and rights:

- The right to legislate on matters that affect citizens of the Tion Cluster including defense, interior matters, external diplomacy, trade, transportation and infrastructure
- The right to commence or halt all Tion Hegemony operations in any or all departments as required
- The right to preside over any and all legal matters within Tion Space via an appointed representative
- The right to declare war
- The right to declare peace
- The right to commence or cancel trade agreements with neighboring governments
- The right to commence or cancel diplomatic agreements with neighboring governments
- The right to remove the Lord Hegemon via a two thirds majority vote of no confidence

Should a member of the Tion Hegemony Council become unfit, unwilling or unable to perform their duties in a way that benefits the Tion Hegemony, they may resign or be removed from their position by either the Lord Hegemon solely, or with a two thirds majority vote of no confidence by all registered Tionese citizens.

The Lord Hegemon

The Lord Hegemon is the leader of the Tion Hegemony and acts as the Head of State. Through their role they act as the public's representative for all Tion Hegemony matters to the galaxy. As leader of the Hegemony, they accept the responsibilities of a lifetime appointment to the post, and agree to undertake all responsibilities of their office in accordance with the views and beliefs of all Tion Hegemony Citizens.

Through the powers of their office, the Lord Hegemon is the Head of the Tion Hegemony Council and has the following additional rights and responsibilities:

- The right to remove a member of the Tion Hegemony Government as required
- The right to ratify or revoke all legislation (including citizenship, criminal proceedings and diplomatic accords)
- The right to decrease or increase the severity of a sentence in a legal proceeding
- The right to appoint a deputy to serve as Second in Command of the Tion Hegemony

Through their responsibilities in regards to legal proceedings, they are unable to act as the judicial authority in a legal proceeding and are required to appoint a member of the Tion Hegemony Council or Government delegate to run proceedings. Once appoint, it's the right of the Lord Hegemon to name a Second in Command to ensure that should they become incapacitated, another individual can immediately set in to ensure a smooth transition of the Tion Hegemony Government.

Section III: Government Structure

The Tion Hegemony Government, lead by the Lord Hegemon and the Tion Hegemony Council, run the various operations of the Hegemony through a number of departments to ensure independent and smooth operations for all government ventures. The head of each branch is given the honorary title of *Lord Minister*, which signifies their position as direct operator that sits on the Hegemony Council, and is head chiefly responsible for their departments actions.

The existing departmental structure, which has been in place since the inception and creation of the Tion Hegemony is as follows:

The Ministry of the Interior

The Interior Ministry is responsible for all internal operations within the Tion Hegemony Government. The main responsibilities include all matters relating to citizenship within Tion Space, along with managing all human resource operations for the Tion Hegemony and its nationalized companies. Under the guise of the Interior Ministry, all Public Relations and Legal operations are run throughout the ministry, used predominately for minor announcements and legal proceedings that relate primarily to internal Hegemony matters. The Lord Minister of the Interior is also responsible for overseeing all Hegemony Construction and Logistical Operations, along with managing the operations of all non-production organizations under the ownership of the Tion Hegemony.

The Ministry of Defense

The Defense Ministry is responsible for managing the defense of the Tion Hegemony and its space, including its home sectors, while also operating as the primary security and police force within Tion Space. While all military operations are overseen and reported to the Tion Hegemony Council, the Lord Minister of Defense is in charge of all military coordination, management and output, and is held chiefly responsible for its actions.

The Ministry of Production

The Ministry of Production manages all main infrastructures within the Tion Hegemony and its organizations, including all outputs associated throughout these operations from creation through to an eventual transaction. The Lord Minister of Production is responsible for coordinating all manufacturing operating and establishing a sales price, while continuing market growth. Complimenting this, the Lord Minister acts as the general overseer of all nationalized companies that specialize in production.

The Ministry of State & Diplomacy

The Ministry of State and Diplomacy is responsible for all major diplomatic operations within the Tion Cluster. While the Interior Ministry, under the guise of Public Relations, manages all external press releases and internal updates, the Ministry of State and Diplomacy specializes in all major diplomatic negotiations involving the Tion Hegemony, including the management of all outside embassies and delegations, and the appointment of diplomats and emissaries. While recognized as a formal ministry, it has become common practice for the Ministry of State & Diplomacy to be merged into the operations of the Tion Hegemony Council.

Section IV: Nationalized Corporations

A Nationalized Corporation as recognized by the Tion Hegemony is one that through a written agreement seeks to provide goods or services that seek to benefit and ensure the prosperity of the Tion Hegemony. A Tion Hegemony Nationalized Corporation is primarily owned by the Tion Hegemony, or in some cases by a member of Tion Hegemony Council with support from the Government. The operation of these corporations is overseen by either the Ministry of the Interior or Production dependent on the operations the company undertakes, and are managed by recognized Tion Hegemony citizens.

The Nationalized Companies, as part of their agreements to support the Tion Hegemony, abide by Tion Hegemony Laws and the Tion Hegemony owns all assets within the corporations unless an individual agreement has been discussed and ratified. In accordance with the agreement, the Tion Hegemony takes on the responsibility to continue funding the corporation if required, while protecting its interests both in a public relations form and in a military sense.

Should the nationalized company cease operations or dissolve entirely, the nationalization agreement is immediately ceased and all assets are to be seized by the Tion Hegemony. Should the corporation re-open its doors under a new establishment or new management, the corporation has no affiliation to the Tion Hegemony unless a new nationalization agreement is discussed and ratified by the Tion Hegemony Council.

Under the powers of the nationalization agreements, the Tion Hegemony reserves the right to immediately sever all ties with a nationalized company and seize all assets should it meet a two-thirds majority vote in favor by the Tion Hegemony Council. Under the agreement, the Tion Hegemony may remove any or all employees from the corporations should it see fit and instate others based on the terms of the nationalization agreement.

Section V: Summary Offences

A Summary Offence is a non-violent, minor offence that carries a more lenient sentence due to its non-violent nature. These offences can carry the punishment of a fine or imprisonment based on the nature of the crime and the offender. Those convicted and given a term of imprisonment are immediately remanded to a Tionesse Prison Facility upon the duration of their hearing by the Armed Forces of the Tion Hegemony.

The maximum fine to be handed down by the Tion Hegemony Council or an authorized representative for a summary offence is two million (2,000,000) galactic credits. The maximum prison sentence to be handed down by the Tion Hegemony Council or an authorized representative is a period of three (3) months, to be spent in a Tion Hegemony Prison Facility.

Offenders, under their rights to a legal proceeding, will be presided by a member of the Tion Hegemony Council, or an authorized representative chosen by the Tion Hegemony Council. The appointed representative has the right and authority to hand down a sentence they consider appropriate in accordance with these guidelines.

Only the Hegemony Council can amend or overturn a legal decision. For this to occur, a fifty-one percent majority vote of the Tion Hegemony Council must vote in favor to have the case reviewed, and it them must receive a two-thirds majority vote in favor to have the original legal decision amended or overturned, this applies to both a defendant or prosecutorial appeal.

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Summary Offence: Possession of a Controlled Substance

An individual who is in possession of, manufactures, distributes or uses a controlled substance within Tion Hegemony Space is deemed to be in breach of Tion Hegemony Law and is charged with being in Possession of a Controlled Substance. Sentences can include a fine and/or imprisonment based on the quantities of the substance(s) involved. Other possible sentences can include a drug treatment and rehabilitation program.

Summary Offence: Piloting Under the Influence

Any individual within Tion Hegemony Space who operates a vehicle, spacecraft or other powered travel device while under the influence of a prohibited substance is deemed to be in breach of Tion Hegemony Law. If the offender is deemed to over a predefined alcoholic limit, their vehicle, spacecraft or travel device is impounded by Tion Hegemony Armed Forces until the duration of their sentence. Any future offences will result in permanent loss of such an asset. Should evidence show that while piloting they also have ingested or used drugs, they will also be charged with being in possession of a controlled substance and be subject to a sentence on both offences.

Sentences can include a fine and/or imprisonment based on the amount of alcohol consumed along with where the offence was taking place and its danger to others. Other possible sentences can include an alcoholic treatment program.

Summary Offence: Possession of Stolen Goods

Any individual within Tion Space who is possession of stolen goods or materials belonging to another without prior consent is deemed to be in breach of Tion Hegemony Law. Goods refers to any traded or purchasable asset such as a spacecraft, vehicle, station, medical supplies, raw materials, droids or other items the Armed Forces of the Tion Hegemony deem to be classified as goods.

All goods involved in the offence will be confiscated until their rightful owner(s) is/are located, before being returned to the rightful owner(s). Should damage or loss occur, the offender will not only be charged with the offence, but responsible under Tion Hegemony Law to reimburse the victim for all repair costs or replacement along with remuneration for the inconvenience. Sentences can include an additional fine to encourage deterrence, or imprisonment for repeat offenders.

Summary Offence: Disturbing the Peace

Disturbing the Peace in a broad sense is when an individual causes unrest or discomfort to others as determined by the Armed Forces of the Tion Hegemony while in Tion Space. Disturbing the Peace could involve trespassing, inciting or attempt to incite a riot or rebellion without prior clearance or authority, or participating in inappropriate public gestures or speech.

Individuals found in breach will be subject to criminal proceedings and punishment in comparison to the weight and gravity of their offence(s). Presiding representatives can pass down whatever sentence they see fit, providing it acts in accordance with the sentencing guidelines outlined above.

Summary Offence: Vandalism

Vandalism of Tion Hegemony Property or the property of any recognized citizen within Tion Space is a crime in accordance with Tion Hegemony Law. When found guilty of vandalism, all repairs and restoration required by the owner are to be reimbursed by the offender along with an additional fine. Vandalism refers to the amending of the original state of an asset(s) with implements, changing its appearance in any way, shape or form.

Section VI: Indictable & Capital Offences

An Indictable Offence is violent offence that is considered in breach of Tion Hegemony standards and beliefs, and carries a substantial punishment for the crime committed.

A Capital Offence is an offence against the people of the Tion Hegemony and Tion Space that results in threatening the very nature of Tion Society. Such offences are deemed to be in direct contradiction to the beliefs of a Tion citizen and result in the harshest of punishments due to their immense disrespect for the people of the Tion Hegemony. Those convicted and given a term of imprisonment are immediately remanded to a Tionese Prison Facility upon the duration of their hearing by the Armed Forces of the Tion Hegemony.

The maximum fine to be handed down by the Tion Hegemony Council or an authorized representative for an indictable offence is fifty million (50,000,000) galactic credits. The maximum prison sentence to be handed down by the Tion Hegemony Council or an authorized representative is a period of life imprisonment, to be spent in a Tion Hegemony Prison Facility.

For those found guilty of committing a capital offence against the Tion Hegemony face either a sentence of life imprisonment in a Tion Hegemony Prison Facility, or if deemed grievous enough in nature, execution by the Armed Forces of the Tion Hegemony or an authorized representative.

Offenders, under their rights to a legal proceeding, will be presided by a member of the Tion Hegemony Council, or an authorized representative chosen by the Tion Hegemony Council. The appointed representative has the right and authority to hand down a sentence they consider appropriate in accordance with these guidelines. Should it be deemed necessary, based on the act and severity and occurrence of an individuals crimes, a member of the Tion Hegemony Council has the right to increase the severity of the sentence outside of these guidelines, if approved by the Lord Hegemon of the Tion Hegemony.

Only the Hegemony Council can amend or overturn a legal decision. For this to occur, a fifty-one percent majority vote of the Tion Hegemony Council must vote in favor to have the case reviewed, and it then must receive a two-thirds majority vote in favor to have the original legal decision amended or overturned, this applies to both a defendant or prosecutorial appeal.

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Indictable Offence: Assault

Attacking or making unwanted physical conduct with another being or sentient is deemed to be assault in accordance with Tion Hegemony Law. Sentences can include a fine based on the severity of the offence, and imprisonment for a time dependent on the severity. The individual found guilty is also required to compensation the victim for all medical costs incurred, along with further damages due to the emotional stress and physical trauma caused.

Indictable Offence: Accessory to a Crime

Whether deemed to be an accessory before or after the fact, or aiding and abetting in a criminal act, all forms are classified as being an accessory to a criminal offence and are in breach of Tion Hegemony Law. Those found guilty can face a sentence of imprisonment or a fine dependent on the act in question and the various extenuating circumstances in relation to the offence.

Indictable Offence: Conspiracy

Regardless of the act, Conspiracy to commit a criminal act is an offence in accordance with Tion Hegemony Law. Based on the offence in question, the sentence can include a fine of up to the maximum penalty based on the indictable offences sentencing guidelines, and/or imprisonment dependent on the nature of the crime in question.

Indictable Offence: Theft & Robbery

Tion Hegemony Law classifies the theft of another's property whether in a non-violent or violent sense, along with the act of robbery, whether in a non-violent or violent sense, to be an offence. Non-violent offences can receive a sentence of up to the maximum amount in accordance with sentencing guidelines and possible imprisonment, whereas violent offenders can receive a term of imprisonment for their offence(s).

Indictable Offence: Arson

An individual or individuals who willfully and maliciously set fire to a structure, object or individual regardless of status are guilty of Arson. Sentencing can involve either a fine or imprisonment based on the severity of the act in question.

Indictable Offence: Larceny

An individual who wrongfully takes, obtains, or withholds, by any means, from the possession of the owner or of any other person any money, personal property, or article of value of any kind with intent to deprive or defraud another person of the use and benefit of property or to appropriate it to his own use or the use of any person other than the owner, steals that property and is guilty of larceny. Sentences can be handed down of any nature in accordance with the sentencing guidelines for indictable offences.

Indictable Offence: Extortion

Any individual who makes threats to another person with the intention thereby to obtain anything of value or any advantage is guilty of extortion in accordance with Tion Hegemony Law. Sentences can be handed down of any nature in accordance with the sentencing guidelines for indictable offences.

Indictable Offence: Perjury

Any individual who upon giving a lawful oath or in a form allowed by law to be substituted for an oath, gives any false testimony material to the issue or matter of inquiry regardless of the environment is guilty of perjury in accordance with Tion Hegemony Law. Sentences can be handed down of any nature in accordance with the sentencing guidelines for indictable offences.

Indictable Offence: Manslaughter

An individual with the intent to kill or commit grievous bodily harm, kills another in the heat of passion is guilty of voluntary manslaughter and shall receive a sentence of imprisonment. Provocation, under Tion Hegemony Law, is not deemed to be an appropriate offence to Manslaughter. An individual who, without intent to kill or to commit grievous bodily harm, kills another by an act of negligence is guilty of involuntary manslaughter in accordance with Tion Hegemony Law and shall receive a sentence of imprisonment.

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Capital Offence: Treason

Any individual who has the intent or perpetrates an action that seeks to overthrow the Government of the Tion Hegemony, communicates classified materials regarding to any aspect of the Tion Hegemony to a foreign agent, operative or enemy of the state in a willing nature, intends to kill, or kills a member of the Tion Hegemony Council or engages in a war against the Tion Hegemony in direct contradiction of their responsibilities as a Tion Hegemony citizen are guilty of treason and can receive a sentence of the maximum effect in accordance with the capital offences sentencing guidelines.

Capital Offence: Murder

Any person or individual who unlawfully kills, without appropriate justification, as deemed by a Tion Hegemony Court is guilty of murder when they have a premeditated intention to kill another, intend to kill another or inflict grievous bodily harm, or become a participant in an act that is dangerous to others and has a disregard for life. Sentences involve a prison sentence based on the nature of the act committed.

Capital Offence: Rape And Carnal Knowledge

Any person, who commits an act of sexual intercourse, with a person by force and without consent, is guilty of rape and shall receive a sentence of imprisonment. Under circumstances not amounting to rape, an individual who willfully commits an act of sexual intercourse with a person who has not attained the age of sixteen human years, or the relevant adulthood age in accordance with the offenders race, is guilty of carnal knowledge in accordance with Hegemony Law and shall receive a sentence of imprisonment.

Capital Offence: Piracy

Any individual who willingly participates in, incites or intentionally facilitates an act of piracy whether it be for violence or detention, or any act of depredation, committed for private ends by the crew or the passengers of a private vessel is guilty in accordance with Tion Hegemony Law and can receive a sentence of the maximum effect in accordance with the capital offences sentencing guidelines.

Capital Offence: Espionage, Spying and/or Aiding the Enemy

An individual who is willing infiltrating the Tion Hegemony with the intent to pass on secrets or information to another individual, party, organization or government without consent from Tion Hegemony Authorities, attempts to aid, or attempts to aid an enemy of the Tion Hegemony with any form of assistance in regard to weapons, ammunition or any other asset is guilty in accordance with Tion Hegemony Law and can receive a sentence of the maximum effect in accordance with the capital offences sentencing guidelines.

Section VII: Right of Appeal

As outlined under section two and section six of this document, the Tion Hegemony Council has the right to amend, or adjust the severity and punishment of a crime provided it passes a vote of confidence by the Council of a various nature. This process does not require an additional judicial proceeding for this to occur and does not give the defendant to the crime the right to appeal this amendment.

Should the defendant believe their sentence is too severe, crucial evidence was overlooked or that their hearing was of an impartial nature, they have the right to request an appeal. The case is then reviewed by an independent collection of Tion Hegemony citizens that do not sit on the Council, of up to five members to determine whether there is grounds for an appeal. Should the majority decide an appeal is granted, a new trial will occur.

The defendant to a lawsuit has the right to act the judicial representative to recuse him or herself if proven there is a conflict of interest. They also have the right to discharge defense council a maximum of three times during their trial should they deem their case is not proceeding in their best interests however this can be denied by a judicial representative. Should the defendant be proven innocent, they can still be re-charged should new evidence arise.

Section VIII: Tion Hegemony Codex Amendments

All Tion Hegemony Legislation is subject to this codex and must reflect its various provisions. Any legislation passed by any department within the Tion Hegemony that contradicts the Tion Hegemony Codex is immediately deemed void under the legislation is amended and ratified by the Lord Hegemon of the Tion Hegemony. Should the Tion Hegemony Codex require an amendment to reflect changes within the Government, it must meet the following criteria:

- Unanimous vote of support by the Tion Hegemony Council
- Ratification by the Lord Hegemon

Should the amendment fail to meet any one of the above steps, the amendment is immediately cancelled and the Tion Hegemony Codex remains unchanged until a point where it meets the above standards. All passed amendments along with all other Tion Hegemony legislation is kept on file in the Government House of the Tion Hegemony and is managed by the Ministry of the Interior.

All amendments do not alter the original charter. Each amendment is kept in a separate government document and is called '*The Tion Hegemony Codex Amendment Act [Amendment Number] - [Title of the Amendment]*' to ensure restoration of all Tion Hegemony legal documents.

Section IX: Ratification

The Tion Hegemony Codex was supported and approved by the Tion Hegemony Council on Day ??? of Galactic Year ??? and signed by each sitting member.

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Upon this approval, the Tion Hegemony Codex was submitted to the Lord Hegemon for ratification, which was completed on Day ??? of Galactic Year ???

Typhon Corbin

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Lord Hegemon of the Tion Hegemony