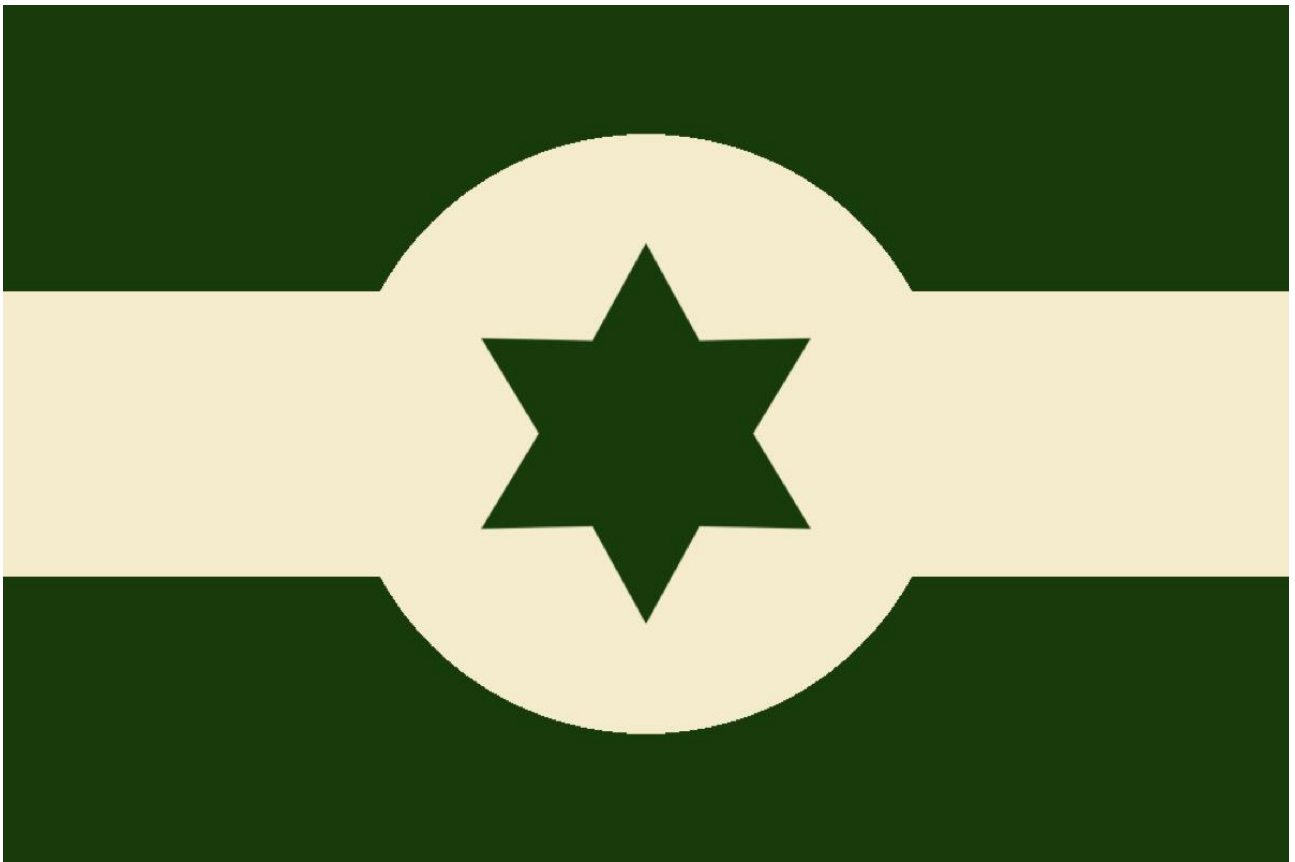


Parliamentary Powers

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Parliament, or *the council*, is *the* government entity of Southshire of which came about as a natural consequence of the founding and subsequent growth of Southshire; to provide a means of management and direction without one person necessarily having dictatorial powers. And while Parliament does have absolute power within its sovereign borders*, that power is regulated and may only be exercised if certain conditions are met, which are as follows: -

Casual Power is when a Member of Parliament (M.P) or *councilor*, makes decisions without consulting Parliament, and therefore do not receive legal legitimacy or enforcement. Such decisions include but are not limited to building and digging parties, farming, and PvP training.

Ministerial Power is when a Member of Parliament has been appointed the ability for certain Casual Powers to be considered legitimate and enforceable, as although decisions made under such powers are not considered laws nor precedents, they do have the backing of Parliament. Such powers include for example a Minister for Citizenship who may grant citizenship to players at will without consultation, as to not require every such decision to await Parliamentary assent.

Majority Power is when Parliament meets to discuss, debate, and ultimately vote on issues brought to their attention, or necessarily require such an assent, which is only granted once a clear majority* has been achieved. Such decisions may also overturn those made via Ministerial Powers.

Consensus Power is when Parliament meets to discuss, debate, and ultimately vote on issues of national importance, such as with secession and war, whereby assent requires unanimity among the constituent Members of Parliament, and as such also meet the conditions for Majority Powers.

[1] Parliament has absolute power except in cases where it has freely ceded such powers contractually via Consensus Powers.

[2] Clear majority is defined as more than 50% as to prevent ties and potential deadlock.

The Council and its Councilors are colloquial terms for Parliament and its members respectively.

While Ministerial Powers describes a Minister for Citizenship, this document is not in of itself creating nor defining that role, and so should therefore be considered as only a hypothetical.