

## APPENDIX 3: LAWS OF THE KORDI NATION

For the purposes of this document, the “all citizens” refers to both landed and un-landed citizens of the Kordi Nation. These are an abridged account of the full “Charter of Law of the Kordi Nation” which is available in game.

### DUTIES & RIGHTS OF KORDI CITIZENS

- Taxes, the amounts of which are determined by each city, are due each moon and are based on class. Class distinctions - landowner, citizen, and residing visitor - are determined via a census conducted every other year.
- All citizens have the right to negotiate for a contract of tenancy with a landowner, and the freedom to leave the tenancy at the end of their contract.
- All persons must cooperate fully with and assist any representative of the 1st and 2nd Omada, the local 8th Omada, and any landowner bearing the title of Tiarna or higher, upon request.
- Landowners are responsible for the well-being of the tenants who live and work on their lands. Any landowner failing in these duties may be stripped of her title, lands, and holdings by their superiors, or fall to ruin as their tenants are free to leave if they are unsatisfied with their treatment.
- Citizens have the right to trial by combat, otherwise known as dueling, to settle disputes of honor. Those who elect to engage in a duel must participate in the combat themselves. All duels must be registered with a local tigue of the 8th Omada before they may take place, so as to avoid any interference.
- One must be a citizen in good standing in order to be eligible for any grant of land.
- All citizens are granted full protection under the laws, those who are not citizens only maintain full protection for so long as they are deemed non-hostile and not perceived as a threat.
- All citizens have the right to vote and run for positions in their local district’s government.
- Deeds of property and vouchers of sale are considered legally binding only when signed by two citizens and sealed by a recognized barrister.
- Inheritance of personal property is at the sole discretion of the owner and is carried out under the direction of their will, there is no inherent right to any property based on birth order.
- The parents of any children born out of wedlock must decide among themselves who will “claim” a child. Whichever parent claims a child must thereafter care for the child as his or her own, and may not officially appeal to the other parent for aid or acknowledgment. If neither parent will claim a child, the child is sent to an orphanage or remanded into the care of an adoptive parent(s).

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- No person shall intentionally misrepresent his rightful authority when questioned in any formal capacity.
- No civilian citizen shall enter a private residence without the prior and express permission, written or verbal, of its lawful owner.
- No person shall possess, trade, sell, or otherwise handle poison without an official Certificate of Competent Poison Use.
- No person shall steal or destroy the property or holdings of their lawful owner.
- No person shall create or intentionally circulate forged or counterfeited items, documents, or other representations.
- No person shall kidnap and/or hold another person against his will.
- No person shall cause substantial harm to another person. “Substantial harm” is defined as applying significant non-lethal force to an unwilling victim.
- No person shall enslave another person or enforce slavery. “Slavery” is defined as the uncompensated and unwilling servitude of one individual to another.
- No person shall commit manslaughter. “Manslaughter” is defined as applying lethal force to a victim without malicious forethought or planning
- No person shall conspire, alone or with the help of others, to commit treason against the nation of Kordi, its government, or its officials. “Treason” is defined as plotting and/or acting with the intent of overthrowing or undermining the government, or of harming or killing its rulers.
- No person shall commit murder under any circumstances, even in cases of self-defense. “Murder” is defined as applying lethal force to another person with the express intent of killing that person.
- The laws and protections of Kordi are granted to all citizens, and to visitors who remain peaceful and abide by all official laws and guidelines as set forth by the government of Kordi.