

BY LAWS

ORIGINAL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Original City Neighborhood Association, a non-profit organization, hereinafter referred to as the Association. The boundaries of the association are outlined in the attached map.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of the Association is to seek to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood in matters such as land use, environmental protection, public services, consumer protection, preservation of the historic and unique character and amenities of the community, and other matters of neighborhood concern.

ARTICLE III - Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to:

1. Represent and advance the interests of the residents of the neighborhood
2. Keep all residents informed of issues vital to the neighborhood by appropriate communications and meetings
3. Encourage the upkeep of properties by residents and owners
4. Establish mutual protection and safety
5. Improve safety of the streets through better traffic control
6. Facilitate the education of residents regarding all available options open to them relating to the problems of home ownership, zoning, rights, etc.
7. Work toward development and preservation of natural green spaces, parks, trees, landscaping, and general land use management
8. Establish committees to investigate and make recommendations to the Association on all matters of neighborhood concern
9. To preserve the residential integrity of the neighborhood

ARTICLE IV - Membership

Section 1 - Class of membership

There shall be two classes of memberships:

1. Regular membership (i.e. voting membership) shall be open to all owners of residential property within the neighborhood boundaries.
2. Associate membership (i.e. non voting membership) shall be open to all who reside within the neighborhood, but who do not own the property in which they reside.

Section 2 - Membership Unit

1. Membership shall be issued on the basis of a legal city lot as a unit, upon payment of annual dues. There shall be two votes per legal lot. Any member of the Association shall be limited to two votes regardless of the amount of property owned.
2. Condominium membership-In the case of owner occupied multi-family dwellings, there shall be two votes per legal city lot provided dues are paid.
3. Co-op membership-There shall be two votes available to each co-op upon payment of annual dues. The co-op board of directors is to designate the voting delegates. Associate membership is open to residents of a co-op.

Section 3 - Dues

Dues in the amount of \$50 per regular membership per year shall be payable before July 1 of each year. Dues for associate membership shall be \$5 per year payable before July 1.

ARTICLE V - Voting

Section 1 - Who may vote

Members of the Association present at any meeting shall be entitled to two votes per regular membership on each matter submitted to a vote of the membership. Associate members may speak on any subject before the Association but may not vote.

Section 2 - Definition of a quorum

A quorum shall be necessary for the transaction of Association business. In no event, however, shall a quorum be constituted with less than 20% of the regular memberships represented.

Section 3 - Binding votes

An affirmative vote of more than 50% of the regular memberships constituting a quorum at any meeting shall be binding on the Association.

Section 4 - Eligibility to vote for officers

To be eligible to vote for Association officers, members must have held regular membership in the Association for at least 180 days prior to the regular February meeting and election of officers.

Section 5 - Approval of expenditures

A single expenditure over \$100 shall require approval of the majority of a quorum present at a regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE VI - Officers

Section 1 List of officers

The officers of the Association shall be elected from the regular members and shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Delegate to the Austin Neighborhoods Council. These officers shall compose the Executive Committee. The immediate Past Chairman shall be an ex officio member.

Section 2 - Terms

Officers shall be elected for one year terms. Election shall be held annually at the February meeting and officers shall take office immediately after the election. Election shall be held by a show of hands of the regular memberships, provided a quorum is present. Officers may serve in their elected offices no more than two consecutive terms.

Section 3 - Nominating committee

Nomination of officers shall be the responsibility of a three member Nominating Committee selected by the Executive Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the February regular meeting.

Section 4 - Duties of officers

1. The Chairman shall be the principal executive officer for the Association and shall in general direct all the business and affairs of the Association. He shall preside at all the meetings of the membership and of the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall co-sign all checks drawn on the account of the Association.
2. The Vice Chairman shall fulfill the duties of the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman, shall serve on the Executive Committee, and shall serve as Parliamentarian of the Association.
3. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping an accurate record of all business of the Association and for all correspondence of the Association. The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings to the members.
4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the Association monies, shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures, and shall co-sign all checks drawn on the account of the Association.
4. The Austin Neighborhoods Council Delegate should attend meetings of the Austin Neighborhoods Council and shall be responsible for all communication between the Association and the Council.
5. The Executive Committee, composed of the officers and immediate Past Chairman, shall advise the Association on any items brought before it by the Association or by the Chairman. It shall appoint committees necessary to carry out the objectives of the Association and shall approve the work of such committees.

Section 5 - Replacement of officers

When necessary, vacant offices may be filled at any meeting by the Executive Committee for the unexpired portion of a term.

ARTICLE VII - Meetings and organization

Section 1 - Regular meetings

Meetings of the general membership of the Association shall be held once each year on the first Thursday of February at 7:30 p.m.

Section 2 - Special meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee when deemed necessary.

Section 3 - Location of meetings

Meetings shall be held either within the neighborhood, or if no adequate facility is available, within a reasonable traveling distance of the neighborhood.

Section 4 - Notice of meetings

Notice of regular meetings shall be written, stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting. This notice shall be delivered not less than five days nor more than 14 days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail. An emergency meeting may be called at any time by the Executive Committee and this notice waived if deemed necessary.

Section 5 - Privileges

The privilege of holding office, introducing motions, and voting shall be limited to regular members of the Association. Associate members may not vote nor hold office, but may speak on any subject before the Association.

Section 6 - Fiscal year

The fiscal year of the Association shall run from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Membership dues become payable July 1 and must be paid by 180 days prior to the annual meeting in order to vote or hold office.

ARTICLE VIII - Parliamentary authority

When not inconsistent with these by laws Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure. These rules may be suspended at any meeting by majority vote.

ARTICLE IX - Prohibitions

Section 1 - Endorsement of candidates

The Association shall not endorse any candidate for political office nor shall discussions extend to matters outside the purpose of the Association as set out in Article II.

Section 2 - Identity of members

Lists of members shall not be released. Membership lists will be made available to the membership, however.

ARTICLE I - Special provisions

Section 1 - Effective date

These by laws shall become effective upon approval of a majority of the members present at the organizational meeting.

ARTICLE XI - Amendment of by laws

These by laws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the regular memberships constituting a quorum provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the membership at least two weeks prior to the vote.

ARTICLE XII - Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Original City Neighborhood Association, no class of member shall have any right nor shall receive any assets of the Association. The assets of the Association are permanently dedicated to a tax exempt purpose. In the event of dissolution, the Association's assets, after payment of debts, will be distributed to the Austin-Travis County Humane Society.

AMENDMENTS TO BY LAWS

Amendment I - Voting-Who may vote (Article V, Section 1) Members of the Association may designate another party as voting member under the following conditions:

- a. The owner may designate as voting member only a family member who occupies the property.
- b. The owner must notify the neighborhood executive committee in writing that he is designating the occupant of the property as the voting member, and it will remain in effect until such time that the designation is withdrawn in writing or until such time that the occupant vacates the property.