

AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL, INC.

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the corporation is AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL, INC. as a Texas, as Non-Profit Corporation. It shall mean Austin Neighborhoods Council, Inc.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

A. To act as a coordinating body for the efforts of Austin area neighborhood groups which shall remain as Autonomous groups

B. To encourage and assist in the formation of new neighborhood groups

C. To act as a clearinghouse for information and to give guidance in all matters of concern and be open to individual neighborhoods and/or the City of Austin

D. To research those plans, resolutions, ordinances, and legislation which affect neighborhoods in the Austin area and to make specific recommendations

E. To make a positive contribution to Austin through the betterment of our neighborhoods and the promotion of civic awareness

F. To provide to its members information, education and awareness through forums, seminars, etc. on those subjects related to neighborhood concerns

G. To encourage and endorse individuals who are responsive to the needs of the neighborhoods and

H. In general to transact any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act provided such transactions shall be in conformance with and in furtherance of the above mentioned purposes

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership defined. Regular Memberships have voting rights at general membership meetings. Associate and Honorary Memberships carry speaking rights but not voting rights. Coalitions comprised of more than one neighborhood group or association and which form a larger umbrella organization are not eligible for Regular Membership. Similarly, neighborhood /contact teams or planning teams are not eligible for Regular membership. Neighborhood (coalitions, neighborhood contact teams, planning teams and/or umbrella organizations) may apply for Associate Membership.

B. Membership criteria. Membership shall be granted to all neighborhood groups in the Austin area which meet the following criteria:

1. Neighborhood group shall mean a Homeowners Association or Neighborhood Association duly formed with stated boundaries to represent the community of residents who live within those boundaries with bylaws regarding residency or property ownership within its stated boundaries.

1. Regular Membership

a. A defined boundary.

b. A minimum of 20 members or 10% of the households in the defined boundary.

c. More than one volunteer officer or leader elected by a democratic process.

d. Shall have made meaningful attempts to notify neighborhood residents upon formation of the group.

e. .ays annual dues. Regular membership dues shall be determined by the regular membership upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Dues are assessed on a calendar year basis and are payable on or before the January regular meeting or at the time of first meeting. Dues are not prorated for a partial year.

f. Submission of names, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of the resident and AN representative from the neighborhood or organization. These individuals shall be the voting delegates for the member neighborhood or organization and shall be entitled to act in all respects on behalf of the regular membership group.

2. Neighborhood organizations meeting the above criteria but which are unable to pay membership dues may request a reduction in dues or a waiver by

the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may grant exemption or reduction of dues by a 2/3 vote.

2. Associate Membership

- a. A defined boundary.
- b. More than one volunteer officer or leader elected by a democratic process.
- c. Shall have made meaningful attempts to notify neighborhood residents upon formation of the group.
- d. Submission of names, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of the officers or other principals of the organization applying for Associate membership and a designation of the AN (sponsor) for the organization.
- e. Pays annual dues in an amount prescribed by the Executive Committee. Neighborhoods meeting the above criteria* but which are unable to pay membership dues* may request a reduction in dues or a waiver by the Executive Committee. Exemption or reduction of dues may be granted by the Executive Committee by a 2/3 vote.

3. Honorary Membership

May be conferred upon individuals or organizations who have performed exceptional service for neighborhoods in the Austin area and who are not already a member of the Austin Neighborhoods Council. A 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee is needed to confer honorary membership.

4. Applications

1. Applications for membership shall be made in writing and shall contain the necessary information regarding fulfillment of the respective membership criteria established above. Applications shall be submitted to the resident or an officer designated by the resident.

2. Subject to the following provisions of this section, the approval of a membership application is automatic if all information required by the application is provided. Any disputes with regard to eligibility of an applicant shall be addressed by the Executive Committee either upon a signed written request by the applicant or upon initiation by the Executive Committee. The applicant shall be notified in writing of any dispute regarding eligibility prior to any determination by the Executive Committee and also notified in writing of the determination by the Executive Committee as to eligibility and membership status. Any determination made by the Executive Committee with regard to eligibility and/or membership status shall be final. In the event the Executive

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