

BYLAWS FOR TUSCALOOSA-LAKEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Article I - Name, Purpose, and Type

Section 1

The name of this Association shall be “Tuscaloosa-Lakewood Neighborhood Association.”

Section 2

The purposes of this Association shall be:

- (1) to encourage and promote community pride in our neighborhood by providing a forum for neighborhood activity;
- (2) to be a voice for our common neighborhood interest by acting as liaison with governmental bodies and with institutions, schools, and businesses in and around our neighborhood, and to work with other neighborhood associations on official concerns;
- (3) to serve as a focal point for maintenance and improvement of institutions and facilities serving our neighborhood, including parks, schools, and public safety services, and to provide an avenue for neighborhood social activities;
- (4) to encourage and facilitate vigorous citizen participation in all issues affecting our neighborhood, including land use, zoning changes, traffic patterns, and street modifications;
- (5) to help guide and insure reasonable managed growth of the neighborhood; and
- (6) other lawful purposes.

Section 3

This Association is and shall remain a non-profit organization, and no part of the net earnings thereof shall inure to any individual Member.

Article II - Membership

Section 1

Individual Membership of the Association shall consist of any person 18 years of age or older who resides in or owns residential zoned property in the neighborhood and who has paid the annual dues.

Group Membership shall consist of two or more persons 18 years of age or older who jointly own residential zoned property within the neighborhood or who live in the same dwelling within the neighborhood and who have, as a group, paid annual group membership dues.

Businesses within the neighborhood boundaries can become Members under a *Group Membership*; however, they have no vote.

Other individuals or groups who are interested in supporting TLNA but do not live within the neighborhood boundaries may join as a *Friend of TLNA Member*, but they have no vote.

Section 2

Voting privileges are as follows:

- (1) Individual Members may exercise one vote; or
- (2) Group Members may exercise two votes; but
- (3) No person may have more than one vote; and
- (4) No Group Membership may have more than two votes.

Section 3

Dues of the Association shall be established annually by the Board of Directors.

Section 4

The limits of the Tuscaloosa-Lakewood Neighborhood shall be defined as follows:

The neighborhood is bounded on the south by Chapel Hill Boulevard between James Street and Chapel Hill Road; on the west by Chapel Hill Road between Chapel Hill Boulevard and Lakewood Avenue; on the north by Lakewood Avenue between Chapel Hill Road and James Street, and on the east by James Street between Lakewood Avenue and Chapel Hill Boulevard. Rainbow Way and Nation Avenue east from James Street to and including Rock Cottage Court shall be included. Residential property on both sides of the respective boundary streets shall be included.

Section 5

The Tuscaloosa-Lakewood Neighborhood Association does not condone any form of discrimination; including but not limited to discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, or cognitive or physical ability. In addition, we will actively pursue policies that minimize conflict and promote understanding between all groups of people.

Article III - Government

Section 1

The Tuscaloosa-Lakewood Neighborhood Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors who shall serve for one year.

Section 2

The Board of Directors shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, as well as no fewer than four and no more than eight Directors at large, elected by the Membership at an Annual Meeting.

Section 3

The Board of Directors shall meet monthly to conduct regular business, on the dates and at times and places determined by the Board, following election at the Annual Meeting. Meetings of the Board are open to all TLNA Members, any residents of the neighborhood, and other individuals at the discretion of the President.

Section 4

A simple majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for doing business. Each Board Member shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 5

To be eligible for elected office, a person must be a Member of the Association.

Section 6

Board Members shall serve without compensation.

Section 7

Powers and duties of the Board shall include:

- (1) the appointment of all standing and other committees or chairpersons thereof. This power can be delegated to the President. Committees shall derive their direction from the Board.
- (2) the appointment of all persons or organizations to serve the Association.
- (3) the filling of vacancies on the Board of Directors until the next Annual Meeting.
- (4) the annual appointment of a three-member nominating committee, no more than one of whom may be Board Members or officers.
- (5) interpretation of the Bylaws.
- (6) the establishment of a budget, and the approval of non-budgeted expenditures.
- (7) the establishment of policies and procedures for the Association.
- (8) the dissolution of all standing and other committees. This power can be delegated to the President.
- (9) acting as an Executive Committee to take action in the name of the Association when

promptness appears desirable.

Section 8

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Membership and the Board and shall perform such duties as directed by the Board. The President shall serve as the executive officer of the Association, with the authority to represent the Board and to implement its decisions in the interim between Board meetings and as directed by the Board. The President shall report all such activities to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The President shall also serve as an ex officio member on all committees.

Section 9

The Vice-President shall perform all duties as may be assigned by the President of the Board and shall be the presiding officer in the absence of the President.

Section 10

The Secretary shall be the official custodian of all records of the Association, shall keep the minutes of the Association and the Board, shall send all official correspondence in the name of the Association, and shall give all required notices.

Section 11

The Treasurer shall keep and be responsible for all funds of the Association and shall keep the membership records. All funds shall be deposited in an account in the name of the Tuscaloosa-Lakewood Neighborhood Association, and shall be withdrawn or dispersed only by the Treasurer with the co-signature of the President. All moneys received shall be immediately delivered to the Treasurer, for which he or she shall give a receipt, and all bills shall also be paid by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall provide regular reports of all transactions and prepare financial statements as directed by the Board.

Article IV - Committees

The committees of the Association shall be determined by the Board.

Article V - Meetings

Section 1

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Association shall be held during the month of October on the particular day, hour, and place as designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the annual meeting shall be given at least 14 days prior to such meeting.

Section 2

Special meeting of the membership for any purpose may be called:

- (1) by the President, or in the President's absence by the Vice-President, or
- (2) by the Secretary upon the written request of ten percent of the membership but not less than fifteen Members. Written notice of all special meetings stating the time, place, and object thereof shall be given to the Membership at least five days before such meeting.

Section 3

Thirty percent of the Membership but no fewer than 20 Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the membership. After two successive meetings of the Membership, held with due notice, at which a quorum is not obtained, howsoever many Members as may attend the third consecutive meeting shall constitute a quorum. At meetings of the Membership, decisions will be made by simple majority vote.

Section 4

Voting shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order; however, proxy votes are not permissible.

Section 5

Membership voting rights include, but are not limited to, changes to the bylaws and Board Member selection. Other specific issues which the Board chooses can be decided by Membership vote as well.

Article VI - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall end on the 30th day of September.

Article VII - Procedure

Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceeding of all annual, regular, and special meetings of the Association and Board in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws or the special rules of order of the Association.

Article VIII - Amendments

These Bylaws shall be amended by a simple majority of the Membership at a regular or special meeting. Such Bylaws changes must be recommended by a simple majority vote of the Board.

Article IX - Dissolution

In the event that the Tuscaloosa-Lakewood Neighborhood Association becomes inactive or dissolves, all moneys in the general fund shall be distributed to a tax-exempt, community-oriented institution or organization approved by a majority of the members of the Board at the time of dissolution.