

TAMPA HOMEOWNERS
AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this Corporation shall be: TAMPA HOMEOWNERS, AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.

ARTICLE II. Objectives

The objectives are: to protect the interests of homeowners within the City of Tampa; to monitor government action which may affect residential neighborhoods; to disseminate information to its members in a timely manner and recommend a course of action when needed.

ARTICLE III. Membership and Dues

Membership shall be limited to organized homeowner and civic associations in the City of Tampa, including garden clubs, and shall be limited to not more than one representative from each group. An organized group shall be defined as: one which elects officers, collects dues, and is chartered by the State of Florida. Groups in the process of organizing may petition the Board of Directors in writing to permit one representative to attend meetings on a non-voting basis until such time as the group meets the definition of 'an organized group'.

Dues shall be set on an annual basis by the Board of Directors at their discretion and shall be payable July 1 of each year. Annual dues not paid by the October meeting will result in the loss of voting rights of the member organization until such time as the member organization meets its responsibility to pay dues.

Each representative shall submit a letter with payment of annual dues empowering the representative to vote in the interest of his or her own organization. This letter shall be signed by at least one officer other than the representative. Included in the letter shall be a list of current officers from the member organization.

Founding members are permitted to attend all meetings and will be granted voting rights upon payment of annual dues. Founding members will be exempt from having to submit a letter of empowerment.

ARTICLE IV. Officers and Elections

The officers of this association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be nominated by and elected from the Board of Directors at the June meeting and shall assume office at the July meeting.

A Nominating Committee of five (5) members shall be appointed by the President, with a designated chairman, at the April meeting. At least thirty (30) days prior to the elections, the committee shall present at least one candidate from the membership for each office. Following the report of the nomination committee, nominations may be made from the floor, providing the consent of the candidate has been secured. The slate shall be mailed to all members ten days prior to elections and all absentee votes must reach the secretary prior to the start of the June meeting.

Elections shall be made by ballot when there is more than one candidate for office. If any vacancy occurs for any reason among the officers, the unexpired term of such vacancy shall be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V. Duties of Officers

The President – The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall appoint such committee chairman as shall be considered expedient or necessary.

The Vice President – In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President. In the absence of both of these officers, the Treasurer shall preside and assume the duties of the President.

The Treasurer – The Treasurer shall collect and have charge of all receipts and moneys of the Association, deposit them in a bank approved by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse funds as ordered and authorized by the Board. The Treasurer shall keep regular accounts of all receipts and disbursements, submit a record at each meeting, give an itemized statement at the annual meeting of the Association, file tax returns, pay the annual corporate fee and perform any other duties as assigned by the President.

The Secretary – The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association, and shall submit them for approval at the subsequent meeting. The Secretary shall oversee the distribution of notices for all meetings, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the President or the Board.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings

The June meeting shall be the annual meeting, at which time annual reports shall be made and new officers elected.

When it is deemed necessary, special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or three members of the Board of Directors with sufficient notice of time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the designated representative of each organized group. The Board shall meet, at least, on a quarterly basis, at a date specified by the President or the Board.

One third of the Directors shall constitute a quorum at all Board meetings. An affirmative vote of the majority of the directors present at each Board meeting shall decide any question brought before it.

ARTICLE VIII. Standing Committees

Standing Committees shall be proposed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The President may appoint Ad Hoc committees at any time.

ARTICLE IX. Amendments

Authorization for the amendment of the By Laws may be made at any Board meeting by a two-thirds vote of the directors present, provided a notice of such proposed amendment has been given in writing at least 10 days prior.

ARTICLE X. Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order, revised, shall govern this Association except in cases where they do not apply or are not consistent with these By Laws.

Compensation

Neither officers, directors, nor members serving on committees shall receive any salary or compensation other than for necessary expenses approved by the Board of Directors for their services rendered to the Association.