BYLAWS THAN TAMPA HOMEOWNERS

AN ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS
Amended October 13, 2010

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 to recommend a course of action when needed.

ARTICLE III. Membership and Dues

Membership shall be limited to organized homeowner, neighborhood and civic associations in the City of Tampa, including garden clubs, and at-large members as defined below, and shall be limited to not more than one representative from each group. A member association may designate an alternate THAN representative as provided for in the Procedures Manual; however, only one vote is permitted from each association.

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 members 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 members 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 a member association until such time as the member association meets its responsibility to pay dues.

Each association shall submit an annual membership application with payment of annual dues empowering the representative or the designated alternate to vote on behalf of the association. This membership application shall be signed by the president of the association. Included in this membership application shall be the names of the president, THAN representative (who may be the president) and the alternate THAN representative (who may be the president) of the association and shall certify that the association meets the criteria for membership designated above.

Founding members of THAN and former THAN presidents may become at-large members of THAN by submitting a request for membership in writing and payment of the annual dues.

A THAN representative may only represent one association at a time.

ARTICLE IV. Officers and Elections

The officers of this association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be nominated by and elected from the membership 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 (10) 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 members.

<u>Duration of Term</u> – The officers of THAN shall be members of THAN when elected. The term of office for the officers shall be one year. If the status of membership in a THAN representative's neighborhood association changes so that he of she is no longer the association's THAN representative, he or she will continue to serve as an officer of THAN with full membership privileges until the June election. Current officers are always eligible for election to any office.

If an officer of THAN decides to run for political office, he or she shall resign the THAN office at the time for filing for the elected position.

ARTICLE V. Duties of Officers

<u>The President</u> – The President shall preside at all general meetings of the and shall appoint such committee chairmen as shall be considered expedient of necessary.

<u>The Vice President</u> – 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.

<u>The Treasurer</u> – The treasurer shall collect and have charge of all receipts and moneys of the Association, deposit them in a bank approved by the members and

shall disburse funds as ordered and authorized by the members. 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 corporation fee and perform any other duties as assigned by the President.

<u>The Secretary</u> – 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 members.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings

THAN shall meet at least quarterly. The June meeting shall be the annual meeting at which time new officers shall be elected.

When it is deemed necessary, special meetings may be called by the President or three (3) members with at least five (5) days notice of time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

One-third of the members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings. An affirmative vote of the majority of the members present at each meeting shall decide any question brought before it, except as specified in Article VIII.

Proxy voting is not allowed.

ARTICLE VII. Standing Committees

Standing Committees shall be proposed by the President and approved by the members. The President may appoint Ad Hoc committees at any time. Standing committees will include Zoning, Bylaws & Procedures, and Outreach.

ARTICLE VIII. Amendments

A proposal to amend the bylaws may be made at any meeting. If approved by the members, the proposed motion will be noticed to all members at least ten (10) days prior to the next meeting. The proposed amendment will be read at the next meeting and voted on at the following meeting. The proposed amendment must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the members present at the noticed meeting.

ARTICLE IX. Parliamentary Authority

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

ARTICLE X. Compensation

Neither officers, directors, or 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.

ARTICLE XI. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of Hillsborough County exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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