

Corporation Bylaws for the East Campus Community Organization  
As Amended October 20, 2011

**Article I PURPOSE**

It shall be the purpose of this non-profit Corporation to promote active involvement of all residents in a concerted effort to create a better community in the East Campus neighborhood bounded by Vine Street, 33rd Street, Holdrege Street, and 48th Street; in the City of Lincoln, Nebraska. The focus of the efforts of the Corporation shall include:

- A. Preserving the character and the integrity of the East Campus neighborhood ;
- B. Promoting and maintaining the concepts of low-density residential land use;
- C. Preserving and enhancing the historic and esthetic character of the area;
- D. Promoting and encouraging communication and community awareness among all parties concerned with the orderly growth and development of the East Campus neighborhood;
- E. Ensuring that the neighborhood receives equal representation, consideration, and services due all residents of the City of Lincoln;
- F. Taking necessary action to alleviate any adverse situation that may arise concerning the East Campus neighborhood; and
- G. Encouraging pride in the East Campus neighborhood.

**Article II MEMBERSHIP**

Any person or organization residing, owning real property, or operating a business within an area bounded by Vine Street, 33rd Street, Holdrege Street, and 48th Street shall be eligible for membership in the Corporation. Others may be admitted to membership on approval of the Board of Directors. Membership of the East Campus Community Organization shall be comprised of those individuals, families, organizations, and businesses that pay the annual dues.

**Article III DUES**

Corporation dues shall be set by the Corporation at its Annual Meeting. Dues may be assessed differently for individuals, families, organizations and businesses.

**Article IV VOTING RIGHTS**

Each individual member shall be entitled to one vote.

A family membership entitles every member of a family who has reached the age of majority and who resides within the same household to one vote each.

Each business member shall be entitled to one vote regardless of the number of business properties (including residential rental properties) within the neighborhood; or the number of officers/partners in the business. If more than one business has the same majority ownership, they will be treated as one business.

**Article V BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Corporation shall be governed by a Board of nine to fifteen Directors who shall be elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Each Director shall be expected to serve a three year term, starting upon their election at the Annual Meeting and ending at the date of the Annual Meeting three years later. There shall be no limit on the number of terms a Director may serve.

[For each of the first three years after these new by-laws are enacted, the terms of one-third of the current Board members will expire. The number of years of service on the Board will be used to determine which Board members' terms will end each year, with the longest serving Board members expiring first. At the end of the three year period, there shall be staggered three year terms for membership on the Board.]

The ballot at each Annual Meeting shall be set by a Nominations Committee, appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

The immediate Past President shall remain as a voting member of the Board of Directors until replaced by the next retiring President.

Any vacancies in the Board of Directors may be filled by appointment by the President, with the approval of the Board, and such appointees shall serve until the next election by the Corporation at which time the corporation shall elect members to fill both expired and unexpired terms.

The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President or five members of the Board of Directors. All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to any member of the Corporation. The presence of a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The powers of the Board of Directors shall include:

- A. Calling meetings of the Corporation;
- B. Electing, from the Board of Directors, a President, a President-Elect, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer;
- C. Directing the spending of all monies received by the Corporation
- D. Promoting membership in the Corporation;
- E. Supervising the contents of the Corporation newsletter and website;
- F. Carrying out the purposes of the Corporation as described in Article
- G. Creating standing or special committees or task forces from among the members of the Corporation;
- H. Changing either the registered office or the registered agent of the Corporation from time to time.

#### **Article VI ELECTED OFFICERS**

At the next Board of Directors meeting, following the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall elect a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer from its members. These officers, in addition to the Immediate Past President, shall comprise the Executive Board. The Immediate Past President shall serve a one-year term on the Executive Board after his/her term as President has expired. The executive board will proceed without the office of Immediate Past President if the President who replaces him/her is re-elected.

Officers shall serve terms of one-year, except for the position of Treasurer, who shall serve a two-year term, or until their successors are elected. The President-Elect will assume the office of President following the next Annual Meeting. The President-Elect may hold another office in the Corporation.

The President shall: preside at all meetings of the Corporation and meetings of the Board of Directors.

The President-Elect, in the absence of the President, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties of the President.

The Secretary shall keep and maintain records of all meetings of the Corporation and the Board of Directors and perform all other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in a suitable bank all monies received by the Corporation and pay out such money as may be directed by the Board of Directors. A Treasurer's report shall be presented to the Board at least quarterly.

#### **Article VII APPOINTED OFFICERS**

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The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may make such appointments as may be necessary to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors until the next annual election of the Corporation.

The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a Communications Chairperson, a Membership Chairperson, and the members of such standing or special committees or task forces as may be created by the Board of Directors. These positions need not be Board members, but shall serve as ex officio members of the board

The Communications Chairperson shall oversee the publication and distribution of the Corporation newsletter to the residents in the East Campus Neighborhood, the content on the Corporation website, and any other types of communications assigned by the Board of Directors.

The Membership Chairperson shall keep a register of the names and mailing addresses, if available, e-mail addresses of each member of the Corporation. The Membership Chairperson shall also monitor the geographic representation on the Board of Directors and work to ensure that Board of Directors is comprised of a balanced cross section of every area of the neighborhood.

#### **Article VIII MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION**

An Annual Meeting of members of the Corporation shall be held during the month of October at a place and hour designated by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the meeting shall be to assess the progress of the past year, to elect new directors for the coming year, and to conduct other such business as may come before the meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation shall be called by the President upon concurrence of five members of the Board of Directors. Upon the petition of 20% of the members of the Corporation, additional Corporation meetings shall be called by the President. At least seven days notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be sent by e-mail to all members on the Corporation's e-mail list and posted on the Corporation's website. The presence of 20% of the members of the Corporation shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at the Corporation meeting.