

The Southampton Neighborhood Association

Preamble

We believe that the Southampton neighborhood will continue to be great and beautiful only as long as the people of that community make it so.

In order to make this a reality, we presume to take the lead through the organization of the people of Southampton who are willing to share the challenge of such effort as may be necessary.

We believe that all of the residents of the community will enjoy a quality neighborhood to the extent that they are willing to work for the common good. We pledge ourselves to keep the Association nonpolitical, nonpartisan, and nonsectarian, for the preservation of unity within the Association.

Articles of Agreement

Article I - Name

The name of this Association shall be known as The Southampton Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Article II - Location

The location of this Association shall be in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri.

Article III - Purpose

This Association is formed solely for the benevolent and educational benefit of the Community and in no manner for financial gain or profit. Its objectives are to advance and promote the public interest of the City of St. Louis and more specifically of that section being bounded on the east by Kingshighway Blvd., on the south by Eichelberger Ave., on the west by Hampton Ave., and on the north by Chippewa St. The Association shall advocate zoning in land use that is proper and appropriate for the community and it shall oppose the action of any individual or institution which is detrimental to the community. As property owners, residents, and business owners, we strongly advocate the preservation of real estate property values and the health of the neighborhood. It may discuss for public benefit national, state, and municipal legislation, but no action or discussion of a partisan or sectarian subject shall be permitted. Generally this Association may take action on any question of a public nature whether affecting the Southampton neighborhood or the entire City of St. Louis.

Article IV - Membership, Dues, Assessments

Section 1

A. Persons eligible for membership are those of legal age who reside in households or own property within the area of St. Louis City being bounded on the east by Kingshighway Blvd.,

on the south by Eichelberger St., Rhodes, on the west by Hampton Ave., and on the north by Chippewa St.

B. Organizational membership shall be extended to any organization, agency, church, business, or rental property owner whose center of operation lies in the boundaries stated in Article IV, Section 1.A. Organizational membership shall be in the name of one individual and entitled to one vote.

C. The preceding sub sections A and B are not to be interpreted as entitling any one individual more than one (1) vote.

Section 2

Dues assessed per household or organization for the calendar year shall be due and payable on the first day of each year, or upon application for membership. The amount of the annual membership dues shall be determined by the vote of the membership.

Section 3

Only those households or organizations paying annual dues shall be entitled to vote. Voting privileges shall not exceed two votes maximum per household or one vote per organization. Household is defined as all the permanent residents of a dwelling, in accordance with local residency laws.

Section 4

No monetary assessment for any purpose, other than dues, shall be levied except on vote of three-fourths of members present at a regular meeting or at a special meeting specifically called for by proper notice for this purpose.

Section 5

The presiding Alderpersons shall be extended non-voting honorary membership for the term of his/her office.

Article V - Officers

Section 1

The officers of this Association shall consist of the following: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

President: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association, to appoint standing and special committees, to decide all questions of order, to cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie, and to conduct all business of the Association to the best interest of its members. He/She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Vice President: The Vice President shall act in the absence or disability of the President, and when assuming such duty, shall have the same powers as the President. It shall be the further duty of the Vice President to serve in such capacities as may be designated by the President. He/She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The Vice President shall be expected to accept the nomination for President should the presiding President not accept the nomination.

Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the meetings of the Association and shall attend to all correspondence of the Association.

Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies for the Association including dues and assessments. He/She shall keep orderly accounting records of all monies received and spent. These records shall be audited by a person appointed by the President at the end of each term of office or as deems necessary by the President. All funds of the Association shall be deposited in a proper depository as designated by the members in the name of the Association. All checks or vouchers shall be signed by the Treasurer or one other officer.

Section 2

Only voting members shall be eligible for elections to an office.

Section 3

The President shall consider appointing a three member Nominating Committee. This Committee shall present nominees at the March meeting the year of the election. Nominations may also come from the floor or by self-declaration. The election of officers shall be in May of the even numbered years.

Section 4

The tenure of the office shall be two years and shall commence at the meeting in May.

Section 5

Officers shall be eligible for re-elections.

Section 6

In the event of resignation of an Officer, it shall be the responsibility of the President to appoint a replacement to serve out the remainder of the term. Such appointment will require a majority of the Executive Board's approval.

Article VI - Meeting of Members

Section 1

Regular meetings of the Association shall be held on the second (2nd) Wednesday of each odd numbered month at a location to be announced in the bi-monthly newsletter.

Section 2

Special meetings may be called by the President, or in case of his/her absence or disability, by the Vice President, or by a joint petition of any ten voting members.

Section 3

Notice of special meetings shall be mailed to each member stating the time, place, and purpose of such a meetings.

Section 4

At any meeting a quorum for the transaction of business shall be ten members.

Article VII - Committees

Section 1

The President has the power to appoint any standing committee as needed. The President shall appoint one member to each committee as chairperson, who may appoint the remainder of the committee. Committee members and chairpersons shall be members of Southampton Neighborhood Association at the time of their appointment, or must become members within 30 days of their appointment.

Section 2

The President may appoint any special committee deemed necessary, desirable, or as directed by resolution of the Association.

~~Article VIII — Dog Park Committee~~

~~Section 1~~

~~As a service to better the neighborhood and the City of St. Louis, the Association will sponsor and operate under the banner of the Association a Dog Park in Willmore Park. The Dog Park will be operated within all ordinances of the City of St. Louis.~~

~~Section 2~~

~~The Dog Park will be organized and operated by a committee of the Association. The committee will have at least a Chairperson and a Treasurer who are elected by the Dog Park members (see Article VIII, Section 3), whose terms and election time shall correspond to that of the Association Officers, per Article V. Between the Chairperson and Treasurer, the Dog Park will have only one vote on the Executive Board. Either the Chairperson or Treasurer must live in the Association boundaries defined in Article IV and be a current, paid member of the Association. Only a committee member who complies may vote on the board. The Association Executive Board has veto power over the selection of the Dog Park Committee Chairperson and Treasurer.~~

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~~Section 3~~

~~Dog Park members may consist of Southampton Neighborhood Association members, non-members living in the City of St. Louis, and those who live outside the City of St. Louis. Each Dog Park member shall pay yearly dues based on the number of dogs to use the park. Southampton Neighborhood Association Members will receive discounted membership rates. Membership rates shall be determined on an annual basis and approved by a majority of the Southampton Neighborhood Association Executive Board. Membership rates for non-residents of the City of St. Louis may be higher than the standard rate given to City of St. Louis resident members. The Dog Park membership year runs from September to August.~~

~~Section 4~~

~~The Dog Park Committee Treasurer must maintain a financial ledger, and receipt and invoice files of Dog Park activities. The Dog Park Treasurer will also submit monthly reports to the Association Treasurer and Executive Board. The Dog Park Treasurer will provide a yearly archive of the financial ledger, and receipt and invoice files to the Association Treasurer for archiving with the Association's financial records.~~

~~Section 5~~

~~At a minimum, the Association Treasurer will audit the Dog Park Treasurer's financial ledger on a yearly basis, more often as deemed necessary by the Association Treasurer or the Executive Board.~~

~~Section 6~~

~~Dog Park Committee monies are for sole use by the Dog Park Committee for the Dog Park, unless the Dog Park Committee approves transferring funds to the Association. The Association Executive Board has oversight and approval authority for the Dog Park Committee expenditures. All Dog Park Committee monies must be held in the Association's financial account(s). Approval of an annual budget by the Southampton Neighborhood Association Executive Board shall suffice as authorization for the expenditures contained therein.~~

~~Section 7~~

~~The Dog Park Committee will maintain a database of members for the current and prior years. This database will also serve as part of the Dog~~

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~~Park financial records and indicate who has paid and when. It will also be used to track required dog vaccination currency and signed liability waiver receipts. An archive copy of the database shall be provided the Association Treasurer at a minimum of every six months.~~

~~Section 8~~

~~The Dog Park Committee shall hold committee membership meetings at least once every three months and general membership meetings annually—more frequently as required. These meetings will be used to recommend and vote on direction, revised rules, projects, and to elect Dog Park Committee members, including Chairperson and Treasurer. Training and safety guidance shall be provided as appropriate.~~

Article IX - Executive Board

Section 1

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, two at large representatives to be elected at the same meeting as the regularly-held Officer elections, **and** appointed **standing** committee chairpersons-. The Board shall meet regularly and make reports and recommendations to members at the regular meetings. It may also act for the organization in

matters of great urgency, such action to be agreed upon by a majority of the Executive board members and to be submitted for approval at the next regular meetings.

Section 2

The Executive Board shall have the authority to spend funds as approved by the general membership, including those funds appropriated in the budget presented for approval at the first general membership meeting of the calendar year. The Board shall also have the authority to spend funds for miscellaneous expenses they deem necessary, not to exceed the greater of 10% of the balance of the operating account (checking account), 10% of the appropriated budget amount, or \$100.00 per month without membership approval.

In cases of emergency when more immediate spending approval is required, the Executive Board may spend beyond the limits if the spending is required for the Association to continue operation and per the unanimous approval of all Executive Board members.

Article X - Dissolution

Section 1

This Association may be dissolved by the majority vote of the members present at any meeting called for the purpose of dissolution of the Association.

Section 2

Upon dissolution, if there are any financial assets of the Association remaining after payment of all debts and expenses, the officers shall determine how these assets shall be distributed. However, none of the assets of the organization shall be used for the private benefit of any member. These assets shall be distributed to one or more public non-profit organizations.

Article XI - Amendments

Any amendments(s) to the Articles of Agreement shall be in writing and shall be presented at a regular meeting. The amendment(s) shall be voted upon at the next regular meeting. If a special meeting is required to present or vote on any amendment(s), 10 days written notice shall be given each voting member. A 2/3 vote of the members present is needed for passage of any amendment(s) to the Articles of Agreement.

Article XII - By-Laws

Section 1

All questions of parliamentary procedure shall be governed by the authority, Robert's Rules of Order. The President shall supply a copy of Robert's Rules of Order for this purpose.

Section 2

It shall be the duty of any committee to keep the officers and members of the Association informed and cognizant concerning its respective activities and to submit a report at each regular meeting.

Section 3

Any amendments to the by-laws shall be in accordance with Article XI of the Articles of Agreement.

Section 4

Annual membership dues shall be determined in accordance with Article IV, Section 2 of the Articles of Agreement.

Section 5

The order of business for a meeting of the Association shall include, but not be limited to, the following events:

- 1 - Meeting called to order - salute to the flag of the United States.
- 2 - Approval/correction of minutes from previous meeting.
- 3 - Treasurer's report and disposal of bills.
- 4 - Unfinished business.
- 5 - Communications addressed to the Association
- 6 - Reports of standing committees.
- 7 - Reports of special committees.
- 8 - New business.
- 9 - Announcements.
- 10 - Adjournment.

~~The Executive Board~~ President and Vice President shall approve the order of the agenda at the Executive Board meeting immediately prior to the General Membership Meeting for which the agenda is planned.

A REVISION STATEMENT WILL BE ADDED BASED ON WHEN THE AMENDMENTS PASS AND WHO IS HOLDING ELECTED OFFICE AT THAT TIME

In witness whereof, we have hereto set our hands in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, this 9th day of August, 1995.

Barbara L. Barker - President
(Vacant) - Vice President
Mary Ann Halbrook - Secretary
Rhonda K. Schwarz - Treasurer

Revisions approved November 14, 2007.

Chad Stockel - President
Ron Coleman - Vice President
Marie Robinson - Secretary
Andrew C. Barrett - Treasurer

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