

Bylaws of the Lawn Acres Civic Association, Inc. - A Florida Corporation - Not for Profit

CHAPTER I - NAME

This Association shall be known as the Lawn Acres Civic Association, Inc. (The Association).

CHAPTER II - OBJECT AND PURPOSE

The primary purpose and objective of the Association shall be to promote the spirit of community and friendship between and among the residents in the area covered by the Association; also, to encourage participation in activities such as the promulgation of civic improvements and the amelioration of services within said area.

CHAPTER III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members shall reside in that area bounded on the North side by Hollywood Boulevard, to the South side by Jefferson Street, on the East side by fifty-sixth (56th) Avenue and on the West side by the Barrier Wall between Lawn Acres and the commercial property.

Section 2. Any bona fide adult resident(s) in the geographical area described above may apply for membership upon payment of dues. A family membership shall allow voting privileges on the basis of "one family, one vote". Application for membership shall be made upon request by that person(s) and accompanied by the payment of the required dues. Acceptance of new applicants will be made automatically unless a denial or exception is requested by at least ten (10) other members that the membership not be granted. In this circumstance, the prospective applicant has the right to make directed appeal to the board of directors. Final approval or denial shall be based upon a majority vote of the board of directors. Renewal memberships are effective upon payment of annual dues.

Process for electing board members (non-officers) should be outlined here.

Section 3. Each member is entitled to vote thirty (30) days after payment of dues or thirty (30) days after approval by the board of directors if necessary.

Section 4. Any member intentionally acting or using their position in the Association in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Association may be suspended or expelled from membership after a hearing by the board of directors, and upon a simple majority vote of such body. An appeal may be made to the members-at-large at the next regular meeting, upon request in writing, to the president. The suspension or expulsion can be overturned by a simple majority vote of the general membership at this Association meeting.

Section 5. Any officer or director who files for public office shall immediately resign their position with the Association.

Section 6. Any officer or director who puts up their residence for sale shall immediately resign their

position with the Association.

CHAPTER IV - FEES AND DUES

Membership dues shall be paid annually on a calendar year basis. Changes to membership dues shall be recommended by the board of directors and voted on by the general membership at the annual meeting.

CHAPTER V - OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected officers of the Association shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Section 2. The board of directors of the Association shall consist of up to eleven (11) members, including the officers enumerated in the preceding section. All officers and directors are required to be full-time residents within the Association's boundaries.

Section 3. The immediate past president may serve as an honorary director, with no vote, for a term of one year provided the past president remains a resident in the Association's area of representation and is requested to serve by the current board of directors.

CHAPTER VI - DUTIES

Section 1. The president shall preside at all meetings, enforce decorum and due observance of the laws of the governing body and shall perform such other duties as pertain to the office. The president shall serve as ex-officio member without voting power on all committees, appointed or elected, of this organization.

Section 2. The vice-president shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the president.

Section 3. The secretary shall keep accurate records, including attendance, of all transactions and meetings of the Association. The Association's minutes, bound by year, shall be retained by the secretary and turned over to the incoming secretary for safekeeping at the annual installation meeting. The result of any vote and/or action taken from either an emergency meeting or a telephone poll of the board of directors shall be reflected, by director name, in the next scheduled meeting's minutes. The secretary shall, under the supervision of the president, perform such duties as may be deemed necessary in the performance of the office.

Section 4. The treasurer shall act as financial officer, preparing bank deposit receipts for all money collected. Any unusual or non-recurring expenses of \$200.00 or more shall require prior approval of the board of directors. All checks issued by the treasurer shall require the counter signature of one other authorized officer. The treasurer shall present a quarterly financial statement at designated meetings of the Association or at other times when requested. The books of the Association shall be kept by the treasurer and will be audited by an audit committee appointed by the president on an annual basis if so requested by at least five (5) Association members. The Association's Charter, Annual Report to the

Secretary of State, the treasurer's books and all other legal papers shall be retained by the treasurer and turned over to the incoming treasurer for safekeeping at the annual installation meeting.

Section 5. The treasurer shall collect all dues and keep an accurate record of dates and payments. The treasurer shall prepare and keep current an alphabetical list of names and addresses of Association members for the use of the officers and directors.

Section 6. The board of directors shall have the power to transact the general business of the Association and the board of directors shall consist of five (5) members in addition to the four (4) elected officers. Members of the board of directors shall be present at all board of director meetings and any member who shall miss four consecutive meetings, except for cause shown, will be automatically terminated from the board of directors upon notification by letter. (Any change to the number of members of the board should be reflected here)

Section 7. No statement shall be issued or made whether to the press or to a governmental body as reflecting the policy of votes of this association without previous approval of the general membership, to avoid possible libel or slander action against the Association or its spokesperson. There shall be a Communications Committee and such further committees as the president shall deem necessary to conduct the affairs of the Association.

Section 8. An executive board consisting of the elected officers shall meet at the discretion of the president to transact any emergency (necessary) business, including attendant financial expenditures. Any emergency action shall be subject to review as an agenda item by the board of directors at the next scheduled meeting.

CHAPTER VII - VACANCIES

Any vacancy in the elected officers or directors shall be filled by appointment by the board of directors.

VACANCIES: Whenever any vacancy occurs on the board of directors, for any reason, an active member shall fill it as soon as is possible. Replacements shall be voted on within thirty (30) days by a vote of the general membership.

VOTING: Only regular members shall be entitled to vote and each regular member shall be entitled to one vote regardless of property held by such member. Whenever ballot voting becomes necessary, members must be in good standing.

ABSENTEE VOTING: All proxies must be submitted in writing to the Association's Secretary prior to the vote and the Secretary must verify these proxies.

EXPULSION CLAUSE: Any member who proves to be actively detrimental to the rules, goals and/or objectives of the Association is subject to expulsion by simple majority vote of the general membership by written ballot at the next available general meeting. Said member shall be given an opportunity to speak in self-defense before said written vote is taken.

CHAPTER VIII - TERM OF OFFICE

All officers and directors shall be elected by vote at the annual meeting for a term of one year.

CHAPTER IX - ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTION

To be eligible for election to office, members must be full-time residents within The Association's boundaries, and must be a member for at least sixty (60) days.

CHAPTER X - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

All nominees shall be incorporated in the notice for the November general election meeting and posted at least two (2) days prior to said meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor by any member at the November meeting providing the nominee from the floor is present in order to accept the nomination.

The membership shall vote their selection by secret written ballot. The counting process should include two officers and a neutral party. The new officers and directors shall be installed and take office at the next membership meeting following the election.

CHAPTER XI - MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings shall be held a minimum of five(5) times each year at the discretion of the board of directors. All Association meetings are general membership meetings. Board of director meetings may be called at the discretion of the president. Upon written notice of twenty-five (25) members, the president shall be required to call a special meeting of the Association as soon as practical.

Section 2. At all Association meetings fifteen (15) regular members shall constitute a quorum.

CHAPTER XII - QUORUM

Three members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum to transact all business, which ordinarily comes before the board of directors.

CHAPTER XIII - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these by-laws may be made by a simple majority vote at any regular or special meeting of the membership provided that notice of the content of any proposed amendments is furnished to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior thereto.

CHAPTER XIV - RULES OF ORDER

Business of the Association shall be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order Revised.

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A Brief History of Lawn Acres

At one time, the Lawn Acres neighborhood was composed of two separate areas, both west of 56th Avenue. The first area to be developed was located between Hollywood Boulevard South to Madison Street. The second area, which extended from Madison Street South to Washington Street, was a small development called Hillside Park.. Currently, both areas are combined and known as the Lawn Acres neighborhood. The developer of this neighborhood, Mr. Napoli, was also the developer for Hillside and the White Construction Company.

The development of Lawn Acres began in the early 1950's, originating west and going eastward. At that time, 56th Avenue did not extend below Jefferson Street. Additionally, State Road 7 and Hollywood Boulevard were only two lanes. The streets were not completely paved until the development was completed. There were no homes on either side of Hollywood Boulevard from the east side of 56th Avenue to the Orangebrook Golf course. The children in this neighborhood were required to go to Hollywood Hills Elementary, then to Colbert Elementary and finally to Orangebrook Elementary, which was located in the center of palmetto fields. There were no street lights in existence, and the nearest fire station was located in downtown Hollywood.

Many Lawn Acres residents took action to incorporate additional land into Hollywood. The land located to the north of Lawn Acres from Hollywood Boulevard to Stirling Road was part of unincorporated Broward County. The residents worked hard to incorporate this area into the City so that they would be able to have some control over its future development. This same process was done to a park that was supposed to be located near Orangebrook Elementary School, but the residents requested that the City move its present location. This park was later named Zinkel Park.

During development of the Hollywood shopping center, Lawn Acres residents had a difficult time getting concessions to protect their neighborhood. However, they succeeded in having the west end of Madison Street closed to State Road 7. A wall was constructed and a landscaped buffer was installed as a barrier between the shopping center and Lawn Acre homes.

The Lawn Acres neighborhood is a unique and very nice place to live. The residents and Civic Associations' involvement in City government have been responsible for this neighborhood's success.

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