

# **BYLAWS OF THE *Fair West Neighborhood Association***

## **Article I – Name**

This organization shall be known as the Fair West Neighborhood Association hereinafter referred to as the Association.

## **Article II – Boundaries**

For neighborhood associations:

The boundaries of the Association within the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico are as follow: Bounded on the West by San Mateo Blvd. bounded on the North by Lomas Blvd., bounded on the East by San Pedro Blvd. and bounded on the South by Central Blvd. Also to include the Fairgrounds addition (AKA the Linn Exclave) section bounded on the West by San Pedro bounded, on the North by Domingo Road NE, on the South by Central, and on the East by a North South line connecting the end of Domingo Road NE, the end of Linn Avenue NE, and Central Avenue, which abut the NM state fair commission property.

## **Article III – Association Membership**

**Section 1.** Membership is open to all individuals who live (renters included), own property, or own a business within the boundaries of the association, as stated in Section 14-8-2-3(B)(2) of the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance, (NARO.) There shall be residential and business types of membership in the Association. These shall be known as Residential Members and Business Members.

**Section 2.** A general/personal Membership is for any adult aged 18 or older who resides full-time (including rents) or owns property within the boundaries specified for this Association.

**Section 3.** A business/professional Membership is for any business which operates within the Association boundaries.

**Section 4.** The Association shall allow ongoing Membership enrollment throughout the year.

**Section 5.** Each member of the Association shall provide affirmation of membership.

## **Article IV – Dues / Member Donations (if needed)**

**Section 1.** Dues are voluntary for all members, and cannot be a prerequisite for either membership or voting, pursuant to Section 14-8-2-3(B)(4) [Associations]

**Section 2.** Voluntary dues/member donations are set at \$ 15.00 per year for resident membership and \$15.00 per year for Business membership. Voluntary association /coalition dues shall be set by the board of directors.

**Section 3.** Voluntary dues/member donations can be paid at the annual meeting / monetary donations can be made at any time during the year.

## **Article V- Voting**

**Section 1.** Every affirmed Member may cast one vote on any question and participate in any election before the Association.

**Section 2.** All questions to be voted upon by the general membership will be decided by a vote of a majority of the members present at any meeting of the membership voting in favor or against. In-person mailed paper ballot, or electronic ballots must be allowed, in which case questions will be decided by a majority of total votes cast, as stated in Section 14-8-2-3 (B)(8) [Associations. All questions to be voted upon by the Board will be decided by a vote of a majority of the Board Directors/Officers present and voting in favor or against.

## **Article VI –Board of Directors/Officers**

**Section 1.** A Board of Directors/Board of Officers shall be the governing body of the Association and shall consist of an odd number not less than three or more than eleven members of the Association. The Board of Directors shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting. Board member terms shall be two years and shall be staggered.

**Section 2.** Board of Director/Officer Nominations:

- Nominations will be accepted to the Board of Directors/Officers at the Annual Meeting in April.
- The nominees must be members who live, own property, or own a business within the boundaries of the Association as stated in Article III.
- A vote will be taken during the Annual Meeting to accept nominees to the Board of Directors/Officers.

**Section 3.** Directors / Officers of the Association may include a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and any such other officers as determined by the Board of Directors/Officers. Officers shall be chosen by the Board at their first meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting.

**Section 4.** Officers shall hold terms of one year.

**Section 5.** All members must be eligible to hold any officer position within the association, pursuant to Section 14-8-2-3(B)(2) of the NARO.

**Section 6.** Vacancies occurring in any office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the Board of Directors/Officers.

**Section 7.** Any elected officer may be removed from office by a majority of the membership/majority of the Board of Directors/Officers, provided that notice of the intent to remove shall be furnished to subject officer in writing at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which such action is to be discussed, as stated in Section 14-8-2-4(B)(3) of the NARO.

**Section 8.** Any elected officer replacing previous officers removed from office by a majority of the membership will be appointed by a majority vote of the membership/majority of the Board of Directors/Officers, provided that notice of the intent to remove shall be furnished to subject officer in writing at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which such action is to be discussed, as stated in Section 14-8-2-3(B)(3) of the NARO.

## **Article VII – Duties of the Officers**

The duties of the officers shall include but not be limited to the following:

**Section 1.** Duties of the President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall in general supervise all the business and affairs of the Association between meetings of the Board of Directors/Officers. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors/Officers and the General Membership meeting. The President shall, with the approval of the Board of Directors/Officers, appoint all standing and special committees and shall be Ex-Officio member of all the committees. The President shall make an annual report to the general membership at the Annual Meeting and file such report with the Secretary. The President shall make all necessary reports to the City of Albuquerque in compliance with the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO).

**Section 2.** Duties of the Vice President: The Vice President shall, when necessary, perform the duties of the President, and shall succeed to the Presidency in the event of the death, disability, resignation, or removal from office of the President until such-time as a successor to the President shall be appointed.

**Section 3.** Duties of the Secretary: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors/Officers, general membership meetings and shall keep all records of the Association and give notice of all meetings as directed. The Secretary shall perform all other duties incidental to the office of the Secretary or as required by the President or the Board of Directors/Officers.

**Section 4.** Duties of the Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Association and shall deposit all funds of the Association into a bank account set up by the Board of Directors. Every check issued from the Association account shall bear the signature of at least one/two Officer(s) of the Association. The Treasurer shall ensure that all bills approved by the Board of Directors/Officers are paid and shall keep a written account of all expenditures and

retain all receipts. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every Board of Directors meeting and every general membership meeting. Copies of these reports shall be available for inspection every general meeting.

**Section 6.** Duties of Other Board Members as designated.

## **Article VIII – Committees**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors/Officers may establish necessary committees at any meeting.

**Section 2.** No report or other action of a committee of the Association shall be considered as an act of the Association unless approved by the Board of Directors/Officers or by the general membership at a membership meeting.

## **Article IX – Meetings**

**Section 1.** Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Association except where in conflict with these by-laws.

**Section 2.** The association/coalition shall hold, at minimum, one annual meeting, and will be known as the Annual Meeting. The date for this annual meeting will be April annually. The Association will notify the ONC of this meeting, and make a reasonable attempt to give written notice to all households and businesses within its boundaries at least two weeks in advance through placement of one or more signs at prominent locations within the association boundaries and one or more of the following: U.S. Mail; delivered flyers; website or social media posting; e-mail, text message, direct message through social media, or other form of electronic messages delivered to the known address of each member, pursuant to Section 14-8-2-3(B)(5) [Associations of the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO)].

**Section 3.** The Annual Meeting shall be for the purpose of electing Board Members, and receiving any Annual Reports of Officers and Committees and any other business as determined by the Board. Each member shall be afforded the ability to vote at the Annual Meeting in-person only, pursuant to Sections 14-8-2-3(B)(8)(b) and 14-8-2-3(B)(9) of the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance (NARO).

**Section 4.** The Board of Directors/Officers shall meet as necessary, but at least quarterly, to conduct the business of the Association, at such time and place as determined by its members. All Board members will be notified of meetings times and places.

**Section 5.** Special meetings of the General Membership may be called by a majority of the Board of Directors / Officers, 30% of the membership, or the President. The President shall set the meeting within fifteen (15) days and the Secretary shall give notice of any such meeting.

**Section 6.** For any elections or voting other than the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors must allow each member to vote using at least one of the following methods: in-person, mailed paper ballot, or electronic means, as stated in Section 14-8-2-3(B)(9) of the NARO.

**Section 7.** No member of the Association may vote by proxy.

## **Article X – Monetary Matters**

**Section 1.** No member, director or officer will receive, directly or indirectly, any compensation or pecuniary benefit from the Association, except that the Association may reimburse them for expenses.

**Section 2.** In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the Board of Directors/Officers, after payment of all liabilities of the Association, shall dispose of the remaining assets of the Association by refund to its members or by donation to an organization with a similar purpose as agreed upon by the Board of Directors/Officers.

**Section 3.** Access to banking accounts and to financial records of all voluntary dues, member donations, or other financial assets shall be shared by the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, or any combination of Officers from the Board of Directors/Officers as designated by the Board of Directors/Officers.

## **Article XI – Communication Venues**

**Section 1.** Board of Directors/Officers shall use an association specific e-mail address for the sole purpose of association business.

**Section 2.** Access to these association e-mail addresses shall be held by the President, Vice-President and Secretary jointly, and passed on to new Board members as they are elected, or by any method designated by the Board of Directors/Officers.

**Section 3.** Access to any type of website or social media accounts shall be held by the President, Vice-President and Secretary jointly, and passed on to new Board members as they are elected, or by any method designated by the Board of Directors/Officers.

## **Article XII – Amendments**

These by-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the general membership by two thirds (2/3) vote of those in attendance. The membership shall be notified ten (10) days in advance of the meeting that amendments will be entertained at that meeting.

I certify that these bylaws were adopted and ratified by the members of the Fair West Neighborhood Association on the day of January, 21 2024 and were adopted and ratified by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on the Sunday, January, 21, 2024

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*Date*

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\_\_\_\_\_, Vice President/Other Board Member

*Printed Name*