

# **By-Laws of the Edgewood Civic Association**

## **ARTICLE I ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

**Sec. 1** Established October 5, 1954 as the EDGEWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION (ECA). As of October 2015, this is the second (First-Feb 2005) approved revision of the recorded By-Laws in over a half-century. Founded as a civic association, it shall remain in perpetuity.

**Sec. 2** The geographic area shall include; to the North: Marina Mile Boulevard - to the South: the Northern side of the airport perimeter road - to the East: the FEC railroad tracks - and to the West: Interstate 95.

**Sec. 3** The ECA clubhouse is located at 1790 SW, 32nd Street, City of Fort Lauderdale.

## **ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

**Sec. 1** To foster a safe, attractive, friendly neighborhood; dedicated to mutual well-being of our residents.

**Sec. 2** To act as a civic forum for its members. In so doing, serve as an advocate for their ambitions and concerns.

**Sec. 3** To take pride in and preserve our clubhouse and our neighborhood's accomplished history.

**Sec. 4** To be recognized as an environmentally sensitive neighborhood, by in-part preserving and considering our old-growth tree canopy as a coveted community trust.

**Sec. 5** To build a residential neighborhood that respects its houses of worship, parks and recreational facilities, pedestrian friendly tree-lined streets, public and private schools. We fully welcome diversity and, in so doing, strive to honor and respect each other as neighbors.

## **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

**Sec. 1** Authority for direction of the ECA shall be vested in its Board, subject to approval by the general membership.

**Sec. 2** ECA membership is "household" based, open to adults/businesses residing within our boundaries. \*Proof of adult residency shall be same as required by the Broward County School Board. \*Property owners who do not reside in Edgewood are defined as

ABSENTEE OWNERS and are denied voting membership.

**Sec. 3 VOTING MEMBERSHIP**

The word ‘household’ is used as it refers to a ‘dwelling or a unit of dwelling’ as address-based. Example: a single family dwelling - 1 vote. A duplex - one vote per address, providing membership for two units are good standing - 2 votes. An apartment building has a vote for each unit providing membership is in good standing for the individual unit voting. This would also apply to condominiums, town homes and manufactured home developments.

**Sec. 4 MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

The levels of membership shall consist of three categories – dues to be defined in the newsletter application and online application

#1 – Household membership (previously specified)

#2 – Senior membership (head-of-household over 62 years of age)

#3 - Foundation membership ( any member who pays the set scheduled fee or more)

**ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**Sec. 1** The annual dues of this organization shall be established by the general membership at the October meeting. Membership classifications will include, but not be limited to:

- 1.1 Individual or Resident Household (voting membership)
- 1.2 Business Operator (non-voting membership)

Membership dues are paid annually on January 1 for each calendar year. There is no prorating; each membership is for the complete Jan-Dec calendar year.

**ARTICLE V MEETINGS**

**Sec. 1** ECA’s membership drive for the subsequent year shall commence as of November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

**Sec. 2** There shall be at least four (4) general meetings per year. Meetings shall be the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. at the club-house. All meetings are open to the public.

**Sec. 3** A general meeting cannot vote on any item unless there is a QUORUM, which is defined as five (5) Board of Directors AND six (6) active members in attendance.

**Sec. 4** There shall be NO ABSENTEE or PROXY balloting. All voting must be done in person.

**Sec. 5** Any member can introduce resolutions/new business. Such items require a thirty-day Notice Period and will be considered for final vote at the following general meeting. For critical issues, a Waiver of Notice can be acquired by agreement by a majority of the Board present and voted on by the active membership present. Any member can propose, only voting members can dispose (vote).

**Sec. 6** No materials may be distributed at a general meeting unless approved in advance by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

**Sec. 7** Robert's Rules of Order shall guide us in any situation not specified by these By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Sec. 1** The Board of Directors shall consist of the four (4) elected officers and five (5) trustees.

**Sec. 2** The officers of the Edgewood Civic Association shall be: **President, Vice-President, Secretary** and **Treasurer**. The duties of the above stated four officers and trustees shall be those generally defined in Roberts Rules of Order.

**Sec. 3** The elected **trustees** should be those individuals who have held a position within ECA and/or have had long standing ties to the neighborhood.

**Sec. 4** Terms of the **Board of Directors** shall be for one (1) year. A QUORUM shall be four (4) in attendance to conduct business. There shall be at least four (4) board meetings per year. The Board has the authority to act on behalf of the association's membership between its regular meeting dates on routine matters only -- time-sensitive issues being the exception after appropriate notice is placed on the ECA website for one week.

**Sec. 5** There is no limitation on the number of consecutive terms that an individual may serve as a specific officer or trustee.

**Sec. 6** It shall be the **President's** prerogative to fill any officer and/ or trustee vacancy, as well as appoint all **committees** and their respective chairs, with Board approval.

#### **ARTICLE VII ELECTION & REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES:**

**Sec.1** Each elected position will be voted upon from nominations (open to any member living in a household in good standing) by the general membership at the November meeting.

**Sec. 2** Elections will be held at the December general meeting of the ECA, and the elected officers will assume responsibilities on January 1 of the following year.

**Sec.3** All voting households of record, who have been members from at least 30 days before the election, can vote (once) in an election.

**Sec 4** An officer or trustee can be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board.

#### **ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS**

**Sec 1** Amendments can be made to the BY-LAWS by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of a quorum the active members present, provided at least thirty (30) days NOTICE has been given to the general membership, through public meetings and ECA website posting, fully stating the purpose and content of the amendment.

#### **ARTICLE IX INDEBTEDNESS**

**Sec. 1** During its ordinary course of affairs, the ECA will not incur any indebtedness that would take longer than forty (40) days to fully discharge.

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Approved by the Edgewood Civic Association Board on 8/15/2016

# **By-Laws Admendments of the Edgewood Civic Association**

## **ADMENDMENT I EMERGENCY EXPENSES:**

**Sec. 1** An “Emergency Expense” is defined to be an expense that cannot wait even for a week of posting the information on the website due to emergency conditions or for opportunities to save significant money on required items (e.g. roof repair, repairs of breakage, etc.)

**Sec. 2** An “Emergency Expense” may be authorized by majority vote of the Board (including at least one of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasure), followed by written documentation being provided by one of the Officers.

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