

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

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## ARTICLE I—NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization is THE NORTH LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION of Lawrence, Kansas (NLIA).

Section 2. The purpose of NLIA shall be to concern itself with the overall general welfare of the North Lawrence area. This concern shall include, but not be limited to, problems related to the physical improvement of the area, such as housing, street repairs, flood controls, traffic safety, public transportation, pollution, etc. Furthermore, it shall be concerned with problems related to health, education, and social and economic welfare.

## ARTICLE II-MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Resident heads of households, 18 years or over, and non-resident property owners may be voting members of the NLIA.

Section 2. Dues—Annual Dues of one dollar per year shall be collected. Members who have not paid dues shall not vote or hold an elective office.

Section 3. Dissolution of Membership—A person found unworthy of membership may be expelled on recommendation of the Executive Committee (which recommendation is not made until after the member shall have been given the opportunity of a hearing), and on approval of that recommendation by at least two thirds of the members attending a regular meeting. An unworthy person is one who knowingly and willingly seeks to discredit or undermine the goals, programs, and general purposes of this association.

## ARTICLE III-OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the NLIA shall be: President, Vice President, Coordinator, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Officers of the NLIA shall be elected annually. Candidates will be nominated from the floor. If there is more than one candidate for a vacancy, the office will be filled by a

written ballot. The candidate receiving the majority vote is elected. Each Officer assumes his duties on the first day of the month succeeding the month during which he was elected. He serves until his successor is chosen and installed.

Section 3. The duties of the Officers shall be:

- A. President--is the chief executive office and chief administrative officer of the NLIA. He presides at all meetings; appoints all committee personnel and designates all committee chairmen. He assigns projects to appropriate committees, and may reassign or transfer such projects if, in his judgment, such a transfer is desirable. He speaks on behalf of, and in the name of, the NLIA whenever a matter in the Association's field of interest is raised and requires presentation of the Association's point of view. He is the Association's official representative at meetings of cooperating organizations. He calls all regular and special meetings, fixing the date and place thereof, except when calling such meeting pursuant to membership petition. He shall be an Ex-Officio member of all committees. All committee members are responsible to the President for the proper performance of their duties.
- B. Vice President--shall preside over all regular meetings and assume responsibilities of the Office of President in the absence of the President. He will serve as Interim-President upon the death or resignation of the President. He shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- C. Coordinator-- shall be in charge of all the NLIA's correspondence. This shall consist of letters, flyers, news bulletins, etc. No correspondence will be done without the approval of the President.
- D. Recording Secretary--shall be in charge of taking and keeping a record of the minutes of all meetings held by the NLIA. He shall be responsible for all records and in charge of maintaining a record of past accomplishments, i.e. newspaper accounts, etc.
- E. Treasurer--shall collect and be responsible for all funds due to the NLIA. He will pay all bills authorized by the President, and will maintain a record of the financial status of the organization to be presented at all regularly scheduled meetings.

#### ARTICLE IV—THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee constitutes the elected officers of the NLIA (President, Vice President, Coordinator, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and the three past Presidents of the Association).

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have all the powers of the NLIA during the interval between meetings. The Vice President will serve as the Chairman of this Committee. The Committee will meet on call of the Chairman, or on request of the members of the Association.

#### ARTICLE V—MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. The Coordinator will notify all members for special, or postponed meetings only.

Section 2. Special Meetings will be held on the call of the President. Members may request the President to call a special meeting, indicating the reason therefore.

#### ARTICLE VI—DUES

Section 1. Annual dues of one dollar per year shall be assessed each member of the NLIA and are due on the second Monday of September. No dues shall be accepted on day of elections.

Section 2. The amount of annual dues may be changed from time to time by an Amendment to the Constitution.

Section 3. Annual election of Officers will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of October.

#### ARTICLE VII—BY-LAW PROCEDURES

Section 1. The NLIA may adopt new By-Laws by an affirmative vote thereon, provided that no By-Law is in effect until passed by two separate meetings. The Affirmative vote of a majority of those present at a regular meeting will be sufficient to pass a By-Law.

Section 2. A By-Law may be repealed by passing a By-Law to that effect.

Section 3. This Constitution may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the NLIA in attendance at a meeting, provided that no vote will be taken on the proposal to amend the Constitution unless notice thereof was given in advance of the meeting.

Section 4. The Organization will follow Robert's Rules of Order at its meetings.