

**Articles of Organization  
East Central Neighborhood Association**

**Article I  
Name**

The name of the organization shall be the East Central Neighborhood Association, Inc.

**Article II  
Purpose**

It shall be the purpose of this non-profit organization to promote active involvement of all residents of the East Central Neighborhood of the City of Muncie, Indiana, in building a better community. This stated purpose is intended to be accomplished by:

- A. Promoting and maintaining an organization for the advancement of the concepts of low density residential land use and the preservation and enhancement of the aesthetic character of the neighborhood;
- B. Promoting and encouraging communication and community awareness among all parties concerned with the orderly growth and development of the East Central Neighborhood;
- C. Enhancing the value of the property of the East Central Neighborhood
- D. Ensuring equal representation, consideration, and service due all residents of the City of Muncie;
- E. Taking necessary action to alleviate any adverse situation which may arise concerning the East Central Neighborhood;
- F. Encouraging pride in the East Central Neighborhood; and
- G. Working in concert with other neighborhood associations.

**Article III  
Membership**

Any person aged 18 years and older, organization, or business residing, owning real property, or operating a business within the boundaries of the neighborhood (see Article IV) shall be eligible for active membership. Any other person, organization, or business interested in the neighborhood shall be eligible for associate membership.

Active and associate members shall be those persons, organizations, or businesses who pay the required membership fee each year. Organizations and businesses shall be limited to one active membership. Only active members shall have a right to vote on matters affecting the organization and there will be one vote per membership on the organization's membership list. A member must be present at a membership meeting to cast a vote. Associate members shall be non-voting members of the organization. The members of the Organization shall not be liable for any debts of the Organization beyond the dues paid by the member.

Membership in ECNA will run yearly from October to September. Membership dues shall have three levels to meet the needs of the neighborhood. Household membership shall be \$20 a year (Rental households are per unit), individual membership shall be \$10 a year, and associate

membership shall be \$10 a year. In the case of financial hardship, potential members should contact the board of directors for reduced rates.

Benefits of membership in the organization are as follows: All members are eligible for a two dollar discount, with proof of membership, at all paid events. All associate members will received a newsletter mailed to their home or place of business.

#### **Article IV Boundaries**

The East Central Neighborhood is bounded on the west by Madison Street, on the north and east by Wysor Street and the White River, and on the south and east by the CSX/Norfolk-Southern tracks. The boundaries may be expanded to include adjacent areas when agreed to by neighboring residents and the East Central Neighborhood Association.

#### **Article V Board of Directors**

The Organization shall be governed by a Board of 12 Directors who shall meet at the call of the President, or 6 members of the Board. Each Director (who shall be a current member of the East Central Neighborhood Association, Inc.) shall be elected by the general membership for 2 years. Any vacancies in the Board of Directors may be filled by appointment of the President, with the approval of the Board, and such appointees shall serve until the next election by the Organization at which time the Organization shall elect members to fill both expired and unexpired terms. The presence of a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Board of Directors' meetings shall be open to any current member and the public by invitation.

#### **Powers and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors**

- A. To call the meetings of the Organization
- B. To elect, from the Board of Directors, a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- C. To direct the spending of all monies received by the Organization.
- D. To promote membership in the Organization.
- E. To supervise the content of the Organization newsletter.
- F. To carry out the purposes of the Organization as described in Article II.
- G. To create standing or special committees or task forces from among members of the Organization.
- H. To attend board meetings on a regular basis. Directors who do not attend at least 50% of the held board meeting in a year (annual meeting to annual meeting) can be removed from the board by a simple majority vote of the directors.

#### **Article VI Elected Officers**

Each November the Board of Directors shall, from its members, elect a President, vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Organization and meetings of the Board of Directors; may make, with the approval of the Board of Directors, such appointments as may be necessary to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors until the next annual election of the Organization; and, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall designate the Editor of the Newsletter, and the members of such standing or special committees or task forces as may be created by the Board of Directors. The President shall vote only in cases of tie votes. If a Director is absent from two (2) consecutive board meetings, the President shall contact that Director and inquire about whether that Director is interested in continuing to serve on the board.

The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties of the President.

The Secretary shall keep and maintain records of all meetings of the Organization and of the Board of Directors and do and perform all other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in a suitable bank all monies received by the Organization and pay out such money as may be directed by the Board of Directors and do and perform all other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.

These officers shall comprise an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act when necessary on behalf of the Board, bringing their action before the Board of Directors for review at the following meeting.

#### **Article VII Appointed Officers**

The newsletter editor will be nominated and elected by the board.

The editor of the newsletter shall regularly publish and distribute newsletters. Newsletters shall be distributed to all households within the neighborhood boundaries and mailed to associate members outside the neighborhood association boundaries.

#### **Article VIII Meetings of the Organization**

There shall be an annual meeting at which time the progress of the year shall be assessed. Other meetings can be schedule depending on interest and demand.

All meetings will be called by the President upon concurrence of seven (7) members of the Board of Directors after giving at least seven (7) days notice to all members of the time and place of the meeting. The presence of ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the Organization. Upon the petition of any ten (10) active members, the President shall call a meeting.

#### **Article IX Amendment to Articles**

These articles may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by majority of the members present and voting at any duly organized meeting of the Organization.