

# Articles and Bylaws

Ross Center Neighborhood Association

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## Article I

### Section 1. Name

The association shall be officially known as the "Ross Center Neighborhood Association" and referred to as RCNA.

### Section 2 Principle office

The principle office of the Ross Center Neighborhood Association is the residence ~~old~~ the current person serving as President of the Association.

## Article II

### Section 1. Purpose

To operate as a nonprofit organization, operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare, the membership of which shall be limited to persons described in ARTICLE III hereof. The net earnings of the RCNA, if any, will be devoted to charitable, educational, or recreational purposes, or for the purpose of neighborhood improvements as agreed upon by the majority of the RCNA membership.

### Section 2. Mission Statement

It is the mission of RCNA to improve the safety, security, and appearance of our neighborhood, and to continually strive toward the development of a community-wide spirit of unity and cooperation, thus creating a better quality of life for **all our neighbors**.

### Section 3 Objectives

- a. To share with our neighbors a common vision of a better community built through teamwork, pride and a commitment to the future.
- a. To work with the City of Evansville, or any other federal, state or city governmental agency, and apply for funds to be spent by such agencies for the general improvement of our neighborhood, which is a designated geographical area and more particularly described in ARTICLE III hereof.
- b. To promote through group action and diplomacy the improvement of neighborhood concerns brought to the attention of the Association by its membership, and through tactful communication, collaboration and fellowship, foster an atmosphere of openness, friendliness and solidarity within our neighborhood.
- c.

**ARTICLE III**  
**(MEMBERSHIP)**

Section 1.

Membership in the RCNA shall be open to individuals of legal age who own property or reside within the geographical area of the RCNA, which is hereby described as follows: all residential or commercial property located in an area lying South of Washington Avenue, East of Boeke Avenue, West of Villa Avenue and North of Covert Avenue, and located within the city limits of Evansville, Indiana.

Block Numbers:

Boeke Ave.	1000-1600
Washington Ave.	2500-2700
Covert Ave.	2500-2700
S. Villa	1150-1250
Ravenswood Dr.	2400-2650
Ravenswood Ct.	2600-2650
Taylor Ave.	2450-2550
Jackson Ave	2400-2450
Adams Ave.	2500-2750
MacArthur Ci.	1000-1150
MacArthur Dr.	1200-1550
Roosevelt Dr.	1200-1550
Corregidor Ci.	1000-1250
S. Ruston	1300-1550
St. James	1000-1550

Section 2.

Only members in good standing are eligible to vote. The term, "members in good standing" is defined as those listed on the RCNA roll who have paid their dues for the current year. Members in good standing are hereinafter referred to as "members". Additional members and or member areas may be included by majority vote of the RCNA members.

Section 3.

Current annual dues for membership are as follows: \$10.00 per person and \$25.00 per commercial enterprise/landlord. Dues shall not be prorated. The Executive Committee shall conduct a yearly review of all considerations of membership dues at least thirty (30) days prior to the RCNA annual budget meeting. Any decisions or proposals affecting changes in dues shall be established by a majority vote of those members in attendance at said meeting.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**(MEETINGS)**

Section 1.

The general meeting of the RCNA members shall be held within Vanderburgh County, Indiana, at least four times per calendar year with the schedule to be determined by its members. At least one of these meetings would include electing new officers, the collection of annual dues and other business as may properly come before the Ross Center Neighborhood Association. Meeting location will be at Mccollough Library.



Section 2.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least monthly to conduct the ordinary business of the RCNA.

Section 3.

Special meetings of the Association may be called by any two (2) RCNA officers or by a signed petition from any five (5) RCNA members. Notice of each special meeting, as well as an agenda for such meeting, shall be distributed to all RCNA members under the direction of the Secretary, at least two (2) weeks in advance. The business transacted at any special meeting shall be confined to the purpose stated in such notice.

Section 4.

A quorum for any general or special meeting of members shall consist of the number of members in attendance over five.

Section 5.

All business meetings of the RCNA shall be conducted in accordance with "Roberts Rules of Order". However, the RCNA President or any other officer presiding over an Association meeting shall have the right, at his or her discretion, to limit the time any one member can control the floor during the conducting of RCNA business and all other matters related to the Association. To encourage free and open discussion, this right shall be conservatively exercised.

## ARTICLE V (OFFICERS)

Section 1.

The principal officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Each officer shall serve a term of one (1) year, with no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the principal officers and members-at-large elected by the membership. The members-at-large must constitute a majority of the Executive Committee. Vacancy of any office shall be filled at the next meeting of membership. The current officers shall assume the duties of the vacant office until it is filled.

Section 3.

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the RCNA and shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Executive Committee. The President shall coordinate the efforts of the various committees and represent the Association to the media and to city and county government.

Section 4.

The Vice President shall be the primary officer in charge of the various committees. It shall be the responsibility of the Vice President to meet with the chairpersons of these committees to assist them in their different tasks, and to substitute for the President as needed.

Section 5.

The Secretary shall keep the official minutes of all meetings of the membership and the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall also collect the minutes of various committees as needed and if requested, shall supply the President with same. As well, the Secretary shall maintain an accurate membership roll.

Section 6.

The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of receipts and expenditures and shall cooperate with the Secretary to provide an accurate membership roll.

Section 7.

Removal from office shall only be for cause. Any member of the Ross Center Neighborhood Association may present a petition to the Executive Committee for removal of an officer based on cause. The petition will be presented at the next regular RCNA meeting. A simple majority vote is required for removal. "Cause" shall include, but not be limited to, failure to fulfill the obligations of such office, consistent absence from meetings, and failure to maintain membership in good standing.

## ARTICLE VI (COMMITTEES)

Committees shall be established as needed. The only standing committee shall be the Membership Committee.

## ARTICLE VII (AMENDMENTS)

These bylaws may be amended, altered or repealed; or new additional by laws may be adopted, after second reading, by the affirmative vote of a majority of those members present. The language for any amendment(s) to the RCNA Articles and Bylaws must be specified in the notice of meeting at which said amendment(s) will be considered.

## ARTICLE VIII (DISSOLUTION)

In the event of the dissolution of the Ross Center Neighborhood Association, the RCNA shall transfer all of its assets remaining after all debts and liabilities have been paid or discharged to any other nonprofit organization engaged in activities similar to the RCNA as selected by the Association membership. In no event shall any member receive money or other property from this Association in dissolution and liquidation or otherwise on account of or as a result of any contribution made or membership dues paid to the RCNA.