

# Oakwood Neighborhood Association Bylaws (as adopted 11/01/14)

## **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the organization shall be Oakwood Neighborhood Association.

## **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

The purposes for which this Association is organized are:

- a) To consider and act on issues that affect the livability and quality of the neighborhood;
- b) To provide a welcoming environment through which all potential members may involve themselves in the affairs of the neighborhood;
- c) For such other purposes as are approved by the membership.

## **ARTICLE III: BOUNDARIES**

The boundaries of the Neighborhood Association shall be defined those shown in the attached map (source: City of East Lansing, MI). Any change to the boundaries of the Association shall require an affirmative vote of 75% of Association members who vote on the issue.

## **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1 Eligibility:** All people age 16 and older living within the boundaries as defined by these bylaws are eligible to be a member of the association.

**Section 2 Consent.** An eligible person shall become a member of the association by oral or written indication of intent to be a member.

**Section 3 Dues or Fees.** Dues or fees shall not be required.

**Section 4 Voting.** Each member who has resided in the neighborhood's boundaries for at least one continuous year shall be entitled to one vote in any other business of the association. Voting on issues shall be conducted at announced meetings with email and mailed-in votes from members also counted in the vote tallies, with a simple majority of those voting signifying approval.

## **ARTICLE V: SPOKESPERSON(S)**

As needed the membership of the Association may designate a Spokesperson or Spokespersons to represent the Association to the City, community and other organizations. Spokespersons may be designated at any announced Association meeting by a simple majority of those voting with email and mailed-in votes from members also counted in the vote tally.

## **ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS**

Announced meetings shall be held, as needed, with notifications of the meeting sent to the membership by written email or paper communication to at least one member of each household in the Association. At least one announced meeting of the Association shall be held each year.

## **ARTICLE VII: ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

a. These bylaws are adopted if they are voted acceptable by a simple majority of eligible voters as defined in Article IV, section 4 above.

b. All Amendments to these Bylaws must be proposed in writing and announced to the membership by written email or paper communication to at least one member of each household in the association.

c. Amendment of these bylaws require a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the members voting.

### **Adoption:**

Date Adopted: November 1, 2014

