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EASTEX-JENSEN AREA SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BY-LAWS

Article I-Name

The name of the Council shall be the Eastex-Jensen Super Neighborhood #46.

Article II - Boundaries

The Eastex-Jensen Super Neighborhood is generally bounded by U.S. Highway 59 (Eastex Freeway) to the Southern Pacific Railroad track (aligned with Hirsch Road) as the eastern boundary, city of Houston city limits as the northern boundary, Hardy Toll Road as the western boundary, and Interstate 610 as the southern boundary.

Article III. Purpose

Section 3.1 - The Eastex-Jensen Super Neighborhood is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes specified in Section 501c (4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and an application may be filed with the Internal Revenue Service for the 501c (3) or 501c (4) non-profit status, if and when so determined by the Super Neighborhood Council.

Section 3.2 - The purposes for which this Super Neighborhood is organized shall be to promote the civic betterment and social welfare and well-being of those residents, businesses and property owners within the boundaries of the Eastex-Jensen Super Neighborhood area, to promote and engage in the activities for their use and benefit. These organizations within the Eastex-Jensen area being situated in Houston, Harris County, Texas, and being that area identified in Article II (Boundaries).

Section 3.3 - The general purpose and power of the corporation are to have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on non-profit corporations under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act and other laws of Texas, of those powers which may hereinafter be conferred, and (i) to seek a consensus and provide citizens with opportunities to advise the City Council on issues important to each neighborhood; (ii) undertake a wide range of neighborhood improvement projects determined by the members; with the cooperation from the City of Houston, identify and develop solutions to mutual problems.

Article IV. -Membership

Section 4.1 - The Eastex-Jensen Area Super Neighborhood shall be open to any resident, civic, business, faith-based, non-profit, or other community-based organizations that are stakeholders in the Eastex-Jensen Area Super Neighborhood area. The Eastex-Jensen Area Super Neighborhood Council shall consist of one duly designated representative of each eligible organization.

Section 4.2 - Participation in the Eastex-Jensen Area Super Neighborhood Council shall not be limited by the imposition of membership requirements or fees by either the Super Neighborhood Council or participating organizations.

Section 4.3 - The Eastex-Jensen Area Super Neighborhood prohibits the exclusion of any individual or organization based on race, age, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or national origin from participating in super neighborhood council activities or serving as a council member.

Section 4.4 - It shall be the right of any stakeholder within the Eastex Jensen Super Neighborhood boundaries to be represented, either through new or existing organizations.

Article V. -Council Seats

Section 5.1 - A person must be a designated stakeholder representative of the group they represent.

Section 5.2 - The number of seats and the manner in which they are elected may be amended in the same manner as the by-laws may be amended.

Section 5.3 - Each group, organization, or entity with a seat on the Super Neighborhood Council shall be allowed one vote, which shall be cast by the stakeholder representative, or in his/her absence, by the designated alternate.

Section 5.4 - The Eastex-Jensen Area Super Neighborhood Council consists of the following **15** seats, with each having one vote. These representative organizations/stakeholders are for the purposes of initiating the Super Neighborhood Council and by-laws and shall not be construed as limiting the number of representatives/stakeholders eligible to participate. **Each organization shall have one (1) vote on the council.**

Organization	Number of Seats	Classification
1. Sunbeam-Curry Civic Club	1	Civic
2. Churches	1	Faith-Based
3. Businesses	1	Business
4. Houston ISD/Aldine	1	Educational
5. Non-Profit Organization	1	Non-Profit

6. At-Large 1 Open
 (this would
 be residents)

Article VI. - Board

Section 6.1 - The elected Board of the ~~Eastex-Jensen Area~~ Super Neighborhood Board shall be the president, vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary and treasurer.

Section 6.2 - The president shall preside over all general meetings and any executive committee meetings. The president shall have the authority to conduct meetings and to maintain order. The president shall appoint all committee chairs.

Section 6.3 - The vice-president shall preside at meetings in the absence of the president. This office shall assist the president and shall perform various duties and serve on committees as assigned by the president.

Section 6.4 - The secretary and assistant secretary shall keep an accurate record of proceedings of all general meetings, attend to correspondence, act as custodian of current records, and file and maintain up-to-date membership lists and attendance records.

Section 6.5 - The treasurer shall keep an up-to-date record of all financial transactions, receive all money, and deposit funds in the bank. This officer shall disburse money as authorized by the Board. The treasurer shall present a report of finances at each general meeting of the Board. Checks disbursed shall contain the signatures of two of the following: president, or vice president, and the treasurer.

Section 6.6 - All board members, excluding the president and the treasurer of the initial Council, shall be elected to two year staggered terms at the regular January meeting by quorum of the members of the Council. The president and the treasurer will serve one-year initial terms, followed by two-year terms, thereof. Officers shall be installed at the first general meeting in February of each year.

Section 6.7 - Officers shall be limited to serve two (2) successive terms.

Section 6.8 -All Board members shall be elected by a simple majority quorum of the Board.

Section 6.9 - A vacancy in an office shall be filled by a special election. Officers elected to fill vacancies shall assume office at the first general meeting following the special election and shall hold office until the next year installation of officers.

Section 6.10 - Any officer, who fails to meet the obligations and responsibilities of their office, may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority vote of the Super Neighborhood Board.

Article VII. Committees

Section 7.1 - Committees shall be established as the need arises by the President.

Section 7.2-The committee chairpersons shall appoint committee members.

Article VIII. Meetings

Section 8.1 - The general meeting of the Eastex-Jensen Area Super Neighborhood #46 shall be held on the **4th Thursday** of each month at a time and place to be designated by the Super Neighborhood Board. **All Super Neighborhood Council activity will be conducted in open meetings where community stakeholders may observe discussions and participate under defined circumstances.**

Section 8.2 - In the event that the general meeting falls on a legal holiday, the time and date of the general meeting shall be set by the president at the preceding general meeting with the consent of the Board.

Section 8.3 - A simple majority of the duly designated Super Neighborhood Council members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting.

Section 8.4 - Super Neighborhood-at-large residents/stakeholders may participate via meetings open to the public and will be notified of decisions through their participating organization.

Section 8.5 - An individual wishing to address the Super Neighborhood Council shall sign a "Speakers List" at the beginning of the meeting and shall be allowed three (3) minutes to speak.

Article IX. -Procedures

"Robert's Rules of Order" Shall be the guide for procedure in all points of order not covered by the By-laws.

Article X. - Amendment of By-Laws

These By-laws may be amended on an as needed basis by resolution in writing, presented at a meeting of the Eastex-Jensen Area Super Neighborhood Council, read and approved by the Super Neighborhood Board at two consecutive meetings at which a quorum is present at each meeting.