

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH OF LAKEWOOD
ORGANIZATIONAL BYLAWS**

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**ARTICLE I
NAME OF GROUP**

This group shall be known as: Lakewood Neighborhood Watch, a Texas not-for-profit organization, hereinafter referred to as "LNW". The boundaries for LNW will be the Lakewood subdivision in Baytown, Texas.

**ARTICLE II
Objectives and Purpose**

LNW will be a non-partisan, neighborhood and community-focused group, committed to building a safer, more caring neighborhood and improving the quality of life in the community. Specific LNW objectives will be:

- A. Encourage neighborhood involvement and participation toward the goal of crime prevention.
- B. Operate and direct the neighborhood watch program in the Lakewood subdivision.
- C. Strive to forge mutually supportive relationships with law enforcement, government, citizens, businesses and organizations for the purpose of achieving the LNW's objectives.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this group will consist of responsible individuals within the Lakewood subdivision area who are willing to contribute to LNW objectives without expecting monetary compensation for their participation. There shall be no dues for members of the LNW program. Funding for the organization's programs shall come from the Lakewood Civic Association, fund raising activities and/or donations. Funds shall be maintained in a bank account to be used in whatever capacity as voted on by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IV
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. All authority for this organization shall lie with the Board of Directors.
- B. The number of directors comprising the Board of Directors shall be four (4). The number of Board members may be changed by amendment of these bylaws. No member of the Board of Directors shall receive any compensation for serving on the Board. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- C. The term of office for members of the Board of Directors will be three (3) years, 'staggered' term or until a successor is elected (or appointed as provided by Section D). Board members may serve additional three year terms of office as long as they are re-elected by a majority of the members present at a regularly scheduled annual meeting. Board members will be confirmed at the annual general membership meetings as provided for in these Bylaws. A member's term will begin at the close of the meeting at which the member was elected.
- D. If a vacancy occurs on the Board during the course of the year, the remaining members of the Board may appoint a replacement to serve in a temporary capacity until the next regularly scheduled annual meeting.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

LNW meetings will be held once a quarter. Meeting dates shall be posted on the Neighborhood Watch section of the Lakewood Civic Association website (lakewoodcivic.org).

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

PRESIDENT: The president shall be the presiding board member at all official meetings of LNW. The President shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Board and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may assign, or as may be provided for within these bylaws.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall attend all LNW meetings of the Board of Directors. The Vice President shall preside, in the absence of the president, at all LNW meetings. The Vice President shall be the spokesperson for the board in the event that the president is not available. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may assign, or as may be provided for within these bylaws.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall attend all the LNW meetings and cause to be recorded all resolutions, minutes, and proceedings of such meetings. The Secretary in the absence of both the President and Vice President will preside at all official meetings of LNW. In the absence of the Secretary from a meeting the President may designate another member to serve as Secretary for the purpose of taking the minutes of that meeting.

TREASURER: The treasurer shall see that the financial affairs of the organization shall be maintained for audit, or for examination by the Board of Directors and the general membership.

ARTICLE VI FINANCES

BANK ACCOUNT: An account shall be maintained at a local financial institution in the name of the organization. This account shall handle any monies paid to the Neighborhood Watch organization, either through fund raising, donations, or otherwise.

ACCOUNT HOLDERS: The President and Treasurer will be listed on the account. The Board of Directors may at its discretion authorize and designate another member of the Board to be a signatory on the account.

AUTHORITY TO WITHDRAW: Monies from the account may be withdrawn with a majority vote by the Board of Directors.

INUREMENT OF INCOME: No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to, the members, directors, officers or other private persons except that the organization is authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION: In the event of the dissolution of the organization the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the organization, dispose of all assets of the organization, to such charitable, educational or scientific purposes as the Board so decides by majority vote.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws of the group may be adopted, amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.