

**BYLAWS FOR THE
MARRION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

In an effort to keep the Marrion Neighborhood Association viable and active we wish to amend our by-laws to ensure we will keep a dedicated, interested, and conscientious team of officers. A weak board will result in fewer or no general meetings, inaction in the execution of the Neighborhood Action Plan, and can eventually lead to an inactive association.

We are sure all of our Marrion Neighbors appreciate the time and effort made by our volunteer board members. We hope that new volunteers will come forward every year and keep the association moving forward.

Article I. Purpose

The Marrion Neighborhood Association is established by the residents of the neighborhood in order to promote the common interests and welfare of the neighborhood and its residents. The Marrion Neighborhood Association shall concern itself with a variety of community issues and challenges including, but not limited to, matters affecting the quality of life in the neighborhood or community in general.

Article II. Boundaries

The boundaries of the Marrion Neighborhood Association are as follows:

N.E. 18th Street on the North;

Mill Plain Boulevard on the South;

I-205 Freeway on the East;

N.E. 97th Avenue on the West.

Article III. Membership

The membership of the Association is open to all residents, property owners, business licenses, and nonprofit organizations within the boundaries of the neighborhood as outline in Article II above.

Article IV. Voting

All members of the Association eighteen (18) years and older who reside in the Marrion Neighborhood are entitled to vote on all matters brought before the Association. No proxies shall be taken.

All members of the neighborhood association may actively participate in neighborhood events, activities and meetings exercising voting rights pursuant to these bylaws, without regard to race, national origin, religion, sex or physical ability.

Voting may be by voice vote or secret ballot as decided by the membership in advance of the voting.

Article V. Officers

All Officers must reside in the Marrion Neighborhood. The officers of the Marion Neighborhood Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers shall preside over all meetings, planning sessions, and activities of the Association. If any Officer fails to show up for more than three consecutive meetings without being excused by the board or perform their duties in their elected position or otherwise fails to participate in the conduct of Executive Board business, he or she may be removed by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The remaining Officers shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next Annual General Membership Meeting. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. Officers may also be a chair on designated neighborhood committees.

The duties of the officers shall include but not be limited to, the following:

President: Shall act as the primary executive officer and preside over all the deliberations and activities of the Association. The President or their designated alternate(s) shall be the official spokesperson(s) of the Association.

Vice President: Shall act in the absence of the President and perform such other duties as required.

Secretary: Shall act in conjunction with the other officers; keep minutes of all Association and Executive Board meetings; and notify members of meeting and activities in advance.

Treasurer: Shall act in conjunction with the officers; maintain the financial records of the Association.

Article VI. Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers of the Association and committee chairs. The Executive Board may act on the behalf of the Association as necessary and meet as required to conduct the activities of the Association. All decisions made by the Executive Board are subject to confirmation at a meeting of the general membership.

Article VII. Committees

Special committees to address specific concerns, issues, or activities may be appointed by the President or Vice President as necessary. All committees shall have a Chairperson. Chairpersons shall serve on the Executive Board during the duration of their service as committee chairs. Permanent committees will consist of Parks & Recreation, Traffic (includes meetings of NTSA) and Neighborhood Development.

Article VIII. Meetings

A general meeting of the membership will be held four times a year in February, May, August and November on the last Wednesday or Thursday of those respective months. Other meetings of the membership may be called by the Executive Board as necessary. The executive committee will meet every other month in January, March, May, July, September, and November on a date determined by the board. An agenda shall be published any time a meeting is announced.

All decisions must be reached by a majority vote. A quorum is reached when attendance of voting members is greater than fifty percent (50%) of the average voting member attendance of the last two (2) general meetings, and two (2) officers are present. Quorum exists unless challenged. The official report of all decisions shall record both majority and minority concerns.

Article IX. Official Publication

The neighborhood newsletter will be called the "Marrion Clarion". The newsletter will be used to notify the neighborhood of upcoming meetings and news. It will be published bimonthly in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Article X. Funding

Voluntary dues, contributions, contracts, grants, subscriptions, or fund raising activities may be used by the association as desired. Membership dues are voluntary and shall not bar any resident from membership or voting. Customary basic operating expenditures require only consensus of Officers. Any expenditure over one hundred and fifty (\$150) shall be approved by the Executive board members. Any expenditure over three hundred (\$300) shall be approved by the membership.

Article XI. Dissolution

Changes to the bylaws are made by a majority vote of the membership and submission of the change to the city. The Association may dissolve itself by taking a vote in the same fashion as any issue to be decided.

Signed this day May 27, 2009

President

Vice- President

Secretary

Treasurer