# BYLAWS FOR THE OLD EVERGREEN HIGHWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

# NAME

Old Evergreen Highway Neighborhood Association

# **PURPOSE**

The Old Evergreen Highway Neighborhood Association is established by the residents in order to unite the common interests and promote the welfare of the neighborhood and its residents. The Neighborhood Association may concern itself with a variety of issues and problems that affect livability and quality of life within our immediate community and in Vancouver. This Neighborhood Association (NA) will <u>not</u> enforce any codes, covenants, and restrictions (CC&Rs) in force within the neighborhood association boundaries.

### BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of the Neighborhood Association are 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue on the West (not to include members of the Riverview Neighborhood Association), Hwy 14 on the North, Columbia River on the South, and Riverwood Lane/Silver Springs on the East.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the Neighborhood Association is open to all residents and property owners within the boundaries as described above.

#### CONDUCT OF MEMBERSHIP

At any time, a member of the association can (a) act as a representative of the Neighborhood Association only if directed by the association, and (b) state clearly, in advance, whether an opinion/statement is his/her own or represents the Neighborhood Association. This Association shall not endorse any political candidate.

# VOTING

To be a voting member, a resident must be 18 years of age or older. Each business or non-profit organization within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Association may designate one (1) person to be a voting member and that person must be 18 years of age or older. (NOTE: Developers and/or owners of unimproved land/lots held for resale and/or development, within the Neighborhood Association boundaries are considered a business and therefore only eligible for one vote regardless of the amount of land or number of lots owned.) Proxy or absentee votes are subject to board approval.

#### DISSENT

Adequate time and avenues for minority dissent and appeal of actions taken by the Association shall be approved by the executive board of the Association. All questions may be arbitrated by a mutually acceptable third party committee, or by the staff of the City of Vancouver.

# ATTENDANCE

Members will be asked to sign an Attendance Roster at every General Meeting.

# **OFFICERS**

The officers of the Neighborhood Association shall be the chair or co-chairs, secretary, treasurer and newsletter editor. An officer shall preside over all meetings, planning sessions and activities of the Association. The duties of each officer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

<u>Chair/Co-chairs</u>: Act as the primary executive officer(s) and preside over all deliberations and activities of the Association. The chair or chairs, or their designated alternates, shall be the official spokesperson(s) of the Association.

<u>Secretary:</u> Act in conjunction with the chair or co-chairs; keep the minutes of all the Association's public and executive meetings.

Treasurer: Act in conjunction with the chair or co-chairs; maintain the financial reports of the Association.

<u>Newsletter Editor</u>: Act in conjunction with the chair or co-chairs; be responsible for the production of the newsletter.

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### COMMITTEES

Committees to handle specific concerns may be appointed by the chair(s) of the executive board as necessary.

# EXECUTIVE BOARD

Members of the executive board will include the officers and all committee chairs. All officers must be voting members who reside within the Old Evergreen Highway Neighborhood.

# ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Elections shall be held annually in June. A nominating committee will be appointed by the executive board two (2) months prior to election.

### MEETINGS

Meetings will be held as needed with at least two weeks advance notice, including an agenda.

# **QUORUM**

A quorum is reached when a minimum of nine (9) voting members are present, of which no less than two (2) shall be officers and seven (7) shall be general members of the Association. Simple majority rules.

### DISSOLUTION

The Association may dissolve itself by taking a vote in the same fashion as any issue to be decided.

# AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any general meeting by a two-thirds vote of those in attendance at the meeting. The proposed amendments must be submitted to the president in writing, and they must be delivered to the membership or read at a general meeting at least one week before being voted upon.