

**BYLAWS OF  
THE GOOSE CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The following shall be known as the bylaws of the Goose Creek Homeowners Association, Inc. The bylaws are the rules of self-government of the Association. These bylaws are the set of rules by which the Neighborhood operates on a daily basis, votes and settles disputes that may arise from time to time, and they are binding on all those members associated with this Homeowners Association. If the bylaws are found to be inconsistent with State Law, then State Law will override.

Article One: Name

The name of this organization shall be The Goose Creek Homeowners Association, Inc.

Article Two: Purpose

The purpose of the Association is to seek to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood in matters of land use, environmental protection, public services, consumer protection, preservation of the historic and unique character of the community; to provide support in other matters of neighborhood concern, and to promote and participate in the civic life of the City and County.

Article Three: Objectives

The objectives of this association are to:

1. Represent and advance the interests of residents in the neighborhood.
2. Keep residents informed of issues vital to the neighborhood by appropriate communication and meetings.
3. Establish standing and ad-hoc committees to investigate and make recommendations to the association on matters of neighborhood concern.
4. Seek the improvement of dwellings by residents and absentee owners.
5. Establish mutual protection and safety.
6. Work toward development and preservation of natural green spaces, parks, trees, and landscaping and general land-use management.

## Article Four: Membership

### Section 1 – Eligibility

- a. Membership in the association is mandatory.
- b. Membership shall be issued to individuals upon payment of annual dues (this gives them eligibility to vote and participate in other Association functions).

### Section 2 – Dues

- a. Dues shall be paid at the beginning of each fiscal year according to the following schedule. \$150.00 per property (or as set by a vote of the membership)
- b. All memberships expire at the end of each fiscal year. Dues are required to be paid within 30 days of the invoice date. If dues are not paid by the due date, the member loses all voting rights to membership until all dues are paid.

## Article Five: Voting

### Section 1

A quorum shall be necessary for the transaction of association business. A quorum shall be constituted as the members present.

### Section 2

An affirmative vote of more than fifty percent (50%) of the members present and voting shall be binding on the association.

## Article Six: Officers

### Section 1 – Executive Officers

The officers of the Association shall be elected from the active membership (at least two from The Field's and two from The Meadows) and shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and member-at-large.

## Section 2 – Elections

Officers shall be nominated for one-year terms at the Associations Annual meeting that is held in the month of January.

## Section 3 – Nominations

A Slate of nominees shall be sent to each resident in good standing 15 days prior to the January meeting along with a proxy statement. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting.

## Section 4 – Duties of Officers

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The president shall be empowered to speak on behalf of the Association consistent with the objectives and prior resolutions of the Association. Such statements shall be submitted to the members at the next regular meeting. The President shall be the direct liaison with the association manager.

The Vice-President shall fulfill the duties of the President in the President's absence, shall chair the membership committee and shall serve as the parliamentarian of the Association.

The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping an accurate record of all business of the Association to include taking minutes of meetings, and for all outside correspondence of the Association.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the Association monies, shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures and shall report each meeting on the balance in the account and the number of active members.

The Member-At-Large shall fill as needed and is an active voting member of the Board.

## Section 5 – Removal from office

Any officer may be removed from office for cause at any meeting by two-thirds of the membership present and voting, providing that notice has been furnished to the membership by U.S. Mail at least two weeks prior to said meeting.

## Section 6 – Replacement of Officers

When necessary, vacant offices may be filled at any meeting by the Executive Committee for the unexpired portion of the term.

Article Seven: Meetings and Organization

Section 1 – Regular Meetings

Meetings of the general membership of the Association shall be held once each quarter or as set by the Executive Committee.

Section 2 – Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee. A special meeting may also be called by a petition signed by 50 members of by the Association President or Executive Committee.

Section 3 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall run from January 1 to December 31.

Article Eight: Committees

Section 1 – Executive Powers

The Executive Committee shall transact necessary business in the intervals between regular meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by the Association and shall appoint all committees and approve the work of such committees.

Article Nine: Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by two-thirds vote of the members constituting a quorum provided that the amendment(s) has been submitted in writing to the membership at the previous meeting.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 2004.

Thomas Nichols 10/14/04  
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