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Organized Neighbors of Edgewood By-laws

ARTICLE I. NAME AND OFFICE

Section 1. Name: The name of this organization shall be Organized Neighbors of Edgewood.

Section 2. Office: The principal office of the organization shall be in DeKalb County, City of Atlanta.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The purposes and objectives of the Organization are to:

- to improve the quality of life of neighborhood residents by uniting them and by providing a platform of empowerment and community activity;
- to increase protection of persons and property within the boundaries of the neighborhood organization from crime;
- to beautify the community, increase green spaces and encourage community involvement in community spirited activities;
- to cooperate with the Neighborhood Planning Unit "O" ("NPU-O") and other organizations in matters of mutual concern.

ARTICLE III. JURISDICTION

The initial geographic boundaries of the Organization within DeKalb County, and the City of Atlanta shall extend on its Northern Border to an area roughly defined as the limits of the East-West MARTA tracks, but to include any and all streets and residences and business establishments not included in the Candler Park Neighborhood Association; on its Western Border it shall extend to Moreland Avenue, including all residences, property business on the East side of said dedicated street; on the Southern Border to and including the limits of Interstate Freeway 20, commonly known as "I-20"; and on the Eastern Border to the limits of the Kirkwood Neighborhood association, as in place as of November 1995, being Montgomery Street from I-20 to Boulevard Drive, then turning to the East along Boulevard Drive to Arkwright Street and then in a Northeasterly direction to Roger Street, and then in a Northerly direction to and including DeKalb Avenue. Persons living on any of the designated

designated streets on the Eastern Boundary may, at their election, belong to either Edgewood or Kirkwood associations, or both.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership. The organization shall be composed of two class of members defined as business members and individual members.

Section 2. Business members shall be defined as any business with a regular place of business within the boundaries of the Organization. Business members shall also include persons or entities who own property within the boundaries of the Organization but do not use that property as a principal residence.

Section 3: Individual members shall be any person who resides, works, owns or exhibits an intention to purchase a primary residence within the boundaries of the Organization. Said intention to purchase shall be demonstrated by a contract to buy a primary residence in the Organization's territory.

Section 4. Determination and verification of membership in the Organization shall be made by the Vice President of the Organization, who may from time to time delegate said responsibility to any other officer of the Organization. Said delegation shall be in writing.

Section 5 . Membership Rights: Each member shall have such rights and privileges consistent with these Bylaws as the Executive Board may from time to time determine. As a condition of consideration of membership, each applicant or member does hereby agree and consent to waive, release and quitclaim each and every claim, demand or action the member may have against the Organization, its officers, employees or agents arising in any way as a result of membership in the Organization.

Section 6. Membership Eligibility:

A. Businesses shall be eligible for membership based upon the above-criteria and upon the payment of \$120 (one hundred twenty dollars) membership contribution, said contribution being payable upon request for membership, to be prorated from date of membership to end of calendar year, and payable in advance on or before January 30 of each year thereafter, or in quarterly installments with an additional payment of \$5 per payment when quarterly installments are chosen.

B. Current residents and persons who work within the boundaries of the Organization shall be eligible for membership upon attending any two of three consecutive meetings of the Organization and registering said attendance through the secretary of the Organization.

C. Intended residents, as discussed above, may pay a one-time fee of \$200 to become members of the Organization in lieu of meeting the attendance requirements for current residents and persons who work within the boundaries of the Organization who will then immediately become members.

Section 7. Membership Voting. Each person, business or other member shall have one vote if that member has attended at least two meetings in the 12-month period immediately preceding the meeting in which the vote is taken.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be monthly meetings of the membership at a time and place set by the Executive Board, currently the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Antioch East Baptist Church. Said meeting time and place may be changed by written agreement of the Executive Board without need to amend these Bylaws.

Section 2. A Quorum shall consist of not less than eight members attending a meeting.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of the Officers of the Organization and for voting purposes or to conduct business three Officers are required.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

Section 1. The elective officers for the Organization shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. Any person who has attended three meetings in the previous 12 months shall be eligible for election as an Officer of the Organization.

Section 3. The term of office shall be for 12 months and elections for new officers shall be held in November of each year and new officers shall assume office on January 1 of the following year.

Section 4. President . The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Executive Board and shall prepare an agenda for each meeting and see to it that the expressed will of the organization is carried out.

Section 5. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge o the President's duties as the President and shall perform the President's duties in the event of the President's temporary disability or absence.

Section 6. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and membership meetings and shall coordinate the production and distribution of information regarding the organization.

Section 7. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain the financial records of the organization and shall be prepared to report on the financial status of the Organization at each meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTION PROCEDURES

Section 1 No later than the September meeting of the Organization the Executive Board shall appoint nominating committee for the purpose of seeking members interested in becoming an Officer of the Organization.

Section 2. The nominating committee shall report its findings at the October meeting. The nominating committee may recommend more than one member for any elected position.

Section 3 . The names of all such members shall be reported to the membership at the October meeting of the Organization. The presiding officer at said meeting shall announce that the Organization is seeking additional members interested in serving as Officers and Directors at this October meeting.

Section 4. At the November meeting of Organization the names of those members mentioned above and those nominated from the floor shall be considered, and election shall be held for officers.

Section 5. Election shall be based upon a majority vote; should no majority be reached upon first ballot, discussion and further balloting shall take place with an immediate run-off between the two members receiving the largest number of votes in the first ballot.

ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. The President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, shall set up such committees or make special appointments as maybe required for the operation of the Organization, including for special project which serve to further the goals of the Organization as set forth above.

ARTICLE X. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than four members of the Organization, to be appointed by not less than three members of the Executive Board. Members of the Nominating Committee eligible for nomination to office, but if a Nominating Committee member is suggested for election, the Committee must also propose at least one additional member for consideration for election for that office.

ARTICLE XI. PROCEDURES

Section 1. Insofar as practical, Robert's Rules of Order will be followed in Organizational Meetings.

Section 2. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be made upon 2/3rd vote of the Members of the Organization at any meeting. However, Notice of Attention to Amend the Bylaws must be given to the membership at least 30 days prior to a vote on the Amendments.