

**EAST MONTGOMERY NEIGHBORHOOD  
ALLIANCE**

Montgomery, Alabama

BY - LAWS

**Article I.**        NAME

**Section 1.** The name of this alliance shall be called **EAST MONTGOMERY NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (EMNA)**. (A private non-profit organization.)

**Article II.**    OBJECTIVE AND AIMS

**Section 1.** The objective of the EMNA:

To provide a means whereby the independent neighborhoods of east Montgomery may accomplish united actions in matters of common interest to the neighborhoods.

**Section 2.** The aims of the EMNA shall be:

**A:** To protect property values and to maintain the integrity and community standards of east Montgomery and adjacent areas. To promote the safety of families therein.

**B:** To stimulate and support neighborhood pride, activity and neighborly cooperation among the neighborhoods of the EMNA and adjacent areas.

**C:** To enhance neighborhood stability and promote the cultural and social growth of the EMNA neighborhoods and adjacent areas. To assist and advise local governmental and private organizations, churches, and schools. To exclude any activity in the Alliance's name that may be construed as partisan support or endorsement of political or business interests.

**Section 3.** This alliance is not organized for the profit of the officers or members. Upon formal dissolution of the Alliance, any balance of monetary assets,

obligations of all kinds, shall be disposed of equally among the member neighborhoods.

**Article III. MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** Any neighborhood, which is a recognized neighborhood of east Montgomery, shall be eligible for membership in this Alliance upon agreeing to such terms and conditions as shall be provided in the By-Laws of this Alliance.

**Section 2.** No neighborhood representative of the Alliance shall be personally liable, nor shall any of the property, real or personal, owned by the individual, be liable for any of the debts, liabilities or other obligations of the Alliance.

**Section 3.** Any Neighborhood of the Alliance who has not paid membership dues by the due date will be considered not in good standing and will not be entitled to vote for any Alliance activities. Any Neighborhood of the Alliance may become a member in good standing at any time during the year by paying the annual dues.

**Section 4.** Any neighborhood in east Montgomery may petition the EMNA for membership.

**Article IV. OFFICERS/ BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1.** The officers of this Alliance shall be the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

**Section 2.** The number of Directors shall be eight (8). The Board of Directors will consist of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, along with three other neighborhood representatives. Directors are to be elected by the neighborhood representatives to the Alliance.

**Section 3.** Any Board Member having three consecutive unexcused absences from board meetings will be removed from the Board. Vacancies on the Board of Directors will be filled by appointment from the President. These appointments will be valid until ratified by a majority vote of representatives present at the next meeting.

**Section 4.** Officers and/or Directors shall not benefit from gifts of any kind, due to his or her position in the Alliance, during or at the end of his/her term.

**Article V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS/ BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1.** The officers mentioned in Article IV, Section 1, shall be elected annually from neighborhood representatives. Three other neighborhood representatives on the Board of Directors will serve one three-year term, with one being elected each year. Two thirds of representatives present (within a quorum) may vote and remove an officer/director from office. A nominating committee will be formed yearly to recommend a slate of officers and Board members.

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors is that group of persons vested with the business and affairs of this Alliance. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make expenditures up to \$300.00. Any expenditure in excess of \$300.00 shall have the approval of the neighborhood representatives (within a quorum) to the Alliance. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to incur a total debt up to \$1,000.00. Debts in excess of \$1,000.00 shall have the approval of the neighborhood representatives (within a quorum).

**Article VI. MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** Regular meetings shall be held at least once during each quarter of the fiscal year, at such time and place designated by the President except that there shall be an annual meeting in October of each year for the election of the Officers/ Board members. Newly elected Officers/Board members assume their duties November 1.

**Section 2.** Upon invitation of the President, any member in good standing may attend a Board of Directors meeting as a consultant in a non-voting capacity.

**Article VII. QUORUM**

A quorum constitutes of one third of neighborhood representatives to the Alliance. A simple majority of representatives present shall be sufficient to approve business of the Alliance and proposals placed before it.

**Article VIII. AUTHORITY FOR PROCEDURES**

Roberts Rules of Order shall be recognized as the standard authority for the parliamentary procedures of the Alliance.

**Article IX. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

**Section 1.** The President shall preside at all meetings and in the absence of the President the Vice President shall preside; in the absence of both, the representatives present and voting shall elect a President PRO TEM, who shall preside and exercise the usual functions of the President. The President shall make copies of the By-Laws available to all members. The President shall also make clear at each meeting that only neighborhoods (representatives) in good standing (dues paid up) are eligible to vote.

**Section 2.** The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of the Board and quarterly meetings and keep the records of the Alliance. The Recording Secretary shall disseminate the minutes of quarterly meetings approximately two weeks after the meeting and give notice of the next meeting one week in advance by setting out the meeting agenda.

**Section 3.** The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct and have charge of all communications sent or received by the Alliance. The Corresponding Secretary shall perform such other duties, as the Alliance shall direct. The Corresponding

Secretary shall keep the roll of membership and shall inform the Treasurer of any changes in the roll.

**Section 4.** The Treasurer shall keep the Alliance accounts, collect all revenues for the Alliance and make disbursements. At the yearly election, the Treasurer shall submit to the Alliance an annual operating statement and balance sheet (financial report). The Treasurer shall deposit all funds of the Alliance in a depository to be designated by the Board of Directors. All checks drawn on the account shall be signed by the Treasurer, and President, or Vice President.

**Section 5.** The voluntary resignation of Alliance Officers shall be submitted to the President in writing. Any such resignation is effective upon receipt.

## **Article X.**

### **DUES**

**Section 1.** The annual dues for membership in the Alliance shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and ratified by a majority of the representatives present.

**Section 2.** The fiscal year of the Alliance shall be from November 1 to October 31 of the following year.

**Section 3.** The dues shall be payable before November 1st of each year for the ensuing fiscal year.

**Section 4.** No neighborhood in default of dues shall be entitled to participate in voting on Alliance business.

**Section 5.** Emergency funds shall be limited to a total determined by the Board of Directors, in any fiscal year, and be ratified by a majority of the representatives present.

**Section 6.** Dues shall be used for the administration of the business of the Alliance.

**Section 7.** Dues are non-refundable.

**Section 8.** The Vice President, along with the Treasurer and Committee Chairs, will develop a functional budget to be presented at the first general meeting of the year (1st quarter of the calendar year - January).

## **Article XI.**

### **COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** Designated committees shall be appointed by the President and sanctioned by the Board of Directors. Committee Chairs shall be filled by neighborhood representatives. Other Committee personnel may be obtained from neighborhoods that are members of the Alliance.

**Section 2.** A Standing Nominating Committee shall be formed to present to the members a proposed slate of candidates for the Board of Directors, at the October meeting.

**Section 3.** Standing Committees may be formed for the following functional activities. Committees (those listed below and others) may be activated as deemed necessary by the President and the Board of Directors.

Publicity

Education and Safety

City Services

Membership

Social

Neighborhood Watch

**Article XI. BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS:**

**Section 1.** Any proposed amendment to these By-laws shall become a part hereof by a majority vote (within a quorum) of the representatives present. Any proposed amendment shall be distributed to the members thirty days prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted on.

**Article XIII. DEFINITIONS**

**Member:** A recognized neighborhood in good standing with the Alliance.

**Board of Directors:** Alliance Officers consisting of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and three elected representatives from neighborhood members.

**Representatives:** Voting individuals (two from each member neighborhood). Each neighborhood shall determine its own representatives.

**Recognized Neighborhood:** A neighborhood in east Montgomery that is organized, has designated officers and desires affiliation with the East Montgomery Neighborhood Alliance.