

BYLAWS
The Georgetown Historic District Homeowners' Association
Approved October 29, 2009

Article I

NAME

The name of the organization shall be "The Georgetown Historic District Homeowners' Association."

Article II

COMPOSITION and BOUNDRIES

The Association shall be made up of residential property owners living within the Historic District of Georgetown. The boundaries of the Historic District for the purpose of membership shall include the south side of Church Street, extending to Meeting Street to the East and Wood Street to the West and bounded by the Sampit River beyond Front Street.

Article III

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.

"Association: shall mean and refer to GHDHA, its successors and assigns.

Section 2.

"Common Area" shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

Section 3.

"Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the Historic District with the exception of the Common Area.

Section 4.

"Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner of the fee simple title to any lot which is a part of the Historic District, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Article IV

PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization is:

- a) to preserve, protect and enhance the beauty, character, and heritage of the Georgetown Historic District;
- b) to promote the cooperation and interchange of ideas among the property owners on matters and issues of common interest;
- c) to protect the health and safety of its residents;
- d) to promote improvements in the city's infrastructure and to support city initiatives deemed favorable;
- e) to insure that the pros and cons of any material issues are communicated to the membership and to other interested parties;
- f) when appropriate, to attempt to influence the, outcome of material issues by speaking with a unified voice to appropriate levels of government, other institutions and the public at large.

Article V

MEMBERSHIP

Members shall be adult owner(s) of a single family residence in the Historic District who resides South Carolina.

A member may also be the owner of a B&B who occupies the B&B as their primary residence.

If the property is in the name of only one resident, the spouse of that owner shall be included in the membership.

To be a member in good standing and eligible to vote on affairs of the Association, a family must have paid the annual dues for the year in which the annual meeting is held. Entitlement to vote is limited to one vote per lot.

The vote for such lot shall be exercised as they determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any lot and in no respect shall one member have more than one vote.

The Board of Directors may also grant Auxiliary Membership status to any person who has an interest in the affairs of the Historic District.

Auxiliary Members may attend meetings and have access to the members' web site. Auxiliary Members may NOT hold office in the Association and may NOT vote in membership meetings.

Article VI

BOARD of DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the Officers, to include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) other Board Members. The Board of Directors shall serve *two* (2) calendar year (January 1 - December 31) or until their successors have been elected and installed.

Article VII

MEETINGS

Section 1: Membership Meetings

The annual meeting of the membership shall be held in September/ October with at least two additional general meetings held annually. The time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors. All members to be served notice, via written memoranda, telephone or email at least one week prior to all meetings.

Section 2: Board Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet at least six (6) times a year.

Section 3: Quorum

33 % of voting members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business at all membership meetings. At all meetings of the Board, more than fifty per cent of the Directors shall constitute a quorum, and the act of two thirds of the Directors present shall be an act of the Board of Directors.

Article VIII

DUES

Annual dues shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership. To be considered a member in good standing, members must have paid their annual dues at the beginning of the fiscal year and no later than the September/October date of the annual meeting. The fiscal year shall commence the first day of July.

Article IX

ELECTION of BOARD of DIRECTORS

The officers and five (5) additional Board Members shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Presentation of the slate shall be made to the membership at the September/October meeting, at which time nominations may be made from the floor. Elections shall be made during that meeting provided a quorum is present.

Article X

DUTIES of OFFICERS

Section 1: The President

The President shall preside over all Association meetings and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association. He/she may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2: The Vice-President

The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.

Section 3: The Secretary

The secretary shall take the minutes of all membership meetings and the Board of Directors' meetings, which shall be considered the official record of business transacted. He/she shall be responsible for all written communication sent out at the request of the membership or the Board of Directors.

Section 4: The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of these monies, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board, and shall disperse same upon order of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board of Directors at their regular meetings and an annual report to the annual meeting.

Article XI

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors may establish Standing Committees such as:

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| a) Membership | e) Environment |
| b) Tourism | f) City Liaison |
| c) Beautification | g) Nominating |
| d) Traffic and Safety | h) others as deemed necessary |

Article XII

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised Edition, shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws.

Article XIII

AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-third vote of the voting members present and voting at the annual meeting; provided that a quorum is present and that the amendments were submitted to the entire membership in writing at least one week in advance of the meeting.

The elected board of directors of **The Georgetown Historic District Homeowners' Association (GHDHA)** drafted changes to the original Bylaws in order to reflect the changed nature of our community.

Article XII of the original **GHDHA** Bylaws for provided an amendment process. This article read:

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These amendments were presented and **approved** at the annual membership meeting on Oct 29, 2009.