

East Fort Worth Business Association
By-Laws as of April 4, 2002

ARTICLE I Name

The legal name of this organization shall be "East Fort Worth Business Association".

ARTICLE II Purpose

The Association should concern itself with the supply and distribution of commerce and trade in East Fort Worth.

To this end, the association should be involved in the following activities:

- 1.) Provide a monthly forum on topics related to the growth and development of East Fort Worth.

- 2.) Provide an atmosphere for businesses to interact in an attempt to develop relationships for friendship, community and business.

- 3.) Develop, implement and advertise the economics of East Fort Worth.

- 4.) Be a voice for the advancement, development and improvement of the infra-structure of East Fort Worth (Eg. street designs, zoning, landscaping, beautification projects, etc.)

- 5.) Review and critique issues and projects of interest to business and Community of East Fort Worth.

Article III Membership

Section 1 Membership in this Association may be held by any professional person, individual, firm, corporation, or member or employee of any corporation, firm or professional firm with a business or residence in Tarrant County whether it is for-profit or non-profit business.

Section 2 Any member in good standing may propose a person, firm or corporation for membership. A proposal and/or application for membership, along with a check for dues, shall be sent to the Executive Secretary, who shall submit the application to the Executive Board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. A majority vote of the Executive Board president shall elect to membership at that time.

Section 3 A. Any member three months in arrears in payment of dues or meals shall be suspended but may be reinstated upon settlement of their account.

B. No renewal of membership shall be accepted without payment of dues and meal obligations.

ARTICLE IV Officers and Directors

Section 1 The Officers of the Association shall consist of the following:

PRESIDENT: Duties shall be to implement and carry out any subjects involving the Board of Directors and Association. The President will preside over the monthly General Meeting and the Board of Directors Meeting. This person will also represent the Association in any civic meetings.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: This person shall carry out any and all duties in the absence of the President. This position shall also conduct the membership promotions and drives during the year reminding the membership of the importance of attendance as well.

VICE PRESIDENT: This person shall coordinate programs for the monthly meetings. In the absence of the President and President-Elect, this person will preside over all meetings.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR: This position will coordinate all publicity of the Association to include but not limited to press releases, securing and distribution of photographs and general communication with the media.

SECRETARY: Duties shall be to be responsible for all board meeting minutes and coming board agenda.

TREASURER: Duties shall be to send all dues statements, be responsible for all money coming in and being disbursed and submitting a list of checks to be written before hand so that the Board can approve all expenditures. The Treasurer shall keep all records to be passed on to the next Treasurer. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for providing a change box and collection of all funds collected by the Association at the regular luncheons, the Board meetings and all special projects.

ECONOMIC AWARENESS DIRECTOR: The Chairperson would be responsible for creating an awareness of the economic possibilities in East Fort Worth. This person should develop a list of business leaders, developers and business owners in an effort to create an opportunity for commerce and dialogue. The Director and committee is charged with the task of promoting business in East Fort Worth.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR: The Chairperson shall deal with those projects which will enhance the quality of life in East Fort Worth. The Director and Committee will be involved with the infrastructure of the area to include but not limited to zoning, street design, landscaping, beautification projects or any other project that might add to or detract from the community of East Fort Worth.

EVENTS COMMITTEE DIRECTOR: This committee will be responsible for any and all events sponsored by the Association.

PAST PRESIDENT: The immediate Past-president will be a full and voting member of the Board of Directors.

Section 2

The officers shall be elected for one calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31 with the exception of President, who shall be elected for a two calendar year term. Any or all other officers may be re-elected.

There may be a paid Executive Secretary appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The Executive Secretary will be a support position with no voting rights concerning Board decisions. This person will report directly to the President and carry out directives from the President and the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall consist of those officers listed above. A simple majority of the Board of Directors is required for a quorum. Any vacancies will be filled by Presidential appointment with approval from the Board of Directors. All appointments will be in effect until the next regularly scheduled election. If a member of the Board is absent at two consecutive meetings without an excuse acceptable to the Board of Directors, then upon majority vote of the Board that member shall lose his/her seat on the Board and the Board shall appoint a new Director.

ARTICLE VI Revenue and Finance

The Board of Directors shall set the amount of dues for the membership.

The fiscal year for the Association shall be January 1 - December 31. The Treasurer shall furnish records and an audit as directed by the Board.

ARTICLE VII Public Activities

The Association shall seek by fair discussion at its meetings and in other ways to keep its membership informed on all matters of importance. The organization shall have the right to give public expression by means to its attitude on any matters affecting people or property in the area mainly served by this Association and to matters concerning the city, county, state, and nation.

ARTICLE VIII Rules of Order

“Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these by-laws.

ARTICLE IX Amendments

Any change in these by-laws will be published and mailed, then read at one regular meeting of the Association. All members must be notified at least ten days prior to the first meeting at which any change is to be presented and a majority of voting members present will determine approval.

These by-laws were originally adopted on July 3, 1975 amended on February 1, 1979, amended on February 2, 1984, amended on September 15, 1994. The latest revision was presented on April 4, 2002.