

EPIC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be EPIC (Every Person Is Concerned), Inc.

ARTICLE II – BOUNDARIES

Section 1. EPIC boundaries shall be, in the City of Chicago, in the community of Edgewater, the north side of Elmdale, the east side of Glenwood, the south side of Rosedale and the west side of Broadway, in addition to both sides of Magnolia from Rosedale south to include house numbers through 5843.

Section 2. Any contiguous block which wishes to join EPIC may submit a petition signed by at least 25 of its residents. A three-fourths vote of EPIC members present and voting at a general meeting shall be necessary for approval of the petition.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES

Section 1. EPIC shall be organized and conducted as a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois.

Section 2. EPIC shall be committed to the betterment of the area and its people, shall be designed to confront the problems of urban life, and shall carry out the activities which nurture a neighborhood spirit.

Section 3. No part of the capital assets, if any, of EPIC shall be used to benefit any individual; no part of its capital assets, if any, shall be distributed to any individual or corporation organized for profit if EPIC should liquidate.

Section 4. EPIC shall not participate in any fund-raising for any other organization without a three-fourths majority vote for approval at any general meeting.

Section 5. EPIC shall be non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-commercial.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Any persons who lives on or owns property within the boundaries of EPIC and who also is at least 15 years of age shall be eligible to join EPIC. Annual dues shall be \$2.00 per person. The membership year shall run from April 1 to March 31. A person shall be entitled to join at any time of the year but shall pay the same dues fee as that for an entire year.

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ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES continued

Section 2. The privilege of holding an office or a chairmanship and of making motions or voting shall be confined to paid members. Each member shall be entitled to one vote; absentee votes will be allowed in major elections where written ballots are utilized.

Section 3. Non-EPIC residents may be allowed to join by majority vote of the membership at any general meeting.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 1. EPIC officers shall be a president, a vice president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, and a treasurer. Each officer shall be elected for a one-year term and may not serve consecutively in the same office for more than two terms. The officers shall constitute the executive committee, a majority being a quorum.

Section 2. Nominations for officers shall be made by a nominating committee of five members. Three members and a first alternate shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting, following the election of officers. Two members and a second alternate shall be elected by the board of directors at the board meeting following the annual meeting. Vacancies in the committee shall be filled by the alternates; further vacancies shall be filled by the board of directors. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum and shall select their own chairman. This committee shall serve from May 1 to April 30. Should any vacancy occur among the officers, the committee shall select a replacement for the balance of the term. No person shall serve on this committee consecutively for more than two years.

Section 3. At the meeting preceding the annual meeting, the committee shall present a slate of one name for each office to be filled – or, if unable to complete the slate by that time, shall present the incomplete slate. A person must have been a member of EPIC for at least 30 days in order to be eligible for election or selection to office. No name shall be placed in nomination without the consent of the nominee.

Section 4. Election of officers shall be held at the March (annual) general meeting. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

Section 5. The duties of officers shall be assumed after the election at the annual meeting.

Section 6. No elected public or party official or candidate may hold an office in EPIC.

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ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The president shall preside at all meetings of EPIC, the board of directors, and the executive committee and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the nominating committee. The president shall appoint chairmen of all committees, standing and special (except the nominating committee) and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office.

Section 2. The vice president shall act as an aide to the president and shall assume the duties of the president in his/her inability to act.

Section 3. The recording secretary shall keep an accurate and permanent record of all meetings of EPIC and its board and shall perform such other duties as delegated under the direction of the president.

Section 4. The corresponding secretary shall handle all general correspondence under the direction of the president.

Section 5. The treasurer shall receive all monies and shall keep an accurate permanent record of receipts and disbursements and shall pay out funds only upon presentation of vouchers signed by the president. The treasurer shall present a written statement of account at each general meeting and at such other times as may be required by the president or the board and shall make a full report at the March general meeting. All monies shall be placed in a depository approved by the board of directors.

Section 6. The treasurer's books shall be audited prior to the March general meeting and at such times during the year as the board may deem advisable. The president shall appoint an auditing committee of not fewer than three members who, satisfied that the books are correct, shall sign and date a statement to that effect.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1. General meetings shall be held at least six times during the membership year, with the annual meeting to be held in March. Meeting dates shall be determined by the board, who, by a majority vote, shall schedule additional general meetings as they deem necessary.

Section 2. Fifteen members, including at least two officers, shall constitute a quorum at each general meeting.

Section 3. A general meeting shall not be convened prior to the announced starting time.

Section 4. Due notice (at least five days) shall be circulated to all members prior to a general meeting.

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ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS continued

Section 5. A quorum being present, the outcome of any vote shall be the specified percentage of those voting.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The board of directors shall consist of the elected officers and of the chairmen of the standing committees (except the nominating committee).

Section 2. The duties of the board shall be to transact necessary business between general meetings and such other business as may be referred to it, to pass on the plans of work of committee chairmen, and to present a report at general meetings.

Section 3. The board shall meet prior to each general meeting and at such other times as the president or a majority of the board deem necessary. A quorum shall be five board members, including at least two officers.

Section 4. Any action or recommendation of the board shall be brought before the next general meeting.

Section 5. The board of directors may authorize expenditures of items not to exceed \$25.00. Any other expenditure must be approved at a general meeting.

ARTICLE IX – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. The board of directors shall create such standing committees as may be required to promote the purposes of EPIC.

Section 2. The president shall appoint chairmen of the standing committees with the approval of the executive committee. The term of each chairman shall expire at the end of the membership year.

Section 3. Each standing committee chairman shall present a plan of work to the board and shall not undertake committee work without board approval.

ARTICLE X – REPRESENTATION

EPIC shall select representatives/observers to such community-oriented organizations as a majority of the membership deem advantageous to EPIC. Any vote cast by such delegated persons shall not bind EPIC to any action or involvement.

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ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

This document, upon the written request of 20 members, or upon the recommendation of the board, may be altered by a two-thirds written vote at any general meeting, provided written notice of the meeting and the alteration(s) shall be circulated to all members at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern EPIC in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they do not conflict with this document.

AMENDMENT I

ARTICLE VII, Section 1, Meetings

General meeting shall be held at least four times during the membership year, with the annual meeting to be held in March. Meeting dates shall be determined by the board, who by a majority vote, shall schedule additional general meetings as they deem necessary.

AMENDMENT II

ARTICLE IV, Section 1, Membership and Dues

Any person who lives or owns property within the boundaries of EPIC and who also is at least 15 years of age shall be eligible to join EPIC. Annual dues shall be \$5.00 per family and \$3.00 per individual, effective as of June 8, 1987. The membership year shall run from April 1 to March 31. A person shall be entitled to join at any time of the year but shall pay the same dues fee as that for an entire year.

AMENDMENT III

ARTICLE IV, Section 1, Membership and Dues

Any person who lives on or owns property within the boundaries of EPIC and who also is at least 15 years of age shall be eligible too join EPIC. Annual dues shall be \$10.00 for individuals and families effective as of April 1, 2001. The membership year shall run from April 1 to March 31. A person shall be entitled to join at any time of the year but shall pay the same dues fee as that for an entire year.