

BYLAWS OF THE MELROSE EAST CRIME PREVENTION DISTRICT

ARTICLE I – NAME AND AUTHORITY

The name of this organization shall be the Melrose East Crime Prevention District (“District”) and it shall be governed by a Board of Commissioners (hereinafter the “Board”). The District was created by R.S. 33:9097.7(A) Act No. 139 (2009) and is a political subdivision of the State as defined in the Constitution of Louisiana. The District encompasses the area included within the following perimeter: Renoir Avenue, North Ardenwood Drive, North Lobdell Boulevard and Florida Boulevard.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

Section 1 – The purpose of the District shall be to aid in crime prevention and to add to the security of District residents by providing for an increase in the presence of law enforcement personnel in the District, R.S. 33:9097.7(C).

Section 2 – The District shall have the powers and duties conferred upon it pursuant to La. R.S. 33:9097.7(E).

ARTICLE III – GOVERNANCE

The governance of the Board shall be provided by La. R.S. 33:9097.7(D).

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1 – The Board shall elect from among its members at least three individuals to serve in the following capacities: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board may elect such other officers as it may deem necessary for the efficient operation of the Board.

Section 2 – Officers shall serve for a term of one year and until their successors are elected. Officers shall be elected at the first meeting of each calendar year by a majority vote of the members present and voting. Officers serving at the time of adoption of these bylaws shall serve until the first meeting of the Board after July 1, 2013.

Section 3 – A vacancy in any office shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. The election shall be at the first regular meeting of the Board held more than ten (10) days after the members are notified of the vacancy. Board members shall be eligible for reappointment.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1 – The President shall preside at meetings of the Board, shall serve as the spokesman for the Board, and shall be responsible for carrying out the instructions and orders of the Board.

Section 2 – The Vice-President shall perform the duties of President in the absence of the President and shall serve as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

Section 3 – The Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings of the Board and shall be the custodian of those minutes and of archives of the District and shall perform such other duties as are assigned by law or the Board, as well as those duties applicable to the office as prescribed by *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

Section 4 – The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining records of the funds of the District and shall cause said funds to be deposited in a bank or banks selected by the Board, which funds may be drawn as prescribed by the Board. The Treasurer shall see that the financial records of the Board are properly maintained, shall present at each regular meeting a budget status and financial report and shall perform such other duties as are assigned by the Board as well as those duties applicable to the office as prescribed by *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1 – Meetings of the Board shall be held not less than quarterly at a time and location determined by the Board at the first meeting of each calendar year. Notice of the dates and locations of meetings for each calendar year shall be made available to the public as required by La. R.S. 42:7.

Section 2 – Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by written request of at least three (3) members. The call of any special meeting shall be sent to members at least five (5) days in advance of the special meeting. Notice of a special meeting must be sent to the Secretary at least ten (10) days in advance of the special meeting.

Section 3 – Emergency meetings of the Board may be called by an officer of the Board and shall be limited to handling only those items related to the emergency.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Committees may be created by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any regular meeting of the Board. The President shall appoint all members of any committee.

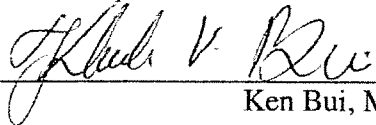
ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Board in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Board may adopt, and any statutes applicable to the District that do not authorize the provisions of these bylaws to take precedence.

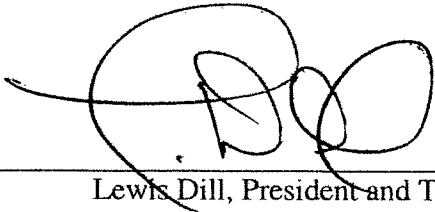
ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any regular meeting of the Board, provided that written notice of such proposed amendment has been delivered to members at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting at which they are to be considered.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS




Ken Bui, Member



Lewis Dill, President and Treasurer



Roth Walsh, Member



Milton Franklin, Vice-President



Pollie Johnson, Member




Will Belton, Secretary



Bruce Wood, Member

Adopted on this ____ day of September, 2012.



Will J. Belton, Secretary