

BY-LAWS  
FOR THE  
FORD HOMES HISTORIC DISTRICT

Adopted:  
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ARTICLE I  
PURPOSE

The Ford Homes Historic District is formed by Resolution of the Dearborn City Council (CR No. 6-629-79), adopted on June 5, 1979, with its purpose being to implement jurisdictions and responsibilities granted by such resolution. The purpose of the District shall include efforts to preserve the basic historic character of the District, within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE II  
OFFICES

The principal office of the Ford Homes Historic District shall be located in the City of Dearborn, County of Wayne and shall be the address of the current Chairperson of the District.

ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Class of Membership

There shall be one class of membership: Active.

Section 2: Eligibility

Every resident property owner of the Ford Homes Historic District shall have full-active membership rights.

ARTICLE IV  
MEETINGS

Section 1: Annual Meeting

The annual meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday in May. At this time, the Annual Reports will be submitted and the officers for the new term shall be elected and installed. Effective date of assuming office shall be July 1.

Section 2: Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the authority of the District Committee or by petition of 5% of the active membership, provided adequate notice is given at least one week in advance of the meeting.

Section 3: Quorum

10% of the active members in good standing shall constitute a quorum of any regular or special meeting of the District.

ARTICLE V  
THE FORD HOMES HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Section 1:

The affairs of the Ford Homes Historic District shall be managed by the District Committee, whose duty it is to transact all normal business of the District.

Section 2: Membership

The District Committee shall consist of SEVEN resident property owners elected at large. TWO members of the Dearborn Historical Commission shall also serve on the Committee.

Section 3: Termination of Committee Member

Any Committee member failing to attend three consecutive meetings of the District Committee may be dismissed from the Committee by a majority of the Committee members present at any regular meeting and having been so dismissed shall immediately cease to be a Committee member.

Section 4: Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the District Committee shall be held without other notice than this by-law on the first Tuesday of October, January, March and May.

Section 5: Special Meetings

Special meeting of the District Committee may be called any time at the request of the Chairperson or any two Committee members.

Section 6: Quorum

Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the District Committee.

Section 7: Vacancy

The Chairperson may fill any vacancy occurring on the District Committee, with the consent of the Committee and such person so appointed shall hold office until the next annual meeting and the successor shall have been elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VI  
OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers

Any member-resident-property owner shall be eligible to hold office. The officers shall be Chairperson, Chairperson Pro Tem, Treasurer and Secretary. Determination of the office shall be made by the membership at the Annual Meeting immediately following the election of Committee members. Determination shall be by secret ballot with the positions determined by ballots cast: Chairperson--highest vote tally; Chairperson Pro Tem--second highest vote tally; Treasurer and Secretary to be determined by the Committee.

Section 2: Election and Term of Office

All members of the District Committee shall serve for two years. (At the formation of the District Committee THREE persons will be elected to a one year term, FOUR persons will be elected to a two year term. In each successive year, persons will be elected to two year terms; three persons in even numbered years and four persons in odd numbered years.)

Section 3: Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be the presiding officer at all regular and special meetings of the District and the Committee. The Chairperson shall perform all duties incident to the office and act as liaison between the District, the Committee and the City of Dearborn.

Section 4: Chairperson Pro Tem

In the absence of the Chairperson, the Chairperson Pro Tem shall preside and discharge the duties of the Chairperson. The Chairperson Pro Tem shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Chairperson or the Committee.

Section 5: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall duly and faithfully keep account of any and all monies of the District, shall disburse said funds in accordance with the directions of the Committee. The Treasurer shall keep the active membership role. The funds of the District shall be deposited in a banking institution approved by the Committee, and may be withdrawn by co-signed check by the Treasurer and Chairperson, or any other officers designated by the Committee. Other duties may be assigned by the Chairperson or the Committee.

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Section 6: Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the Minutes of the Meetings of the Historic District and the District Committee: shall send all notices required by the by-laws and be custodian of the District records; shall perform such duties incident to the office of Secretary and any other duties that may be assigned by the Chairperson of the Committee. Copies of Minutes and records will be filed with the City-Clerk and Historical Commission and be available for public inspection and information during normal business hours.

ARTICLE VII  
COMMITTEES

Section 1: Special Committees

The Chairperson shall appoint such special committees as are required by projects undertaken by the District.

Section 2: Nominating Committee

The Chairperson shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of five members in March of each year. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare a slate of candidates for the election of members to the District Committee to be presented at the Annual Meeting in May. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor prior to the vote, with the consent of the nominees.

ARTICLE VIII  
FISCAL YEAR

Section 1:

The Fiscal Year of the District shall begin the first day of July and end the last day of June of the following year.

ARTICLE IX  
PROPERTY DISPOSITION

Section 1:

Ownership of all property belonging to the District shall be vested in the Active membership and in case of dissolution, after the payment of all debts and charges against said District, shall become the property of the Historical Commission.

ARTICLE X  
FINANCES

Section 1: Finances

Funds received through fund raising projects, gifts, etc., shall be used to advance the purposes of the Ford Homes Historic District as recited in Dearborn City Council Resolution No. 6-629-79 and the provisions of these by-laws adopted pursuant thereto.

ARTICLE XI  
AMENDMENT

Section 1:

These by-laws may be altered, amended, repealed or annulled in the following manner: the proposed change or changes shall be presented at a regular meeting and entered in the Minutes, after which they must lie over until the next regular meeting and a written notice with a copy of the proposed change or changes mailed to each member of the District at least six (6) days before the meeting, when it shall require the vote of two-thirds of the active members present and voting for passage.

ARTICLE XII  
EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1:

These by-laws shall become effective when considered and adopted by the membership and confirmed by the City Council.