

BY-LAWS
of
Eden Beautification Organization

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE, DUTIES AND POWERS

Section 1. Purpose. The Eden Beautification Organization was organized on March 18, 1997, and created to encourage its citizens, civic organizations, and owners of properties within the city limits to clean unsightly areas and transform them into more aesthetically pleasing venues.

Section 2. Duties. The Eden Beautification Organization shall encourage the preservation of Eden's natural beauty and environment, emphasize the benefits of a clean and beautiful city, and encourage volunteerism in developing community improvement. The Eden Beautification Organization may make recommendations for the long-term beautification planning and may act as an advisory board to the City Council and City Administrator.

Section 3. Powers. The Eden Beautification Organization shall have the power to make rules, regulations, and by-laws for its own management in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas. All said rules, regulations and by-laws shall be reviewed by the City Attorney and adopted by the Eden City Council prior to implementation.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERS OF THE EDEN BEAUTIFICATION ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Members. The Eden Beautification Organization shall consist of not fewer than nine (9) members.

Section 2. Appointment. The Eden City Council shall appoint replacements as appropriate.

Section 3. Qualifications. Members shall be 21 years of age or older and shall be residents of the City of Eden.

Section 4. Terms of Office. The term of office shall be as long as the member wishes to serve and is a contributing member of the board. Members of the Eden Beautification Organization shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses for education or professional conferences as approved by the City Council.

Section 5. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Eden Beautification Organization shall be filled by the City of Eden City Council.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meeting. The Eden Beautification Organization shall meet at least as frequently as once each calendar quarter. The Annual Meeting will be held in August. The regular meeting of the Eden Beautification Organization shall be held each quarter at the time and the location selected by the Chair. An agenda of the Eden Beautification Organization shall be posted in a public area and filed with the City of Eden City Secretary's Office at least 72 hours in advance of the regular meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings. A special meeting of the Eden Beautification Organization may be held upon the call of the Chair, or by the Chair at the request of three members of the Eden Beautification Organization. An agenda of the special meeting shall be posted in a public area and filed with the City of Eden City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours in advance of the special meeting.

Section 3. Attendance. Any member missing 25% or 1/4th of the regular meetings per calendar year that is unexcused, will be considered to be a terminated member. An absence will be defined as excused in instances of family emergency, work-related commitments, medical necessity, or vacation outside the City of Eden involving the board member. An absence will be defined as "unexcused" when no prior notification is provided to the chair or board member. An absence is unexcused when it is not related to the instances defined under an excused absence.

Section 4. Quorum and Vote. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the members. Provided said quorum is present, a simple majority voting in a like manner for or against an issue shall constitute the passing or rejection of the issue.

Section 5. Support Staff. The City Administrator shall be designated as the Eden Beautification Organization's staff liaison and shall cause copies of the Eden Beautification Organization's agenda, minutes, and notices to be filed with the City of Eden City Clerk. Said liaison may designate other City staff to facilitate matters of the Eden Beautification Organization as he/she deems necessary.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. Designation and Election of Officers. At the annual meeting in August each year, the members shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The method for nomination and election shall be determined by a vote of the majority of those members in attendance at such meeting. The Chair shall appoint committees for any purpose deemed necessary by the board in order to execute more effectively its duties and responsibilities.

Section 2. Terms. The officers shall serve a term of two years thereafter until their successors are elected. Any member chosen as an officer shall be eligible for reelection not to exceed two consecutive terms; but having served two consecutive terms in an office, such person shall not be eligible for reelection to the same office until the expiration of one year after the completion of such second consecutive term.

Section 3. Duties and Authority of Officers.

a. Chair: Shall preside at all meetings of the Eden Beautification Organization. He/She shall appoint members of all special committees and shall appoint such committees as he/she deems necessary and appropriate to carry on the business of the Eden Beautification Organization and shall designate the Chair of such committees.

b. Vice-Chair: Shall, in the absence of or disability of the Chair, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Chair and shall perform such other duties as the Eden Beautification Organization may prescribe.

c. Secretary: Shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Eden Beautification Organization, and during his/her term shall be custodian of all books and records of the Eden Beautification Organization. *All past records shall be stored at City Hall, City of Eden, Texas.

d. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall present the financial report at each quarterly meeting. The Treasurer shall present approved invoices to the Eden City Secretary for payment.

ARTICLE V

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall run concurrent with the fiscal year for the City of Eden which runs August 1 through July 31 each year.

ARTICLE IV
AMENDMENTS

Changes in the By-Laws of the Eden Beautification Organization shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members of the Eden Beautification Organization and provided to each member at least five (5) days before the meeting. The proposed changes must be noticed at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at which such changes will be considered and must be submitted to the Eden City Council for approval.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Eden Beautification Committee on this 4th day of May, 2023.

Chair,
Eden Beautification Organization

ATTEST:

City Secretary

Approved by City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2023.