

## How To Create a New Neighborhood Association or New Neighborhood Coalition

### Starting Your Association or Coalition

- Gather a core group of neighbors for a neighborhood association
- Gather a core group of neighborhood associations, homeowner associations, and community groups for a neighborhood coalition
- Establish the goals of the association or coalition and determine the purpose of organizing
- Identify your association boundaries for a neighborhood association
- Determine your members for a neighborhood coalition
- Create bylaws to govern your association's or coalition's actions, in compliance with the [Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance \(NARO\)](#)

### Benefits of Being Recognized with the ONC and the City

- Receive notice regarding various development, projects, and events in your neighborhood
- Learn about the ONC's trainings
- Get connected to other neighborhoods and City Departments

### How To Become Recognized with the ONC

- Complete the [Compliance Form](#) for Neighborhood Associations or for Neighborhood Coalitions
- Ensure your boundaries do not overlap with any other recognized neighborhood association if you're starting a new neighborhood association
- Ensure you send a complete list of member association to the ONC if you're starting a neighborhood coalition
- Make sure your bylaws include:
  - Date of Annual Meeting
  - For a neighborhood association: Stipulate that membership is available for all residents, including renters, property owners, and businesses within the boundaries of your association
  - For a neighborhood coalition: Stipulate that membership is available to all neighborhood associations, homeowner associations, business coalitions, community groups or individual residents within your Council District
  - Ensure that your bylaws clearly state that dues are voluntary and are not a requirement for either membership or voting

## Neighborhood Resources

- [Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance](#)
- [ONC Website](#)
- [Guidance for Bylaws](#)
- Link to [Annual Report Form for Neighborhood Associations](#) and for [Neighborhood Coalitions](#)
- [Map of City Neighborhood Associations and Coalitions](#)
- [Find Your City Councilor](#)