

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO.     O-22-15     ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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### ORDINANCE

**REPEALING “THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION ORDINANCE” SECTION 14-8-2 AND REPLACING IT WITH A REVISED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION ORDINANCE; AND PRESCRIBING RESPONSIBILITIES AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATION; AND MAKING REVISIONS TO THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE RELATED TO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NOTICE.**

**WHEREAS, Neighborhood associations are a core unit both geographically and socially in implementing democratic processes and ensuring better representation when communicating with City government; and**

**WHEREAS, A sound Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance will help promote the longevity and continuity of established neighborhood associations in the City; and**

**WHEREAS, Effective communication with the City is critical to neighborhood association success when it comes to implementing neighborhood goals; and**

**WHEREAS, Neighborhood associations should work closely with the City Office of Neighborhood Coordination (the “ONC”) to help build their capacity for effective outreach and communication with their members; and**

**WHEREAS, The ONC should work to effectuate internal communication between residents and their representatives, and work to improve coordination with City government in implementing neighborhood-scale initiatives, events, and projects; and**

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1       **WHEREAS, The ONC should continually assess and work to improve its**  
2 **capacity to provide and maintain a level of equitable access to information,**  
3 **resources, and technical assistance for all neighborhood associations**  
4 **regardless of their size and operational capabilities; and**

5       **WHEREAS, the purpose of §14-8-2 et seq. is to promote the objectives and**  
6 **observations specified by the above legislative findings, while not limiting**  
7 **opportunities for any other person or non-recognized groups, to offer input**  
8 **directly into the City’s decision-making processes; and**

9       **WHEREAS, the City conducted a two-year long public process known as**  
10 **the Neighborhood Engagement Process to help inform the updates proposed**  
11 **in this ordinance; and**

12       **WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Engagement Process was implemented to**  
13 **garner meaningful input and ideas from neighborhood groups, individuals,**  
14 **City Administration and City Council about how best to revise the existing**  
15 **ordinance and ensure that inclusiveness, equality and democratic processes**  
16 **are standardized in the updated ordinance; and**

17       **WHEREAS, the recommendations were outlined in a comprehensive**  
18 **summary report at the conclusion of the Neighborhood Engagement Process,**  
19 **and these recommendations guided provisions of the updated ordinance; and**

20       **WHEREAS, the concept of modern neighborhood associations is at least in**  
21 **part rooted in changes in attitudes toward civic participation precipitating in**  
22 **the 1960s, and federal policy that required governments to engage with**  
23 **community members during urban planning processes; and**

24       **WHEREAS, neighborhood associations can serve an important role in**  
25 **engaging community members at a grassroots level in local social justice and**  
26 **community issues, and in promoting collaborative community planning; and**

27       **WHEREAS, neighborhood associations are a source of important input**  
28 **from the community as they bridge the gap between residents and the**  
29 **government by providing information and engagement opportunities, and**  
30 **offer citizens a stronger role in organizing social change efforts in their**  
31 **neighborhoods; and**

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1       WHEREAS, urban planners and development professionals can sometimes  
2 have better access to those holding legislative powers, and in administering  
3 this ordinance the City recognizes the need for a constructive interface  
4 between neighborhood groups and the City to help address mistrust between  
5 neighborhood groups and the City, and to help overcome knowledge, access  
6 and experience barriers that could effectively quiet neighborhood voices when  
7 engaging urban planners and the City in various planning processes; and

8       WHEREAS, the growing complexities and interconnectedness of City  
9 issues and concerns demands collaboration amongst the City, its  
10 governmental partners, City businesses, and neighborhood associations; and

11       WHEREAS, the City’s engagement of neighborhood associations should  
12 always be through the lens of promoting stronger and more informed  
13 participation, as opposed to a means of appeasing obligations to take input  
14 while seeming to pursue contrary objectives; and

15       WHEREAS, in addition to neighborhood associations, it is also important to  
16 recognize neighborhood coalitions that have developed in the City because  
17 they can serve to link together broader community interests and serve as  
18 resources for less established associations.

19 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**  
20 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

21       **SECTION 1. REPEAL**

22       **§14-8-2 the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance is hereby**  
23 **repealed.**

24       **SECTION 2. New provisions for Neighborhood Association Recognition**  
25 **and other provisions for organized groups in §14-8-2 are hereby enacted as**  
26 **follows:**

27       **“[14-8-2-1 SHORT TITLE Sections §14-8-2-1 et seq. shall be cited as the**  
28 **“Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance”**

29       **14-8-2-2 DEFINITIONS.**

30       **For the purpose of §§ 14-8-2-1 et seq., the following definitions shall apply**  
31 **unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.**

1 BUSINESS OR COMMUNITY GROUP. An organized group of residents or  
2 businesses located within the City, but who may not necessarily reside within  
3 an identifiable geographic boundary.

4 HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION. An organization located within the City that  
5 is subject to state statute §47-16-2 The Homeowner Association Act.

6 IN-PERSON. In-person meetings and voting may include the use of virtual  
7 online meetings.

8 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. A voluntary organization or association  
9 formed by property owners and/ or residents within a specified geographic  
10 boundary within the City.

11 NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION. A group of two or more Neighborhood  
12 Associations and/or Homeowner Associations, together with any community  
13 or business groups and any individual members within a specified geographic  
14 boundary within the City.

15 RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. A neighborhood  
16 association that meets the criteria described in §14-8-2-3 et seq.

17 RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION. A neighborhood coalition that  
18 meets the criteria described in §14-8-2-4 et seq.

19 §14-8-2-3 APPLICATION AND CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION OF  
20 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS.

21 A. Any neighborhood association may request designation as a  
22 recognized neighborhood association by submitting a request to the Office of  
23 Neighborhood Coordination (the “ONC”) on forms provided by the ONC,  
24 together with a copy of the neighborhood association’s most current bylaws.

25 B. The City shall recognize each neighborhood association requesting  
26 status as a recognized neighborhood association under this ordinance where  
27 the neighborhood association conducts itself fairly, openly, and  
28 democratically. Neighborhood associations will be deemed to satisfy this  
29 obligation when their bylaws demonstrate, or their conduct is not otherwise  
30 inconsistent with, the following criteria:

- 1           1. The geographic boundaries of a recognized neighborhood  
2 association must be reasonable. Boundaries will be considered reasonable  
3 when:
  - 4           a. They are contiguous; and
  - 5           b. They encompass an area of the city that is greater than 15  
6 acres, but not more than one square mile; and
  - 7           c. They do not overlap with the boundaries of any other  
8 recognized neighborhood association; or
  - 9           d. The boundaries were in existence and recognized by the City  
10 as of October 20, 2017 and the neighborhood association is still in recognized  
11 status as of the date this ordinance is enacted.
- 12           2. Membership must be open to all adult persons residing within the  
13 boundaries, and to each place of business within the boundaries. Membership  
14 shall not be limited by race, creed, religion, color, gender, gender identity,  
15 sexual orientation, age, heritage, national origin, or income. The recognized  
16 neighborhood association shall in good faith take all reasonable steps to have  
17 its membership evenly distributed throughout its boundary, and all members  
18 must be eligible to hold any officer position within the association.
- 19           3. The bylaws must expressly identify the process of succession when  
20 an officer steps down voluntarily or is removed, and how vacant positions will  
21 be filled.
- 22           4. Only those persons within the boundaries of the association who  
23 have affirmatively joined the neighborhood association may be counted as  
24 members. The bylaws must clearly identify how membership is established.  
25 Dues may be collected, however payment of dues cannot be a prerequisite of  
26 membership or voting rights in the association.
- 27           5. The association shall hold an annual meeting. It shall notify the ONC  
28 of this meeting, and make a reasonable attempt to give written notice to all  
29 households and businesses within its boundaries at least two weeks in  
30 advance through placement of one or more signs at prominent locations

1 within the neighborhood association boundaries and one or more of the  
2 following:

- 3 a. U.S. mail; or
- 4 b. Delivered flyers; or
- 5 c. Website or social media posting; or
- 6 d. E-mail, text message, direct message through social media, or  
7 other form of electronic messages delivered to the known address of each  
8 member.

9 6. The association shall not hold a vote of the general membership on  
10 any question or candidate(s) unless it is advertised through the methods  
11 described in subsection 5 above, at least seven days in advance.

12 7. Bylaws should be reviewed regularly, but no less frequently than at  
13 least once every ten (10) years, and revised and resubmitted to the ONC only  
14 as may be necessary to reflect changes in election processes, organizational  
15 structure, or communication processes. If none of these changes have taken  
16 place, the association is not required to revise its bylaws.

17 8. The recognized neighborhood association shall identify an orderly  
18 and democratic process for making representative determinations and  
19 decisions on behalf of the association. For the purposes of this section, a  
20 recognized neighborhood association's process shall be deemed orderly and  
21 democratic if decisions are made via a majority of the total votes cast by  
22 association's officers, directors, or members. If an election or vote of the  
23 membership is held, it will satisfy the requirements of this paragraph where:

- 24 a. Members are given advance notice as prescribed by §14-8-2-  
25 3(B)(6), above; and
- 26 b. Each member is afforded the ability to vote using at least one  
27 of the following methods: in-person, mailed paper ballot, or electronic means  
28 (except that elections held at the annual meeting must be voted on in person  
29 consistent with subsection 9 below); and
- 30 c. If a virtual online meeting is used for an in-person vote, votes  
31 must be recorded via a roll call vote.

1           d. When voting occurs by paper ballot, results are tallied by a  
2 committee consisting of two or more members of the association and reported  
3 to association members in writing either electronically or hard copy.  
4 Electronic ballots must be canvassed in the same method, or through other  
5 reasonable methods.

6           9. With the exception of elections held at the annual meeting, a  
7 recognized neighborhood association must hold votes by at least one of the  
8 following mechanisms: electronically or by mail-in or paper ballot.

9           C. Officers of recognized neighborhood associations shall submit an  
10 annual report to the ONC within sixty (60) days of their annual meeting. This  
11 annual report shall be submitted via U.S. Mail or via an e-mail from the  
12 neighborhood board. The annual report must at a minimum contain the  
13 following information:

14           1. Number of members for the previous year; and

15           2. Two designated points of contacts, who shall be responsible to  
16 receive notices, including e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and mailing  
17 addresses; and

18           3. Names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and available phone numbers  
19 of current neighborhood association officers and/or board members; and

20           4. An updated copy of the bylaws only if they have been amended since  
21 last submitted; and

22           5. Evidence of how the annual meeting was noticed pursuant to §14-8-  
23 2-3(B)(6), above, for example a copy of the flyer that was used.

24           D. Failure to comply with any of the preceding criteria will result in a  
25 notification of noncompliance being sent to the recognized neighborhood  
26 association officers and/or board members from the ONC. Upon receipt of this  
27 notice, a recognized neighborhood association must offer evidence of  
28 compliance within 60 days; if it does not comply, the association will be  
29 removed from the list of recognized neighborhood associations.

30           §14-8-2-4 APPLICATION AND CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION OF  
31 NEIGHBORHOOD COALITIONS

1       A.    Any neighborhood coalition may request designation as a  
2 recognized neighborhood coalition by submitting a request to the ONC on  
3 forms provided, together with a copy of the neighborhood coalition’s most  
4 current bylaws.

5       B.    The City shall recognize each neighborhood coalition requesting  
6 status as a recognized neighborhood coalition under this ordinance where the  
7 neighborhood coalition conducts itself fairly, openly, and democratically.  
8 Neighborhood coalitions will be deemed to satisfy this obligation when their  
9 bylaws demonstrate, or their conduct is not otherwise inconsistent with, the  
10 following criteria:

11           1. Membership must be open to all recognized neighborhood  
12 associations, neighborhood associations, homeowner associations, business  
13 groups, and community groups within its boundaries, and may also be  
14 available to individual households and property owners within the boundaries  
15 of the coalition but who are located outside the boundaries of any recognized  
16 neighborhood association. However, no recognized coalition shall have any  
17 members in common with other recognized coalitions. No coalition shall limit  
18 membership based on race, creed, religion, color, gender, gender identity,  
19 sexual orientation, age, heritage, national origin, or income. Each member  
20 must be eligible to hold any officer position within the association.

21           2. The bylaws must expressly identify the process of succession when  
22 an officer steps down voluntarily or is removed, and how vacant positions will  
23 be filled.

24           3. Only those associations, groups, and households who have  
25 affirmatively joined the coalition may be counted as members. The bylaws  
26 must clearly identify how membership is established. Dues may be collected,  
27 however payment of dues cannot be a prerequisite of membership or voting  
28 rights in the coalition.

29           4. For the purposes of notice, recognized neighborhood coalitions shall  
30 receive notice per the boundaries of member associations or groups only, and  
31 not for any individual members;



1           5. The coalition shall hold an annual meeting. It shall notify the ONC of  
2 this meeting at least two weeks in advance, and make a reasonable attempt to  
3 give notice to all members at least two weeks advance notice through two or  
4 more of the following:

5           a. Website or social media posting;  
6           b. One or more signs placed in prominent locations; or  
7           c. E-mail, text message, direct message through social media, or  
8 other form of electronic messages delivered to the known address of each  
9 member.

10          6. The coalition shall not hold an election or a vote of the general  
11 membership on any question or candidate(s) unless it is advertised through  
12 the methods described in subsection 5 above, at least seven days in advance.

13          7. Bylaws should be reviewed regularly, but no less frequent than at  
14 least once every ten (10) years, and revised and resubmitted to the ONC only  
15 as may be necessary to reflect changes in election processes, organizational  
16 structure, communication processes, and financial processes. If none of these  
17 changes have taken place, the coalition is not required to revise its bylaws.

18          8. The coalition shall identify an orderly and democratic process for  
19 making representative determinations and decisions on behalf of the coalition.  
20 For the purposes of this section, a recognized neighborhood coalition's  
21 process will be deemed orderly and democratic if decisions are made via a  
22 majority of the total votes cast by coalition's officers or members. If an  
23 election or vote by the membership is held it will satisfy the requirements of  
24 this paragraph where:

25           a. Members are given advance notice as prescribed by §14-8-2-  
26 4(B)(6), above; and

27           b. Each member is afforded the ability to vote using one of the  
28 following methods: in-person, mailed paper ballot, or electronic means (except  
29 that elections held at the annual meeting must be voted on in person  
30 consistent with subsection 9 below); and

1 c. If a virtual online meeting is used for an in-person vote, votes  
2 must be recorded via a roll call vote.

3 d. When voting occurs by paper ballot, results are tallied by a  
4 committee consisting of two or more members of the coalition and reported to  
5 coalition members in writing either electronically or hard copy. Electronic  
6 Ballots must be canvassed in the same method, or through other reasonable  
7 methods.

8 9. With the exception of elections held at the annual meeting, voting  
9 may be done electronically or by mail-in or paper ballot.

10 C. Each recognized neighborhood coalition shall submit an annual  
11 report to the ONC within sixty days of its annual meeting. This annual report is  
12 to be submitted via U.S. Mail or via e-mail. The annual report must at a  
13 minimum contain the following information:

14 1. The names of all members who are associations or groups, and the  
15 number of individual members of during the previous year; and

16 2. Two designated points of contact who shall be responsible to  
17 receive notices, including e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and mailing  
18 addresses and

19 3. Names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and available phone numbers  
20 of current recognized neighborhood coalition officers and/or board members;  
21 and

22 4. An updated copy of the bylaws only if they have been amended since  
23 last submitted; and

24 5. A statement of how the annual meeting was noticed pursuant to  
25 section §14-8-2-4(B)5.

26 D. Failure to comply with any of the preceding criteria will result in  
27 notification of noncompliance being sent to the recognized neighborhood  
28 coalition two points of contact. Upon receipt of this notice, a recognized  
29 neighborhood coalition must offer evidence of compliance within 60 days; if it  
30 does not comply, the coalition will be lose its recognized status.

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1        **§ 14-8-2-5 RESPONSIBILITIES OF RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOOD**  
2 **ASSOCIATIONS AND RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOOD COALITIONS.**

3        **A. In addition to any other requirements of this ordinance, recognized**  
4 **neighborhood associations and recognized neighborhood coalitions shall:**

5            1. **By interaction with their members, residents, and the city, strive to**  
6 **engage with community and land use planning, protect the environment, and**  
7 **promote the community welfare;**

8            2. **Strive to foster communication between the recognized**  
9 **neighborhood association and/or recognized neighborhood coalition and city**  
10 **government on plans, proposals, and activities affecting their area;**

11           3. **Use best efforts to inform members and other eligible participants in**  
12 **their neighborhood association and/or coalition boundary of current issues;**

13           4. **When presenting its official position on an issue to the city or a city**  
14 **board or commission, be prepared to identify whether the decision was**  
15 **reached by the board, a poll of the general membership, or by a vote at a**  
16 **general membership, and the vote for and against the position.**

17        **§14-8-2-6 HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS, BUSINESS COALITIONS, AND**  
18 **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

19        **A. Homeowner associations, business coalitions, and community**  
20 **organizations may register with ONC by providing the following information:**

21           1. **A mailing address and an e-mail address where it wishes**  
22 **communications to be sent; such designation may be changed when**  
23 **appropriate.**

24           2. **A definition of the physical boundaries of the homeowner**  
25 **association, business coalition, or community organization and/or common**  
26 **interests.**

27        **B. Organizations that provide this information with the ONC will have**  
28 **access to all ONC services, including the ability to participate in the ONC's**  
29 **annual Neighborhood Summit. However, homeowner associations, business**  
30 **coalitions, and community organizations are not recognized and will not**  
31 **receive notification per the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO).**

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1           **§14-8-2-7 RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITY DEPARTMENTS OTHER THAN ONC**

2           **A.     The relevant City department(s) shall notify, via electronic notice,**  
3 **recognized neighborhood associations and recognized neighborhood**  
4 **coalitions whose boundaries include or are within one mile of the following:**

- 5                   1. **Changes in City services; and**  
6                   2. **Major infrastructure projects.**

7           **B.     The relevant City department(s) shall notify, via mailed or electronic**  
8 **notice, recognized neighborhood associations and recognized neighborhood**  
9 **coalitions of major City development or redevelopment per the requirements**  
10 **of the IDO**

11           **C.     The relevant City department(s) shall notify, via electronic notice, to**  
12 **the recognized neighborhood associations and coalitions within one mile of**  
13 **any City street construction, closure, and/or major repair, other than**  
14 **emergency work.**

15           **D.     The relevant City department(s) shall notify, via electronic notice,**  
16 **recognized neighborhood associations of filming on City streets within a 300-**  
17 **foot radius of filming.**

18           **§14-8-2-8- RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ONC**

19           **A.     The ONC shall:**

20                   1. **Make available on the City website the requirements for recognition**  
21 **under this ordinance, and upon request advise interested persons of these**  
22 **requirements;**

23                   2. **Verify whether each recognized neighborhood association and**  
24 **recognized neighborhood coalition has met the requirements for recognition**  
25 **within sixty days of the due date of each association's or coalition's annual**  
26 **report;**

27                   3. **Annually notify each recognized neighborhood association and**  
28 **recognized neighborhood coalition of its current recognition status through e-**  
29 **mail or U.S. mail; City agencies shall also be advised of association's and**  
30 **coalition's status;**

- 1           4. Encourage individuals to participate in their relevant existing  
2 recognized neighborhood association and recognized neighborhood coalition;
- 3           5. Aide City officials, recognized neighborhood associations and  
4 recognized neighborhood coalitions, and the general public during the  
5 community planning area assessment process outlined in the IDO,  
6 emphasizing collaboration and partnerships with all implementing  
7 departments;
- 8           6. Provide via the ONC website a current list of all city government  
9 agencies, their department heads, and corresponding contact information;
- 10          7. Advise the public of available grant programs and self-help projects  
11 including but not limited to programs that enhance communities and quality of  
12 life, and grant programs that could enhance the quality of life within their  
13 neighborhoods;
- 14          8. Connect the public with the appropriate City staff or agencies, and  
15 help ensure that inquiries get an initial response electronically or by mail  
16 within seven days of receipts of any correspondence received from any  
17 recognized association or coalition that requests an answer, definition or  
18 status of any city project within their boundaries;
- 19          9. Refer individuals and associations to the City Legal Department's  
20 Alternative Dispute Resolution Program to assist in resolving neighborhood  
21 disputes;
- 22          10. Provide pertinent City information to the public upon request and  
23 maintain links on its City webpage to commonly requested resources and  
24 information;
- 25          11. Maintain on the ONC webpage links to the Planning Department's  
26 resources regarding current development and permit applications;
- 27          12. Provide a city newsletter to inform the public about happenings in  
28 City government at least quarterly;
- 29          13. Provide workshops and trainings concerning city procedures and  
30 actions as well as the effective operation of neighborhood associations; such

1 workshops shall be provided free of charge, and must be open to all. Such  
2 workshops or trainings will occur at least once annually;

3 14. Once per calendar year, provide a citywide neighborhood summit  
4 that is noticed and open to all recognized neighborhood association,  
5 recognized neighborhood coalitions, and any other interested persons;

6 15. Upon the request of any person, supply contact information for the  
7 two designated points of contact for recognized neighborhood association or  
8 recognized neighborhood coalition representatives, as most recently specified  
9 by each recognized neighborhood association or coalition;

10 16. Upon request, provide relevant City departments with the contact  
11 information for recognized neighborhood associations or recognized  
12 neighborhood coalition;

13 17. Pursuant to §14-16-6-1 of the IDO, notice shall be provided, which  
14 specifies requirements for mailed or electronic notice, posted signs, web  
15 postings, and/or published notice; the ONC shall provide to the permit  
16 applicant required recognized neighborhood association and/or recognized  
17 neighborhood coalition point of contact information;

18 18. Provide its newsletter and any information, other than notifications  
19 described in section §14-16-6-1 of the IDO, to any person, homeowner  
20 association, business coalition, and community organization, whether or not  
21 they have provided the information in section §14-8-2-4(A), upon request;

22 19. Offer guidance, assistance, and resources (to the extent available) to  
23 recognized neighborhood associations and coalitions in meeting their  
24 notification obligations for certain meeting and votes as prescribed by this  
25 ordinance.

26 B. The ONC has no involvement with land use, permit applications, and  
27 development beyond providing applicants with the required neighborhood  
28 contact information and maintaining the ONC webpage links to the Planning  
29 Department's resources regarding current development projects and permit  
30 applications.

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1       **C.     Public Records. Documents and information submitted to the ONC**  
2 **pursuant to this ordinance constitute public records and will be made**  
3 **available to the public as otherwise required by law.**

4 **§14-8-2-9 DEVELOPER RESPONSIBILITIES**  
5 **Developers and persons engaging recognized neighborhood associations and**  
6 **coalitions relating to development proposals shall act with diligence and good**  
7 **faith in coordinating with neighborhood members and representatives. It is the**  
8 **responsibility of all persons in the development project, including those**  
9 **pursuing development projects, to promote collaboration, and listening with**  
10 **respect to neighborhood concerns.]”**

11 **SECTION 3. The definitions section (§14-16-7) of the IDO is amended only as**  
12 **follows, all other definitions remain unaffected:**

13       **“Neighborhood Association”**  
14 **[When used in this IDO, this term refers to recognized neighborhood**  
15 **associations and recognized coalitions as defined by §14-8-2 The**  
16 **Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance.]**

17       **SECTION 4. Amend IDO text in section 14-16-6-3(F)(1) as follows:**  
18 **“6-3(F)(1) Recognized Neighborhood Associations and Coalitions”**  
19 **Neighborhood Associations [and Coalitions] may [become Recognized]**  
20 **Neighborhood Associations or Coalitions pursuant to Part 14-8-2 of ROA 1994**  
21 **(Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance).”**

22       **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence,**  
23 **clause, word or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or**  
24 **unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not**  
25 **affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The Council**  
26 **hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section,**  
27 **paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any**  
28 **provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.**

29       **SECTION 6. COMPILATION. Sections 1 through 4 of this ordinance amend,**  
30 **and are incorporated in and compiled as part of the Revised Ordinances of**  
31 **Albuquerque, New Mexico, 28 1994.**

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1        **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect five days  
2 after publication by title and general summary. Recognized neighborhood  
3 associations or coalitions have 18 months from the effective date to come into  
4 compliance with the relevant sections of this ordinance in order to retain  
5 recognized status.