

Tres Orejas Neighborhood Association

Bylaws

Section One

Purpose and Mission Statement

The Tres Orejas Neighborhood Association shall represent the community of Tres Orejas legally described as Carson Estates Units 2 and 3 in Taos County New Mexico.

The Tres Orejas Neighborhood Association shall endeavor to preserve the off grid nature of Tres Orejas and encourage the use of off grid solar and wind technology.

The Tres Orejas Neighborhood Association shall work collectively towards shared goals that sustainably nurture, enhance, and empower our community for generations to come.

It shall deal with the large amount of abandoned property assessed to Great Southwestern Land Co. in Tres Orejas and endeavor to keep as much of it as possible either open space or under the control of neighboring property owners.

Section Two

Membership

1. All resident property owners of Tres Orejas may become voting members of TONA by simply showing up at a meeting and signing a membership list.
2. Resident tenants may become voting members of the association upon approval by the TONA board of directors. The board must consider the factors of rental agreements, landlord approval, length of residency and commitment to the community in their vote and may add other qualifications at their discretion on a case by case basis.

Section Three

Meetings

1. The association will hold both community and board meetings. Community meetings will be held with the voting participation of all TONA members and deal with matters that affect the community as a whole. Board meetings will be held with voting limited to the TONA board of directors and voting limited to the internal affairs of the TONA.
2. The association will hold an annual community meeting in the summer months with the date and time to be set each year by the board of directors. The board and officers of the association will be elected at that meeting. It will also hold community meetings to deal with specific issues at any time of the year. These meetings can be set by the board or requested by the association membership. If over 50% of the voting membership requests a meeting by written petition, the meeting must be held.
3. The association will hold board meetings on a flexible schedule with one board meeting every 90 days the minimum required. It will hold more meetings if the issues it is dealing with require it or the membership requests an additional meeting for a specific purpose.
4. All association meetings are open to the public. Board meetings will be publicly noticed at least ten days in advance of the meeting. Community meetings will require a minimum of three week's advance notice.
5. The quorum for a board meeting will be three directors. The quorum for a members meeting shall be 35% of the membership.
6. There will be a pass the feather discussion at all community meetings and public participation at all board meetings with community members allowed a minimum of three minutes to present any issues they have to the board. Both board and community meeting should be an open forum for the discussion of community issues.

Section Four

Directors and Officers

1. The association shall have five directors of which four will be the officers of the association. The officers shall be President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected at the annual members meeting for two year terms. The elections will be staggered so two positions are elected one year and three the following year. Candidates will run for both the board position and their intended officer position.

2. In the case of a director resigning or otherwise unable to complete his or her term, the remaining directors may appoint a board member pro-tem who will serve until the next annual meeting when an election will take place for that position. The term for that position will be the original term of the former director to maintain the staggered terms.
3. A director may be removed from the board by a 52% vote of the membership after a hearing by the board at a regular meeting with participation of community members. Just cause must be given for the removal and the director shall have the opportunity to refute any allegations and defend his or herself at the hearing. If the cause for removal is approved by a vote of the board and community members present, the removal will be voted upon by the full membership. This vote can be done at a community meeting or by distributing written ballots. If the director is removed, the board will appoint a new director to the position to serve until the next annual members meeting.

Section Five

Money and Finance

1. To further its goals and broaden its reach, the association will accept donations and hold fund raising events.
2. Directors and officers will receive no compensation for the work they do for they do for the association. They may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the running of the association.
3. The association Treasurer will be responsible for association finances with the approval of the board of directors.

Section Six

Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership at the annual members meeting or at a community meeting called for that purpose.

Section Seven

Dissolution

The association can only be dissolved by a vote of over 80% of the community. In the event of dissolution, the liquid assets of the association will be distributed to the membership and any real property owned by the association will be put into trust to prevent it from being developed.

Approved at the May 2nd Community on May 2nd 2026

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