

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

December 9, 2020

Agenda Item # 4 (A)

WWNC BYLAWS

Attached are WWNC's bylaws amended to conform with the new [Community Interest Stakeholder Ordinance](#) & [Uniform Age Ordinance](#). The attached bylaws have been formally approved on December 1, 2020.

Due to the limited time available to prepare for the upcoming 2021 NC Elections, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) has amended Palms NC's bylaws to implement the [Community Interest Stakeholder Ordinance](#) & [Uniform Age Ordinance](#). These changes are necessary for the City's effective administration of upcoming Neighborhood Council elections.

This accelerated timeline did not allow for the general practice of distributing a “stipulation worksheet” in which NCs are asked to discuss these mandatory amendments and approve and return the stipulation worksheet back to the Department for processing. Due to these constraints, the Department is requesting that your NC agendaize the review and approve the ratification of your newly amended bylaws at a future board meeting.

Attached is a copy of the Bylaws in Word format (.doc) and PDF (.pdf), along with a PDF noting the amendments to the bylaws.

The following changes have been made to the Bylaws in accordance with the [Community Interest Stakeholder Ordinance](#) (186761) & [Uniform Age Ordinance](#) (186760):

- Main Page - Added text to show amendments made by the Department and the date it was approved.
- Table of Contents - Updated page numbers and format to be easier to navigate in PDF.
- Footer - Amended date of when the Bylaws were approved along with the font changes.
- Throughout the Bylaws - Amended Bylaw for general grammar, format, spacing, and alignment corrections.
- Article IV - Amended Stakeholder text to conform to the [Community Interest Stakeholder Ordinance](#).
- Article V, Section 1 (J) - Amended "(as that term is defined in the Plan or amendments thereto)" to "(as defined in Article IV)" to be uniform with the Bylaw.
- Article X, Section 3 - Amended Minimum Voting Age text to conform to the [Uniform Age Ordinance](#).

- Attachment B - Amended the "Eligibility to Vote for the Seat" column by changing the minimum age to serve from 18 years of age to 16 years old to conform with the [Uniform Age Ordinance](#).