

EAST DISTRICT COUNCIL BY- LAWS REVISED & APPROVED 06-01-09

Name and authority: The name of this organization shall be the East District Council, as organized under the authority of, and pursuant to, the provisions of Attachment A to Resolution 27709 of the Seattle City Council adopted October 27, 1987, Resolution 28115 adopted December 18, 1989, and Resolution 28948 adopted July 11, 1994. . (<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/resources.htm>)

Boundaries: The boundaries of the East District Council include Capitol Hill, First Hill, Yesler Terrace, Miller Park, Madison Park and parts of the Madison Valley, as shown on:
<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/boundaries.htm>
Both sides of any street shown on the map as a boundary shall be within the District boundaries.

Purpose: The East District Council shall provide a forum for consideration of common concerns including physical planning, budget allocations and service delivery and for the sharing of ideas for solutions to common problems.

Neighborhood business and residential groups will continue to determine their own boundaries and will remain free to deal directly with City departments and elected officials as they have in the past.

Membership: Membership shall be of such community councils and neighborhood business organizations primarily located in the District Council's boundaries that wish to participate. Other representatives may be added at the discretion of the District Council. An applicant organization must not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation. Council membership requires active participation and may be terminated by lack of representation at half of any 12-month series of meetings, after review by the executive committee and vote of the membership.

Voting: Each member organization shall have one vote and may designate one representative and one alternate to the Council. The alternate shall be seated in the absence of the representative. Only those member organizations present may vote.

To take a vote, a quorum must exist at that meeting. A quorum shall exist when one half plus one of the active member organizations is present and has received seven days advance notice of the meeting. A procedural or an operational vote requires a simple majority of those present. To take an official position, amend the bylaws, or induct (or remove) a member organization shall require a two-thirds vote of the representatives at the meeting.

Organization: At least annually, the Council shall elect an Executive Committee consisting of a Chair, a Vice Chair and a Secretary to arrange for and chair District Council meetings, and carry out other duties as directed by the Council. Meeting minutes will be recorded and presented by a recording secretary provided by the Department of Neighborhoods.

Meetings: District Council meetings shall be open to the public and be held as needed on the first Monday except when it is a holiday, then the meeting will move to the following Monday. Meetings will be announced by the recording secretary in local newspapers and blogs, and shall be held at least 6 times per year.

Adopted, as revised, by the East District Council membership June 1, 2009.