

**PUGET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Bylaws**

**ARTICLE I**  
**Name**

The name of this organization, organized under the provisions of the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act (RCW 24.03), shall be the Puget Neighborhood Association (hereafter referred to as the Association).

**ARTICLE II**  
**Purpose**

The purposes of the Puget Neighborhood Association shall be:

- 1) To preserve and enhance the community and provide another avenue for citizen involvement in civic affairs.
- 2) To promote and provide a sense of community with the Puget neighborhood of the city of Bellingham, of the state of Washington.
- 3) To provide an open forum for the Puget neighborhood to meet and discuss issues and to work closely with government, business and other entities to address Puget neighborhood concerns including but not limited to matters of land use, zoning, and other laws, rules or regulations directly or indirectly affecting quality of life, neighborhood amenities, the character of the neighborhood, inter-relationship of neighbors consistent with Puget Neighborhood Association objectives, public safety, legal use of public and private land within the neighborhood; issues that maintain the character of the Puget Neighborhood; matters of environmental concern and preservation of the same;
- 4) To disseminate information of interest and concern to residents of the Puget Neighborhood; and
- 5) To engage in other lawful activity deemed by the Association to be in the best interests of the Puget neighborhood.

**ARTICLE III**  
**Members**

**Section 1. Membership.** All persons living in the Puget neighborhood, owning property or business in the Puget neighborhood, or living within the sphere of influence of the Puget neighborhood as determined by the board of directors are eligible for membership.

**Section 2. Process.** Eligible persons become members upon the payment of the dues and upon signing the membership roll with the Association secretary. The membership year shall begin on January 1.

**Section 3. Dues.** Dues shall be established in the standing rules of procedure. Dues will be kept minimal to encourage participation. Dues shall be payable on or before January 1 of each year.

