

Constitution of the Central Tremont Block Club

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- I. **Mission Statement:** The Central Tremont Block Club is a voluntary group of neighbors who meet monthly to address common concerns in their neighborhood.

- II. **Membership:** The CTBC membership is granted to all residents and homeowners who live within the borders of the block; West 3rd Street to the east, Literary to the north, Tremont to the west, and Jefferson to the south. Business owners within the block club area are also considered members of the CTBC. Employees of such businesses are not members unless they reside within the block club borders. Residents of adjacent block clubs who wish to become members of the CTBC can do so by expressing their desire and by attending four meetings within a 12-month period. They become members at their fifth meeting.

- III. **Governance:**
 - A. **The Constitution:** The Constitution can be amended by the membership of the block club by a simple majority vote. The block club is an independent entity that works in association with the Tremont West Development Corporation, but does not take orders from anyone other than the members of the block club.
 - B. **Meetings:** The meetings are held once a month at the discretion of the membership. Presently, meetings are held monthly at 6:30pm at an agreed upon location. At all meetings, one person should speak at a time; speakers should not be interrupted except by the chairperson. Use of recording devices is prohibited during meetings.
 - C. **Voting:** All voting will take place at meetings. All members can vote at the meeting. Each business in the block club has one vote. Owners and/or employees that live within the block club may vote as residents. Voting can be done by a show of hands or by a secret ballot at the discretion of the membership. A simple majority is needed to pass any issue.
 - D. **Offices:** Offices are created at the discretion of the membership. Chairperson – the office of chairperson or co-chairperson exists for one year. Elections are held in January of the year. The candidate must be a member. The chairperson runs the meetings, allots time to items on the agenda, and enforces the rule that one person speaks at a time.