

1 **WHEREAS, The ONC should continually assess and work to improve its**
2 **capacity to provide and maintain a level of equitable access to information,**
3 **resources, and technical assistance for all neighborhood associations**
4 **regardless of their size and operational capabilities; and**

5 **WHEREAS, the purpose of §14-8-2 et seq. is to promote the objectives and**
6 **observations specified by the above legislative findings, while not limiting**
7 **opportunities for any other person or non-recognized groups, to offer input**
8 **directly into the City’s decision-making processes; and**

9 **WHEREAS, the City conducted a two-year long public process known as**
10 **the Neighborhood Engagement Process to help inform the updates proposed**
11 **in this ordinance; and**

12 **WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Engagement Process was implemented to**
13 **garner meaningful input and ideas from neighborhood groups, individuals,**
14 **City Administration and City Council about how best to revise the existing**
15 **ordinance and ensure that inclusiveness, equality and democratic processes**
16 **are standardized in the updated ordinance; and**

17 **WHEREAS, the recommendations were outlined in a comprehensive**
18 **summary report at the conclusion of the Neighborhood Engagement Process,**
19 **and these recommendations guided provisions of the updated ordinance**[-] [
20 **and**

21 **[WHEREAS, the concept of modern neighborhood associations is at least in**
22 **part rooted in changes in attitudes toward civic participation precipitating in**
23 **the 1960s, and federal policy that required governments to engage with**
24 **community members during urban planning processes; and**

25 **WHEREAS, neighborhood associations can serve an important role in**
26 **engaging community members at a grassroots level in local social justice and**
27 **community issues, and in promoting collaborative community planning; and**

28 **WHEREAS, neighborhood associations are a source of important input**
29 **from the community as they bridge the gap between residents and the**
30 **government by providing information and engagement opportunities, and**

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1 offer citizens a stronger role in organizing social change efforts in their
2 neighborhoods; and
3 WHEREAS, urban planners and development professionals can sometimes
4 have better access to those holding legislative powers, and in administering
5 this ordinance the City recognizes the need for a constructive interface
6 between neighborhood groups and the City to help address mistrust between
7 neighborhood groups and the City, and to help overcome knowledge, access
8 and experience barriers that could effectively quiet neighborhood voices when
9 engaging urban planners and the City in various planning processes; and
10 WHEREAS, the growing complexities and interconnectedness of City
11 issues and concerns demands collaboration amongst the City, its
12 governmental partners, City businesses, and neighborhood associations; and
13 WHEREAS, the City’s engagement of neighborhood associations should
14 always be through the lens of promoting stronger and more informed
15 participation, as opposed to a means of appeasing obligations to take input
16 while seeming to pursue contrary objectives; and
17 WHEREAS, in addition to neighborhood associations, it is also important to
18 recognize neighborhood coalitions that have developed in the City because
19 they can serve to link together broader community interests and serve as
20 resources for less established associations.]
21 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
22 **ALBUQUERQUE:**
23 **SECTION 1. REPEAL**
24 **§14-8-2 the Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance is hereby**
25 **repealed.**
26 **SECTION 2. New provisions for Neighborhood Association Recognition**
27 **and other provisions for organized groups in §14-8-2 are hereby enacted as**
28 **follows:**
29 **“[14-~~18~~8]-2-1 SHORT TITLE Sections §14-8-2-1 et seq. shall be cited as the**
30 **“Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance”**
31 **14-~~18~~8]-2-2 DEFINITIONS.**

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1 For the purpose of §§ 14-8-2-1 et seq., the following definitions shall apply
2 unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

3 BUSINESS OR COMMUNITY GROUP. An organized group of residents or
4 businesses located within the City, but who may not necessarily reside within
5 an identifiable geographic boundary.

6 HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION. An organization located within the City that
7 is subject to state statute §47-16-2 The Homeowner Association Act.

8 [IN-PERSON. In-person meetings and voting may include the use of virtual
9 online meetings.]

10 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. A voluntary organization or association
11 formed by [persons] [property owners and/ or residents] within a specified
12 geographic boundary within the City.

13 NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION. A group of two or more Neighborhood
14 Associations and/or Homeowner Associations, together with any community
15 or business groups and any individual members [who are residents of the
16 City] [within a specified geographic boundary within the City].

17 RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. A neighborhood
18 association that meets the criteria described in §14-8-2-3 et seq.

19 RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION. A neighborhood coalition that
20 meets the criteria described in §14-8-2-4 et seq.

21 §14-8-2-3 APPLICATION AND CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION OF
22 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS.

23 A. Any neighborhood association may request designation as a
24 recognized neighborhood association by submitting a request to the Office of
25 Neighborhood Coordination (the “ONC”) on forms provided by the ONC,
26 together with a copy of the neighborhood association’s most current bylaws.

27 B. The City shall recognize each neighborhood association requesting
28 status as a recognized neighborhood association under this ordinance where
29 the neighborhood [association’s bylaws, at a minimum, demonstrate
30 conformance with all of the following criteria] [association conducts itself
31 fairly, openly, and democratically. Neighborhood associations will be deemed

1 to satisfy this obligation when their bylaws demonstrate, or their conduct is
2 not otherwise inconsistent with, the following criteria:]

3 **1. The geographic boundaries of a recognized neighborhood**
4 **association must be reasonable. Boundaries will be considered reasonable**
5 **when:**

6 a. **They are contiguous; and**

7 b. **They encompass an area of the city that is greater than 15**
8 **acres, but not more than one square mile; and**

9 c. **They do not overlap with the boundaries of any other**
10 **recognized neighborhood association; or**

11 d. **The boundaries were in existence and recognized by the City**
12 **as of October 20, 2017 and the neighborhood association is still in recognized**
13 **status as of the date this ordinance is enacted.**

14 **2. Membership must be open to all [adult] persons residing within the**
15 **boundaries, and to each place of business within the boundaries. Membership**
16 **shall not be limited by race, creed, religion, color, gender, gender identity,**
17 **sexual orientation, age, heritage, national origin, or income. The recognized**
18 **neighborhood association shall in good faith take all reasonable steps to have**
19 **its membership evenly distributed throughout its boundary, and all members**
20 **must be eligible to hold any officer position within the association.**

21 **3. The bylaws must expressly identify the process of succession when**
22 **an officer steps down voluntarily or is removed, and how vacant positions will**
23 **be filled.**

24 **4. Only those persons within the boundaries of the association who**
25 **have affirmatively joined the neighborhood association may be counted as**
26 **members. The bylaws must clearly identify how membership is established.**

27 **[Dues may be collected, however payment] [Payment] of dues cannot be a**
28 **prerequisite of membership or voting rights in the association.**

29 **5. The association shall hold an annual meeting. It shall notify the ONC**
30 **of this meeting [at least two weeks in advance], and make a reasonable**
31 **attempt to give written notice to all households and businesses within its**

1 boundaries at least two weeks in advance through placement of one or more
2 signs at prominent locations within the neighborhood association boundaries
3 and one or more of the following:

- 4 a. U.S. mail; or
- 5 b. Delivered flyers; or
- 6 c. Website or social media posting; or
- 7 d. E-mail, text message, direct message through social media, or
8 other form of electronic messages delivered to the known address of each
9 member.

10 6. The association shall not hold a vote of the general membership on
11 any question or candidate(s) unless it is advertised through the methods
12 described in subsection 5 above, at least seven days in advance.

13 7. Bylaws should be reviewed regularly, but no less frequently than at
14 least once every ten (10) years, and revised and resubmitted to the ONC only
15 as may be necessary to reflect changes in election processes, organizational
16 structure, or communication processes. If none of these changes have taken
17 place, the association is not required to revise its bylaws.

18 8. The recognized neighborhood association shall identify an orderly
19 and democratic process for making representative determinations and
20 decisions on behalf of the association. For the purposes of this section, a
21 recognized neighborhood association's process shall be deemed orderly and
22 democratic if decisions are made via a majority [vote] of the [total votes cast
23 by] association's officers [, directors,] or members. If an election or vote of the
24 membership is held, it will satisfy the requirements of this paragraph where:

25 a. Members are given advance notice as prescribed by §14-8-2-
26 3(B)(6), above; and

27 b. Each member is afforded the ability to vote using [at least]
28 one of the following methods: in-person, mailed paper ballot, or electronic
29 means (except that elections held at the annual meeting must be voted on in
30 person consistent with subsection 9 below); and

- 1 c. [If a virtual online meeting is used for an in-person vote, votes
2 must be recorded via a roll call vote.]
- 3 d. When voting occurs by paper ballot, results are tallied by a
4 committee consisting of two or more members of the association and reported
5 to association members in writing either electronically or hard copy.
6 Electronic ballots must be canvassed in the same method, or through other
7 reasonable methods.
- 8 9. With the exception of elections held at the annual meeting, [voting
9 may be done] [a recognized neighborhood association must hold votes by at
10 least one of the following mechanisms:] electronically or by mail-in or paper
11 ballot.
- 12 C. Officers of recognized neighborhood associations shall submit an
13 annual report to the ONC within sixty (60) days of their annual meeting. This
14 annual report shall be submitted via U.S. Mail or via an e-mail from the
15 neighborhood board. The annual report must at a minimum contain the
16 following information:
- 17 1. Number of members for the previous year; and
18 2. Two designated points of contacts, who shall be responsible to
19 receive notices, including e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and mailing
20 addresses; and
21 3. Names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and available phone numbers
22 of current neighborhood association officers and/or board members; and
23 4. An updated copy of the bylaws only if they have been amended since
24 last submitted; and
25 5. [A statement] [Evidence] of how the annual meeting was noticed
26 pursuant to §14-8-2-3(B)(6), above [, for example a copy of the flyer that was
27 used].
- 28 D. Failure to comply with any of the preceding criteria will result in a
29 notification of noncompliance being sent to the recognized neighborhood
30 association officers and/or board members from the ONC. Upon receipt of this
31 notice, a recognized neighborhood association must offer evidence of

1 compliance within 60 days; if it does not comply, the association will be
2 removed from the list of recognized neighborhood associations.

3 §14-8-2-4 APPLICATION AND CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION OF
4 NEIGHBORHOOD COALITIONS

5 A. Any neighborhood coalition may request designation as a
6 recognized neighborhood coalition by submitting a request to the ONC on
7 forms provided, together with a copy of the neighborhood coalition's most
8 current bylaws.

9 B. The City shall recognize each neighborhood coalition requesting
10 status as a recognized neighborhood coalition under this ordinance where the
11 neighborhood ~~[coalition's bylaws, at a minimum, demonstrate conformance~~
12 ~~with all of the following criteria:] [coalition conducts itself fairly, openly, and~~
13 ~~democratically. Neighborhood coalitions will be deemed to satisfy this~~
14 ~~obligation when their bylaws demonstrate, or their conduct is not otherwise~~
15 ~~inconsistent with, the following criteria:]~~

16 1. ~~[The geographic boundaries of the coalition must be reasonable.~~
17 ~~Boundaries will be considered reasonable when:~~

18 a. ~~They are contiguous; and~~

19 b. ~~They do not include areas within more than two Council~~
20 ~~Districts; and~~

21 c. ~~They do not overlap with the boundaries of any other~~
22 ~~recognized neighborhood coalitions; or~~

23 d. ~~The boundaries were in existence and recognized by the City~~
24 ~~as of October 20, 2017 and the coalition remains in recognized status as of the~~
25 ~~date this ordinance is enacted.]~~

26 2. Membership must be open to all recognized neighborhood
27 associations, neighborhood associations, homeowner associations, business
28 groups, ~~[and] community groups [within its boundaries, and may also be~~
29 ~~available to individual households and property owners within the boundaries~~
30 ~~of the coalition but who are located outside the boundaries of any recognized~~
31 ~~neighborhood association.] [, individual ~~[adult] residents, and property~~~~

1 ~~owners within its boundaries.]~~ [However, no recognized coalition shall have
2 any members in common with other recognized coalitions.] No coalition shall
3 limit membership based on race, creed, religion, color, gender, gender
4 identity, sexual orientation, age, heritage, national origin, or income. ~~[The~~
5 ~~recognized neighborhood coalition shall in good faith take all reasonable~~
6 ~~steps to notify all recognized neighborhood associations within its boundaries~~
7 ~~of the recognized coalition's existence and to have its membership evenly~~
8 ~~distributed throughout its boundary.]~~ Each member must be eligible to hold
9 any officer position within the association.

10 3. The bylaws must expressly identify the process of succession when
11 an officer steps down voluntarily or is removed, and how vacant positions will
12 be filled.

13 4. Only those associations, groups, and ~~[persons] [households]~~ [within
14 the boundaries of the recognized neighborhood coalition] who have
15 affirmatively joined the coalition may be counted as members. The bylaws
16 must clearly identify how membership is established. ~~[Dues may be collected,~~
17 ~~however payment] [Payment]~~ of dues cannot be a prerequisite of membership
18 or voting rights in the coalition.

19 5. [For the purposes of notice, recognized neighborhood coalitions
20 shall receive notice per the boundaries of member associations or groups
21 only, and not for any individual members;]

22 6. The coalition shall hold an annual meeting. It shall notify the ONC of
23 this meeting at least two weeks in advance, and make a reasonable attempt to
24 give notice to all ~~[members] [member associations and groups, and to~~
25 ~~individual and business members residing within its boundaries]~~ at least two
26 weeks advance notice through two or more of the following:

- 27 a. Website or social media posting;
28 b. One or more signs placed in prominent locations; or
29 c. E-mail, text message, direct message through social media, or
30 other form of electronic messages delivered to the known address of each
31 member.

1 **7. The coalition shall not hold an election or a vote of the general**
2 **membership on any question or candidate(s) unless it is advertised through**
3 **the methods described in subsection 5 above, at least seven days in advance.**

4 **8. Bylaws should be reviewed regularly, but no less frequent than at**
5 **least once every ten (10) years, and revised and resubmitted to the ONC only**
6 **as may be necessary to reflect changes in election processes, organizational**
7 **structure, communication processes, and financial processes. If none of these**
8 **changes have taken place, the coalition is not required to revise its bylaws.**

9 **9. The coalition shall identify an orderly and democratic process for**
10 **making representative determinations and decisions on behalf of the coalition.**
11 **For the purposes of this section, a recognized neighborhood coalition's**
12 **process will be deemed orderly and democratic if decisions are made via a**
13 **majority [vote] of the [total votes cast by] coalition's officers or members. If an**
14 **election or vote by the membership is held it will satisfy the requirements of**
15 **this paragraph where:**

16 a. **Members are given advance notice as prescribed by §14-8-2-**
17 **4(B)(6), above; and**

18 b. **Each member is afforded the ability to vote using one of the**
19 **following methods: in-person, mailed paper ballot, or electronic means**
20 **(except that elections held at the annual meeting must be voted on in person**
21 **consistent with subsection 9 below); and**

22 c. **[If a virtual online meeting is used for an in-person vote, votes**
23 **must be recorded via a roll call vote.]**

24 d. **When voting occurs by paper ballot, results are tallied by a**
25 **committee consisting of two or more members of the coalition and reported to**
26 **coalition members in writing either electronically or hard copy. Electronic**
27 **Ballots must be canvassed in the same method, or through other reasonable**
28 **methods.**

29 **10. With the exception of elections held at the annual meeting, voting**
30 **may be done electronically or by mail-in or paper ballot.**

1 C. Each recognized neighborhood coalition shall submit an annual
2 report to the ONC within sixty days of its annual meeting. This annual report is
3 to be submitted via U.S. Mail or via e-mail. The annual report must at a
4 minimum contain the following information:

5 1. The names of all members who are associations or groups, and the
6 number of individual members of during the previous year; and

7 2. Two designated points of contact who shall be responsible to
8 receive notices, including e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and mailing
9 addresses and

10 3. Names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and available phone numbers
11 of current recognized neighborhood coalition officers and/or board members;
12 and

13 4. An updated copy of the bylaws only if they have been amended since
14 last submitted; and

15 5. A statement of how the annual meeting was noticed pursuant to
16 section §14-8-2-4(B)5.

17 D. Failure to comply with any of the preceding criteria will result in
18 notification of noncompliance being sent to the recognized neighborhood
19 coalition two points of contact. Upon receipt of this notice, a recognized
20 neighborhood coalition must offer evidence of compliance within 60 days; if it
21 does not comply, the coalition will be lose its recognized status.

22 § 14-8-2-5 RESPONSIBILITIES OF RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOOD
23 ASSOCIATIONS AND RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOOD COALITIONS.

24 A. In addition to any other requirements of this ordinance, recognized
25 neighborhood associations and recognized neighborhood coalitions shall:

26 1. By interaction with their members, residents, and the city, strive to
27 [support] [engage with] community and land use planning, protect the
28 environment, and promote the community welfare;

29 2. Strive to foster communication between the recognized
30 neighborhood association and/or recognized neighborhood coalition and city
31 government on plans, proposals, and activities affecting their area;

1 3. Use best efforts to inform members and other eligible participants in
2 their neighborhood association and/or coalition boundary of current issues
3 [for discussion];

4 4. When presenting its official position on an issue to the city or a city
5 board or commission, be prepared to identify whether the decision was
6 reached by the board, a poll of the general membership, or by a vote at a
7 general membership, and the vote for and against the position.

8 §14-8-2-6 HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS, BUSINESS COALITIONS, AND
9 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

10 A. Homeowner associations, business coalitions, and community
11 organizations may register with ONC by providing the following information:

12 1. A mailing address and an e-mail address where it wishes
13 communications to be sent; such designation may be changed when
14 appropriate.

15 2. A definition of the physical boundaries of the homeowner
16 association, business coalition, or community organization and/or common
17 interests.

18 B. Organizations that provide this information with the ONC will have
19 access to all ONC services, including the ability to participate in the ONC's
20 annual Neighborhood Summit. However, homeowner associations, business
21 coalitions, and community organizations are not recognized and will not
22 receive notification per the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO).

23 §14-8-2-7 RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITY DEPARTMENTS OTHER THAN ONC

24 A. The relevant City department(s) shall notify, via electronic notice,
25 recognized neighborhood associations and recognized neighborhood
26 coalitions whose boundaries include or are within one mile of the following:

- 27 1. Changes in City services; and
28 2. Major infrastructure projects.

29 B. The relevant City department(s) shall notify, via mailed or electronic
30 notice, recognized neighborhood associations and recognized neighborhood

1 coalitions of major City development or redevelopment per the requirements
2 of the IDO

3 C. The relevant City department(s) shall notify, via electronic notice, to
4 the recognized neighborhood associations and coalitions within one mile of
5 any City street construction, closure, and/or major repair, other than
6 emergency work.

7 D. The relevant City department(s) shall notify, via electronic notice,
8 recognized neighborhood associations of filming on City streets within a 300-
9 foot radius of filming.

10 §14-8-2-[7][8]- RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ONC

11 A. The ONC shall:

12 1. Make available on the City website the requirements for recognition
13 under this ordinance, and upon request advise interested persons of these
14 requirements;

15 2. Verify [if] [whether] each recognized neighborhood association and
16 recognized neighborhood coalition has met the requirements for recognition
17 within sixty days of the due date of each association's or coalition's annual
18 report;

19 3. Annually notify each recognized neighborhood association and
20 recognized neighborhood coalition of its current recognition status through e-
21 mail or U.S. mail; City agencies shall also be advised of association's and
22 coalition's status;

23 4. Encourage individuals to participate in their relevant existing
24 recognized neighborhood association and recognized neighborhood coalition;

25 5. Aide City officials, recognized neighborhood associations and
26 recognized neighborhood coalitions, and the general public during the
27 community planning area assessment process outlined in the IDO,
28 emphasizing collaboration and partnerships with all implementing
29 departments;

30 6. Provide via the ONC website a current list of all city government
31 agencies, their department heads, and corresponding contact information;

- 1 7. Advise the public of available grant programs and self-help projects
2 including but not limited to ~~[the NeighborWoods Program, the City~~
3 ~~Neighborhood Sign Program]~~ ~~[programs that enhance communities and~~
4 ~~quality of life]~~, and ~~[the Bernalillo County Neighborhood]~~ grant program[s] that
5 could enhance the quality of life within their neighborhoods;
- 6 8. ~~[Upon request, connect]~~ [Connect] the public with the appropriate
7 City staff or agencies ~~[,and help ensure that inquiries get an initial response~~
8 ~~electronically or by mail within seven days of receipts of any correspondence~~
9 ~~received from any recognized association or coalition that requests an~~
10 ~~answer, definition or status of any city project within their boundaries];~~
- 11 9. ~~[Upon request, refer]~~ [Refer] individuals and associations to the City
12 Legal Department’s Alternative Dispute Resolution Program to assist in
13 resolving neighborhood disputes;
- 14 10. Provide pertinent City information to the public upon request and
15 maintain links on its City webpage to commonly requested resources and
16 information;
- 17 11. Maintain on the ONC webpage links to the Planning Department’s
18 resources regarding current development and permit applications;
- 19 12. Provide a city newsletter to inform the public about happenings in
20 City government ~~[at least quarterly];~~
- 21 13. Provide ~~[to the public]~~ workshops and trainings concerning city
22 procedures and actions as well as the effective operation of neighborhood
23 associations; such workshops shall be provided free of charge ~~[for all~~
24 ~~attendees]~~ ~~[, and must be open to all. Such workshops or trainings will occur~~
25 ~~at least once annually];~~
- 26 14. Once per calendar year, provide a citywide neighborhood summit
27 ~~[that is noticed and open to all recognized neighborhood association,~~
28 ~~recognized neighborhood coalitions, and any other interested persons];~~
- 29 15. Upon the request of any person, supply contact information for the
30 two designated points of contact for recognized neighborhood association or

1 recognized neighborhood coalition representatives, as most recently specified
2 by each recognized neighborhood association or coalition;

3 16. Upon request, provide relevant City departments with the contact
4 information for recognized neighborhood associations or recognized
5 neighborhood coalition;

6 17. Pursuant to §14-16-6-1 of the IDO, notice shall be provided, which
7 specifies requirements for mailed or electronic notice, posted signs, web
8 postings, and/or published notice; the ONC shall provide to the permit
9 applicant required recognized neighborhood association and/or recognized
10 neighborhood coalition point of contact information;

11 18. Provide its newsletter and any information, other than notifications
12 described in section §14-16-6-1 of the IDO, to any person, homeowner
13 association, business coalition, and community organization, whether or not
14 they have provided the information in section §14-~~18~~8-2-4(A), upon
15 request[;

16 19. Offer guidance, assistance, and resources (to the extent available) to
17 recognized neighborhood associations and coalitions in meeting their
18 notification obligations for certain meeting and votes as prescribed by this
19 ordinance].

20 **B. The ONC has no involvement with land use, permit applications, and**
21 **development beyond providing applicants with the required neighborhood**
22 **contact information and maintaining the ONC webpage links to the Planning**
23 **Department’s resources regarding current development projects and permit**
24 **applications.**

25 **C. Public Records. Documents and information submitted to the ONC**
26 **pursuant to this ordinance constitute public records and will be made**
27 **available to the public as otherwise required by law.]”**

28 [\[§14-8-2-~~8~~9\]- DEVELOPER RESPONSIBILITIES](#)

29 [Developers and persons engaging recognized neighborhood associations and](#)
30 [coalitions relating to development proposals shall act with diligence and good](#)
31 [faith in coordinating with neighborhood members and representatives. It is the](#)

1 responsibility of all persons in the development project, including those
2 pursuing development projects, to promote collaboration, and listening with
3 respect to neighborhood concerns.]

4 **SECTION 3.** The definitions section (§14-16-7) of the IDO is amended only as
5 follows, all other definitions remain unaffected:

6 “Neighborhood Association”

7 [When used in this IDO, this term refers to recognized neighborhood
8 associations and recognized coalitions as defined by §14-~~18~~⁸-2 The
9 Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance.]

10 **SECTION 4.** Amend IDO text in section 14-16-6-3(F)(1) as follows:

11 “6-3(F)(1) Recognized Neighborhood Associations and Coalitions”
12 Neighborhood Associations [and Coalitions] may [become Recognized]
13 Neighborhood Associations or Coalitions pursuant to Part 14-8-2 of ROA 1994
14 (Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance).”

15 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, paragraph, sentence,
16 clause, word or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or
17 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not
18 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The Council
19 hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section,
20 paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any
21 provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

22 **SECTION 6. COMPILATION.** Sections 1 through 4 of this ordinance amend,
23 and are incorporated in and compiled as part of the Revised Ordinances of
24 Albuquerque, New Mexico, 28 1994.

25 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect five days
26 after publication by title and general summary. Recognized neighborhood
27 associations or coalitions have 18 months from the effective date to come into
28 compliance with the relevant sections of this ordinance in order to retain
29 recognized status.