

Greenhurst Crime Watch By-Laws

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section I: The organization shall be known as “Greenhurst Crime Watch”.

Section II: The purpose of the Greenhurst Crime Watch Group is to give Greenhurst residents a collective voice in matters pertaining to safety, in presenting concerns to the Dorchester County Sheriff’s Department, and encouraging all Greenhurst residents to be pro-active by reporting suspicious activities to the Dorchester County Sheriff’s Department.

Section 3: The Greenhurst Crime Watch shall be non-profit, non-partisan, and non-sectarian. The group shall not accept donations or conduct fund raising except to benefit the needs and activities for residents of Greenhurst. The group shall not recommend or endorse a specific political party or candidate. The group shall not promote a particular religious sect or require membership in one in order to be a member of Greenhurst Crime Watch.

Section 4:

(a) The Greenhurst Crime Watch shall not carry on any activities not permitted by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code.

(b) In the event of dissolution the residual assets of Greenhurst Crime Watch will be donated to one or more organizations which themselves are organizations under the 501(c)(3) code.

(c) No part of any net earnings or resources of Greenhurst Crime Watch shall benefit any individual, Director, or Officer of Greenhurst Crime Watch, except for reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for Greenhurst Crime Watch affecting one of its purposes. No Director, Officer, or individual shall be entitled to a share in the distribution of any of Greenhurst Crime Watch’s assets on dissolution of the Group.

(d) The purposes for which the organization is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any future code.

(e) The Office of Greenhurst Crime Watch shall be located at (coordinator’s residence) and its registered agent shall be (duly elected coordinator).

Article II: Membership

Section I: Regular membership. Any person with a demonstrated interest in the safety of the Greenhurst Community shall be eligible to join the Greenhurst Crime Watch. Membership is maintained by attending a minimum of four (4) meetings per year. Dues shall not be a requirement of membership.

Article III: Officers and Board Members

Section 1: Officers shall consist of a President, Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, and Webmaster. The President has no vote except in case of a tie vote.

Section 2: Election of Officers

(a) The Officers will be elected at the annual June meeting and shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

(b) The President, Coordinator and Treasurer will be elected in odd years and the Secretary and Co-Treasurer will be elected in even years.

(c) Unexpired terms shall be filled to their expiration date by Interim appointment made by the President and with approval of the Board.

Section 3: Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Coordinator with approval of the Board. These committees may be fundraising, membership, nomination of officers, or others as needed.

Section 4: Duties of Officers (to be completed at a later date)

Article IV: Meetings shall be held monthly except for the month of December.

Section 1: Board Meetings. The outgoing Board will have a joint meeting with the incoming Board before the next regular meeting following an election.

Section 2: Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the membership shall be held monthly on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month at 7pm.

Section 3: Quorum. A quorum for conducting business shall consist of a simple majority of the total attending membership.

Article V: Change to By-Laws.

Section 1: These by-laws may be amended, altered, or repealed and new by-laws adopted at any business meeting of Greenhurst Crime Watch by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided a quorum is present to conduct business. Notification of proposed changes shall be published in the minutes of the meeting a month previous to the vote.

Article VI: Removal of an Officer.

Section 1: Removal of an officer for dereliction of duty or activities detrimental to the mission of Greenhurst Crime Watch may be made by a majority vote of the Officers.