

Normal Heights Community Garden Bylaws

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Normal Heights Community Garden (NHCG).

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of the Normal Heights Community Garden is to provide a community space for residents to grow healthy food, foster community engagement, promote sustainability, and enhance the neighborhood's beauty and well-being.

Article II: Governing Board

Section 1: Name

The governing body of the Normal Heights Community Garden shall be called the Normal Heights Community Garden Board (NHCG Board).

Section 2: Composition

The NHCG Board shall consist of three (3) members.

Section 3: Election and Term

Board members shall be elected by the garden membership for a term of two (2) years. Elections shall be held at the annual meeting. Board members may serve consecutive terms if re-elected.

Section 4: Duties

The NHCG Board shall be responsible for the overall management and oversight of the garden, including:

- Developing and enforcing garden policies and rules.
- Managing finances, including the collection of usage fees and payment of expenses.
- Liaising with the San Diego Parks and Recreation Department and other stakeholders.
- Organizing community events and educational programs.
- Selecting and guiding a garden manager from the community.
- Ensuring compliance with ADA and other relevant regulations.

Section 5: Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the remaining members shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the term.

Article III: Meetings

Section 1: Regular Meetings

The NHCG Board shall hold quarterly meetings. These meetings shall be open to all garden members.

Section 2: Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by any Board member as needed. Notice of special meetings shall be provided to all Board members and garden members at least one week in advance.

Section 3: Quorum

A quorum for conducting business shall consist of at least two (2) Board members.

Section 4: Decision-Making

Decisions shall be made by a majority vote of Board members present at the meeting.

Article IV: Reporting

Section 1: Annual Status Report

The NHCG Board shall submit an annual status report to the San Diego Parks and Recreation Department. This report shall include information on garden activities, financial statements, maintenance updates, and compliance with relevant regulations.

Article V: Amendments

Section 1: Proposal

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by any Board member or by a petition signed by at least five (5) garden members.

Section 2: Adoption

Amendments shall be adopted by a majority vote of the NHCG Board at any regular or special meeting.

Article VI: Dissolution

Section 1: Dissolution Procedure

In the event of the dissolution of the Normal Heights Community Garden, the NHCG Board shall oversee the orderly termination of garden operations. Any remaining funds or assets shall be donated to a local nonprofit organization with a similar mission, as determined by the Board.