

Article I – NAME AND AUTHORITY

The name of this organization shall be the Sagefield Crime and Prevention and Improvement District (hereinafter the “District”). It shall be governed by a seven-member board of commissioners, referred to in this Section as the “board.” (hereinafter the Board”). The district shall be a political subdivision of the state as defined in the Constitution of Louisiana.

Article II – MISSION STATEMENT

Section 1 - The purpose of the district is to aid in crime prevention and to add to the security of the district residents by providing for an increase in the presence of law enforcement personnel in the district and to add to the overall betterment of the district by providing for beautification and other improvements within the district.

Section 2 – The District shall have the powers and duties conferred upon it pursuant to La. Stat. tit. 33 § 9097.36.

Article III – GOVERNANCE

The governance of the Board shall be determined by the method outlined in La. Stat. tit. 33 § 9097.36 Section D.

Article IV – OFFICERS

Section 1 - All board members shall be residents and qualified voters within the district.

Section 2 – The Board shall elect from among its members the following: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasure, and such officers as it may deem necessary.

Section 3 - Members appointed pursuant to Subparagraphs (1)(b) through (g) of this Subsection shall serve three-year terms after initial terms as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph. Vacancies resulting from the expiration of a term or any other reason shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment. Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

Two members shall serve an initial term of one year; two shall serve two years; and two shall serve three years as determined by lot at the board’s first meeting.

The member serving pursuant to Subparagraph (1)(a) of this Subsection shall serve during his term of office.

Article V – POWERS AND DUTIES

The Powers and duties of the Board shall be determined by the method outlined in La. Stat. tit. 33 § 9097.36 Section E.

Article VI – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1 – The chairman shall preside at meetings of the Board, shall serve as spokesman for the Board, and shall be responsible for seeing that the instructions and orders of the Board are carried into effect.

Section 2 – The Vice Chairman shall serve as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman. In the absence of the Secretary or Treasure, the duties of such office shall devolve upon the Vice Chairman in his or her capacity as Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasure.

Section 3 – The Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings of the Board and shall be the custodian of those minutes and shall perform such other duties as are assigned by law or the Board, as well as those duties applicable to the office as prescribed by **Robert’s Rules of Order**.

Section 4 – The Treasure shall have the custody and responsibility of the funds of the District. He or she shall cause said funds to be deposited in a bank or banks selected by the Board, which funds may be drawn as prescribed by the Board. He or she shall see that the financial records of the Board are properly maintained, shall present at each regular meeting a budget status and financial report, and shall perform such other duties as are assigned by the Board as well as those duties applicable to the office as prescribed by **Robert’s Rules of Order**.

Section 5 - The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the Board in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Board may adopt, and any statues applicable to the District that do not authorize the provisions of these bylaws to take precedence.

Article VII – MEETINGS

Section 1 – Meetings of the Board shall be held no less than quarterly at a time and location determined by the Board at the first meeting of each calendar year. Notice of the dates and locations of meeting for each calendar year shall be made available to the public as required by La. R.S 42:19.

Section 2 - Special meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the District may be called by the Chairman or by written request of at least three (3) members. The call of any special meeting shall be sent to members at least five (5) days in advance of the special meeting; notice of a special meeting must be sent to the Secretary at least ten (10) days in advance of the special meeting.

Article VIII – COMMITTEES

Committees may be created by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting of the Board. The Chairman shall appoint all members of any committee.

Article IX – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote or those present at any regular meeting of the Board, provided that written notice of such proposed amendment has been delivered to members at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting at which they are to be considered.

Article X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order New Revised shall govern the Board in all cases to which they are not consistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Board may adopt, and any statutes applicable to the District that do not authorize the provisions of these bylaws to take precedence.

BOARD OF COMMISIONERS

Roger Bazile, Chair

Renisha Herbert, Vice Chair

Monica Goree, Secretary

Estelita Baptiste, Treasurer

Donald Goree, Parliamentarian

Rogers Johnson, Board member

Shannon Jenkins, Board member

Adopted on this ____ day of _____,