

## *Notice of Proposed Amendment to Baker West Neighborhood Association Bylaws*

In accordance with the Bylaws, notice is hereby given by the Board of Directors that the following Bylaw amendment will be considered at the NEXT membership meeting having an Organization Quorum.

**Amendment #2008-005:** Modification to method of proposing amendments to the Bylaws.

**Proposal:** Notice of an amendment to the Bylaws may be proposed by any Full Member in Good Standing at any business meeting and the discussion and vote of the proposal must be taken up at the next subsequent business meeting with an organizational quorum.

### ARTICLE 13. – MODE of AMENDING / REVISING BYLAWS

~~**Section 1. — Proposal of Amendments. — A majority of the Board of Directors or written request by twenty-five (25) Full Members in Good Standing addressed to the secretary may propose an amendment or revision to these Bylaws. The Bylaws amendment request must include reason or justification for the proposed change(s). The amendments/revisions proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board and must be submitted to the members with the recommendations of the Board by the secretary. The Board's recommendation, and original proposal, must be placed on the agenda of the next Core Meeting for consideration by the assembly, which may include, but be not limited to: discussion, further modification, or referral to a special committee for further study.**~~

~~**Section 2. — Adoption: — With prior notice of the final proposed amended Bylaws having been Mailed, at a meeting having an Organization Quorum, the proposed changes to the Bylaws are considered adopted on a roll call vote if a two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting vote in the affirmative. If a suitable quorum is not present, the voting shall be carried over to the next general meeting(s), or a Special Meeting called with proper notice, until a proper quorum of members is present.**~~

**These Bylaws may be amended at any business meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, providing a Organization Quorum is present, and providing that notice was given at the previous meeting, which notice included the full written text of all changes and the reason for the change. The notice to propose the amendment can be made by any Full Member in Good Standing. The notice requires that the amendment discussion and vote be placed at the top of the agenda at the subsequent meeting. If that meeting fails to produce the needed quorum, a Special Meeting must be held. The amendment may be subject to further primary and secondary germane amendments before a final vote it taken.**

### **Rationale for Change**

The existing process is cumbersome and difficult to understand. Requiring 25 members to sign the proposal before it goes to the assembly is contrary to the principle of all members being

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equal, especially since only 10 members can constitute a standard quorum. Also, any Full Member should be able to get a proposal before the members at a meeting – not just the Board of Directors

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