

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DSCDO'S CODE OF REGULATIONS

Reviewed and approved by the DSCDO Board of Directors on January 22, 2019

- **Re-Definition of Membership Categories:** In order to simplify the definitions of membership categories and reflect the changing nature of the businesses and institutions serving the neighborhood, the three membership categories will be redefined to the following:
 - Residential: Open to any adult 16 years of age or older residing in the Corporation's service area.
 - Institutional: Open to any nonprofit corporation or place of worship in the Corporation's service area.
 - Commercial: Open to any for-profit business with a place of business in the Corporation's service area.

- **Lower Membership Dues:** Consistent with DSCDO's desire to realize a membership that is representative of the economic characteristics of the neighborhood, membership dues will be reduced to the following:
 - Residential: \$5
 - Institutional: \$15
 - Commercial: \$50

- **Reduced Minimum Age for Members:** The minimum age for members will be reduced to 16 years of age in order to represent important voices of youth in the neighborhood.

- **Re-Classification of Board of Directors:** To maintain a manageable-sized Board, clarify and simplify the classes of Board membership, remain committed to equitable resident involvement, and ensure that the appointment of Directors be focused on filling legitimate gaps in skills, expertise, or experience, these changes will be made:
 - The total number of Directors on the board will change to 18 to 25 Directors (previously 15-29).
 - Elected Directors: The total number of elected members will increase to 18 (previously 15). The number Residential members will increase from 4 to 12 and Commercial and Institutional members will each decrease from 4 to 3. Residential members will be equally distributed across four "quadrants" of the neighborhood to reach a geographic balance of representation. The At-Large board membership category will be removed. The elected Directors will therefore be comprised of the following six categories:
 - 3 Residential Board Members from "Northwest" quadrant: West 85th to West 65th, Lake to the Red Line
 - 3 Residential Board Members from "Southwest" quadrant: West 85th to West 65th, Red Line to I-90
 - 3 Residential Board Members from "Northeast" quadrant: West 65th to West 45th, Lake to Bridge Ave
 - 3 Residential Board Members from "Southeast" quadrant: West 65th to West 45th, Bridge Ave to I-90
 - 3 Institutional Board Members
 - 3 Commercial Board Members
 - Staggered Terms: The 3-year terms of elected Directors will be staggered so that one Director from each of the six categories listed above shall be elected each year.
 - Appointed Directors: The total number of appointed Directors will decrease to 7 (previously 14).

- **Non-Gendered Language:** All gendered terms for officer positions on the board and staff leadership will be made gender-neutral (e.g. Changing "Chairman" to "President") to reflect a growing diversity in leadership.

- **Finance Committee.** The Finance Committee will be a necessary component of the Board of Directors, led by the Treasurer and tasked with reviewing monthly and annual financial reports, annual budgets, independent audits, major financial transactions and financial management policies.

- **Non-Discrimination and Inclusion Policy and Code of Ethics:** Board members must agree to abide by the principles and practices stated in the Organization's adopted *Non-Discrimination and Inclusion Policy* and *Code of Ethics*. Adherence to these practices will be prioritized when determining candidates for Elected and Special Director positions on the board.

- **Clarified Voting by Mail Procedures:** Members may vote by submitting a ballot in person or by mail to a designated staff person in the Corporation's offices by 5pm on the day prior to the meeting at which the vote is to take place.