

# Registered Neighborhood Association Program Proposal and Draft Ordinance

## What is the purpose?

Support Amarillo's redeveloping neighborhoods by:

1. Formalizing the ongoing implementation partnership between the City and neighborhoods with adopted plans;
2. Assisting older neighborhoods without adopted plans organize and become more civically engaged;
3. Improving the flow of information between neighborhood groups and the City for events, policies, land use proposals, and projects; and,
4. Providing a forum for collaboration among neighborhoods to address common challenges.

**Homeowners Associations and Public Improvement Districts are not eligible for participation at this time.**

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## Are neighborhoods required to register?

- If you have a neighborhood plan adopted as part of Amarillo’s comprehensive plan, you will be required to register in year one and then renew annually.
- There is no fee.
- Other neighborhoods may also register provided they meet the eligibility criteria:
  1. Maintain open membership to any person who lives, rents, or owns any real property in the neighborhood;
  2. Be an organized entity through the filing of Articles of Incorporation with the State of Texas and abide by adopted bylaws;
  3. Have clearly stated boundaries;
  4. Prepare and utilize an annual action plan of work; and,
  5. Not discriminate in policies, recommendations or actions.

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## What are the benefits?

1. **Communication** – Clear points of contact and between staff and the neighborhood
2. **Plan Implementation** – For those with adopted plans, this formalizes the way the city staff will assist on implementation of priority items
3. **Toolkit** – Online templates and guides, docs shared among neighborhoods
4. **Data for Decision-Making** – “Neighborhood Indicators” = demographics, crime and economic development data
5. **Training and Workshops** – Opportunities for cross-neighborhood collaboration
6. **Funding Opportunities** – As they become available

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## Benefits (continued)

- 7. Block Party Fee Waiver (\$30)** – Fees will be waived annually for one neighborhood block party.
- 8. Neighborhood Signs** – RNAs will be eligible to participate in the City's Sign Topper program and install welcome signs.
- 9. Traffic Calming** – RNAs will be eligible to participate in the City's Neighborhood Pedestrian Safety petition process.



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### What is required of the neighborhood?

- Annually submit the board roster with officers, bylaws, primary public contact person, and a copy of the **annual action plan** to neighborhood planning staff.
- Commit to actively working on projects and programs that foster community, improve livability and further the goals of their neighborhood plan.
- Comply with adopted bylaws and utilize an orderly and democratic process for making representative decisions.
- RNAs may provide a formal stance on a matter that is a pending City agenda item.

# Questions?



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