BYLAWS OF

THE LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1.

Under the auspices of the City of Lodi, there is hereby created the Lodi Improvement Committee.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

SECTION 1. GENERAL PURPOSE

The Lodi Improvement Committee is organized and created for the purposes of maintaining and improving the quality of life and appearance of Lodi by the coordinated efforts of a broad spectrum of the community.

SECTION 2. SPECIFIC GOALS/PURPOSES

A) To combat illegal drugs, prostitution, and other crimes by such measures as cooperation with or establishment of groups such as Crime Stoppers and Neighborhood Watch.

B) To eliminate blight and encourage the maintenance, improvement, or rehabilitation of properties throughout Lodi, with the cooperation of residents, property owners, business, and government.

C) To act as an advocate for residents in issues dealing with the upgrade, improvement and maintenance of all infrastructure, including streets, alleys, water, sewer and storm drainage systems.

D) To encourage compliance with building, housing, fire, and other health and safety laws, and local property maintenance ordinances by property owners, residents, and businesses.

E) To coordinate with churches, civic and community groups, and other community based organizations to educate and inform the public on ways of achieving these goals, and to keep the public informed of the efforts.

F) To work with business community to encourage a healthy business climate.

G) Provide acknowledgement to properties and businesses throughout the City that show marked improvements in service and appearance that contributes to the image and quality of the community.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

General membership shall be open to all persons.

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Effective April 1, 1994, the fifteen (15) person Board of Directors established by City Council action on March 17, 1993 shall, by attrition, be reduced to a nine (9) member board. Such attrition shall occur by resignation or removal of directors currently serving. During the transition, a quorum of the Board for voting or meeting purposes shall consist of fifty percent (50%) plus one of all directors then serving on the Board. After transition is complete, directors shall continue to serve three year staggered terms, based on their original date of appointment.

SECTION 3. SUBCOMMITTEES

There may be as many subcommittees as deemed necessary by the Board to accomplish any specific goal to be achieved by the Improvement Committee.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Executive Officers shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Treasurer. New officers shall be elected by the Board annually at the first meeting in March.

SECTION 2.

The Chairperson or Vice Chairperson shall serve as spokesperson for the Lodi Improvement Committee and liaison with the Lodi City Council.

SECTION 3.

Any Executive Officer or Board of Directors member who misses three (3) unexcused meetings within a one year period without the consent of one of the Executive Board Members shall be deemed to have vacated the office.

ARTICLE V

FINANCIAL MATTERS

SECTION 1. REVENUES

All revenues of the Lodi Improvement Committee shall be administered through a bank account, to be monitored by the City of Lodi and into which all donations, gifts, or other revenues raised by the Lodi Improvement Committee shall be placed. All expenditures must be approved by a majority vote of the Board, subject to City Council overview and signed by Treasurer and one Executive Officer.

SECTION 2. AUDITING

The fund account for the Lodi Improvement Committee shall be audited as part of the City's regular annual audit and quarterly expenditures reports will be submitted by the Treasurer to the Finance Department of the City of Lodi.

ARTICLE VI

TERM OF EXISTENCE/DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. CONTINUOUS OPERATION

The Lodi Improvement Committee shall continue and be permanent until dissolved by action of the City Council or the Improvement Committee Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

BOARD PROCEDURES

SECTION 1. PROCEDURES

After the transition described in Article III, Section 2 above is complete, five Board Members shall constitute a quorum and may conduct business at any regular meeting. A majority of those present may act by affirmative vote.

No proxy voting is allowed.

SECTION 2. MEETING

Regular meetings of the Board shall be held once a month, on the first Tuesday of each month, at a location to be determined by the Board and opened to the public. Special meetings shall be held as necessary. All meetings shall be subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code §54950 et. Seq.),

SECTION 3. COMMUNICATIONS

All external communications to the public or media shall be through or authorized by the Chairperson, or in his/her absence, by the Vice-Chairperson or a designated Board Member.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1.

These Bylaws shall constitute the empowering documents for the Lodi Improvement Committee and may be revised by the City Council or a majority vote of the Board of Directors, at a regular meeting previously announced for the purpose, subject to ratification by the Lodi City Council.

ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL VOTE ON _____, RATIFIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE EASTSIDE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2005.

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CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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D. STEPHEN SCHWABAUER
CITY ATTORNEY