

BYLAWS OF THE
COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 35, ZONE "S"
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Article I – Name

This organization shall be known as "County Service Area No. 35, Zone S Citizens Council," referred to hereinafter as "Committee."

Article II – Purpose

In accordance with Section 25212.4 of the California Government Code the purpose of the Committee is to be advisory to the County of Fresno regarding maintenance of roads which is to be provided to property owners within County Service Area No. 35, Zone S. The Committee shall also act as liaison between County Service Area No. 35, Zone S property owners, and the County, in all matters pertaining to maintenance responsibilities of County Service Area No. 35 Zone S.

Article III – Organization

Citizens Advisory Committees are created in conformance with Section 25212.4 of the California Government Code. The committee after the initial formation shall consist of three to five members elected by the property owners within County Service Area No. 35, Zone S. However, the Committee may contain fewer members (no less than a quorum) if property owners are not available or are not willing to serve.

Article IV – Council Membership

Qualifications: Each member of the Committee shall be the owner of record of real property within the District.

Term of Membership: Term of membership shall be three years, except for the initial election which, in order to create staggered terms, shall be as follows:

Three Member Committee	Five Member Committee
One Member - One-Year Term	Two Members - One-Year Term
One Member - Two-Year Term	Two Members- Two-Year Term
One Member - Three-Year Term	One Member - Three-Year Term

Original Committee Members may be elected by owners of real property within the District or may, after volunteering for the Committee, be appointed by the County. Positions and terms of appointed or elected members shall be made public at the first general meeting. No member shall serve for more than two full consecutive terms unless there are no nominees. If there are no nominees, the member will continue to serve until replaced.

Meeting Attendance: Any member who is absent from three consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned their membership unless the absence is excused by the Committee. The Secretary shall give written notice to the member who, without an excuse, has missed two consecutive regular meetings in a calendar year which notice shall contain a statement advising the member of the absences and the consequences thereof, together with a copy of Section 2.68.010 of the Fresno County Ordinance Code which specifies member attendance at meetings.

Elections: Election of members to the Council shall be conducted each year in September prior to the regular October meeting. The committee shall set the election date at the regular meeting in July.

The committee shall be responsible for setting the date of elections and preparing election ballots. There shall be one vote for each parcel within County Service Area No. 35, Zone S, for each position on the Council.

A ballot shall be prepared containing the names of all qualified persons who have given written notice to the Secretary of their desire to be a candidate for election to the Committee by the close of the regular meeting in July.

Ballots shall be mailed by the Committee Secretary to the record owners of each parcel within County Service Area No. 35, Zone S. Election shall be by plurality of those ballots returned by the election date.

Vacancies: Vacancies occurring on the Council shall be filled by appointment by appointment of the Committee for the unexpired term of the member being replaced. The vacancy shall be filled at a regular meeting provided that the meeting notice indicates that an appointment will take place and is given at least 72 hours in advance. If there are objections (at least 10% of parcel representation by petition) from the property owners within the district concerning the member appointed by the Committee, nominations for a new Committee member will be requested and an election will be held within the district. There shall be allowed one vote from each parcel within the District for each nominee.

Article V – Officers

The officers of the Committee shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary. The positions of officers will be decided by the Committee members in attendance at the first meeting. All future officers and the positions of officers shall be decided by the majority of votes cast by owners of parcels with the District. Officers shall take office at the first meeting and thereafter at the October meeting.

The Chairperson shall: a) Call and preside over all meetings. b) Serve as ex-officio member of all subcommittees appointed by the Committee. c) Be the spokesperson for the Committee in its public relations.

2. The Vice-Chairperson, in the absence of the Chairperson, shall assume all the duties and have the authority of the Chairperson.
3. The Secretary shall record and retain minutes of all meetings, prepare and disperse agendas and meeting notices, conduct the zone elections, and be responsible for correspondence of the Committee.

Article VI – Meetings

Regular Meetings: The Committee shall post an agenda containing a brief general description of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting at least 72

hours prior to the meeting. The agenda shall specify the date, time and location of the regular meeting and shall be posted in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public. At each regular meeting the Committee shall set the time and place for the succeeding regular meeting.

Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called at any time by the presiding officer or by a majority of the members of the Committee by delivering written notice to each member of the Committee. All notices shall be received at least 24 hours prior to the time of the meeting. The notice shall specify the date, time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted or discussed. No other business shall be considered at these meeting by the Committee. The notice shall also be posted at least 24 hours prior to the special meeting in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public.

Quorum: A quorum shall consist of the majority of the active members of the Committee.

Article VII – Adoption of Bylaws

After the Committee has reviewed these bylaws and made changes hereto as deemed appropriate, the bylaws shall be submitted to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors for review and adoption.

Article VIII – Bylaws Review and Amendment

These bylaws shall be reviewed by the Council at least once every two years.

Any Committee member may propose an amendment to these bylaws at any time by submitting to the Committee at any regular meeting. The amendment shall be voted upon at the next regular meeting of the Committee. If approved, the amendment shall be submitted to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors for review and adoption.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 29, 1991