RESOLUTION NO. 1907

WHEREAS, it is necessary to encourage open communication between citizens and city government, and

WHEREAS, neighborhood associations provide a means of communication on local issues between residents and city government, and

WHEREAS, open communication creates an atmosphere where the best decisions can be reached relating to the health and welfare of the community, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMISTON, OREGON, that the City Council encourages citizens to work together to form neighborhood associations. In order to be recognized by the City of Hermiston a neighborhood association will need to meet the following requirements:

1. Present a petition containing signatures from at least 10 residents within the area proposed for an association to the city council.

2. Establish a set of clear geographic boundaries for the neighborhood. These boundaries should not overlap any existing neighborhood association.

3. Hold at least one general membership meeting each year.

4. Membership meetings should be held in accordance with open meeting rules and be advertised within the neighborhood. Officers should be elected by a majority of the membership present at the general membership meeting.

5. Present a list of officers and mailing addresses once each year. This list is needed for the city to provide mailings as needed.

6. Membership should be open to all residents and property owners in a neighborhood.

Once an association is recognized by the City of Hermiston, the city is obliged to perform the following tasks:

1. The city council will meet at least once each year with the leadership of the neighborhood associations.

2. The city will provide copies of city council and planning commission agendas to the designated representative of each recognized association.

3. The city council will periodically review existing neighborhood association requirements to determine the efficacy of these requirements and obtain public comment on additional refinements to the policies.

PASSED by the Common Council this 11th day of June, 2012.
SIGNED by the Mayor this 11th day of June, 2012.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY RECORDER