



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

A neighborhood association is a group of people living in the same area who come together to solve problems, accomplish goals, and represent that neighborhood as a whole. An association can be made up of anyone who lives or works in that neighborhood—homeowners, renters, business owners, school faculty, and religious leaders. Neighborhood associations help you love where you live!

While the City of Kingsport does not currently have a process for forming neighborhood associations, many neighborhoods form them on their own. Follow these simple steps to form an association in your neighborhood:

- 1) Start with a few committed individuals to identify the needs and goals of the neighborhood.
- 2) Schedule regular meetings, and set ground rules for how those meetings should proceed.
- 3) Set boundaries for the neighborhood. What households are included?
- 4) Develop a neighborhood plan that includes why the association was formed, what its goals are, and an action plan for accomplishing those goals.
- 5) Establish committees to tackle specific issues, such as a By-Law Committee, Crime Reduction Committee or a Green Committee.
- 6) Communicate regularly with the neighborhood at large to be sure the association is addressing issues the people care about.

For more information about forming a neighborhood association, check out [this in-depth guide](#) compiled by OneKingsport.