

...Birmingham...

The City Beautiful



Compliments of
G. Wash
Mayor

MOTTO:

THE PUBLIC GOOD,
HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

**BY-LAWS OF BLOCK
IMPROVEMENT SO-
CETIES OF THE CITY
OF BIRMINGHAM . . .**



**UNDER AUSPICES OF
THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

OBJECT

The purpose of this Association shall be to stimulate interest in civic improvement and public affairs; to encourage and assist the authorities in securing cleaner streets, alleys and public places; more parks, children's play grounds and boulevards; to encourage the more general planting of trees, flowers and lawns, the improvement of vacant property, and in general do all things that will aid in the creation of a City beautiful, healthy and pleasant to live in.

Article 1

NAME

The name of this Organization shall be
Block Improvement Society No.-----

Article 2

OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall be a
President, a Vice-President and Secretary
and Treasurer.

Article 3

DUES

The dues shall be any sum per year that
may be ordered by the Society.

MEETINGS

Meetings shall be at whatever time or
place that may be called by the President
or Vice-President.

Article 4

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll-call.

Reading of Minutes.

Reports of Officers.

Reports of Committees.

Unfinished Business.

New Business.

The following suggestions towards improvement have been adopted by our Association and we hereby pledge ourselves to carry them out as steadily and promptly as possible:

DO IT NOW

Pull down your fence. The City will haul it away and keep off the cows. If you can't be induced to part with it fix it up and paint it.

Whitewash everything you can't paint.

Plant lawns, flowers and trees. Wherever the ground shows bare plant something green in it.

Exercise same supervision over your sidewalk as over your front yard. Sidewalks are the index of the kind of people inside.

Trim up trees which are too low and which overhang sidewalks.

If there are any dead trees around pull them up and start new ones.

Report anybody who mutilates or ties a horse to a tree. You get half the fine on conviction.

Plant a strip of green in bare places along

sidewalk. The City will furnish street sweepings if haul is not too long.

Cut weeds always while young and tender. It will save you money and please everybody.

When street or sidewalk is torn up and is not properly repaired "call up" the Mayor's Office and give the name of party responsible.

Report any unsightly object in your neighborhood. If possible it will be remedied.

Don't let your dog bark all night. Think of your neighbor.

Call attention of all you meet to the idea of a "City Beautiful."

Encourage your children to help the good work along by training them to pick up papers, sticks and other rubbish wherever found.

A few dimes and a lot of enthusiasm and determination will transform an unsightly back yard into a little spot of beauty.

Sweet peas, climbing nasturtiums, castor beans, hollyhocks, or even sunflowers make an effective screen to hide old fences, sheds, or other unsightly views. For permanent screens use hardy shrubs, or the quickly growing vines.

You may have a window box filled with geraniums, if you cannot have a grand yard filled with choice roses. The window box can be made at small cost. The flowers will not cost you 25 cents.

VERY SPECIAL—Keep sewer inlets free from trash. It saves your street from washing, and keeps the sewer clean. We have 9,000 and the city must have help from the householder.



CERTIFICATE

I hereby apply for membership in Improvement Society Block No. _____
and promise to strive as far as I am able to beautify my premises and to co-operate with other
residents of my block in a general improvement of conditions.

_____ Member

I hereby certify that _____ is a

duly qualified member of our Association.

Date _____ 1908

_____ President

"Let no woman who feels the desire to uplift the conditions for beauty and healthfulness about her own home refrain from an attempt, at least, to form an organization among others who may be easily interested even if but half a dozen be gathered together for the start."

"Don't be discouraged if this movement seems to lag at times! All such unselfish and philanthropic ideas are subject to ebb and flow, but the flood tide is higher each time, when the courage of the good women is maintained."