

EBR Ordinances at-a-Glance



Scan QR Code or link to SHPOABR.com for EBR laws governing the following:

- Abandoned/Inoperable Vehicles
- Advertising Posters/Signs
- All Terrain Vehicles & Go-Carts
- Blight
- Commercial Vehicle Prohibitions
- Garbage / Recycling
- Home Office/Home Occupations/Day Care
- House-to-House Peddling/Solicitations
- Noise
- Pets
- Portable Storage Containers
- Swimming Pools
- Tree Debris Removal
- Trespassing
- Vehicle Parking

Accomplishments / Activities

- Community Updates via Neighborhood-wide Meetings, Newsletters, Flyers & Robocalls:
 - Meetings with BRPD & RTCC
 - EBR Ordinance Updates
 - Sponsored District 2 Metro Council Candidate Debates
 - Election Notices
 - Crime & Safety Alerts
 - Community Information
- Capability to communicate to CPID Patrol via SHPOABR.com for:
 - Vacation Surveillance Requests
 - Vacant Home Watch
 - Safety Concerns & Crime Activity Notices
- Advocate with DOTD & EBR Traffic Engineering
- Implemented Traffic Calming w/ 4-way Stop Signs
- Implemented Traffic Control for Parade & SU Football Game Day
- Advocate to EBR Agencies for neighborhood infrastructure improvements (sinkholes, pipe repair, etc.)
- Resolved Illegal Trash Dumping Sites in SH
- Violation Resolutions on 18-Wheeler Cab Parking, House-to-House Peddling/ Solicitations, Commercial Dumpster on 78th Ave-nue, Zoning & Building Code Violations, Blight, Potholes, Noise, Vehicle Parking, Garbage Issues, etc.
- Advocate for SH on Scotlandville Coalition, BuildBR, various State & EBR agencies, State & Local Legislators
- Federation of Greater Baton Rouge Civic Assn (FGBRCA) member

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Make a Difference
Where You Live!

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Welcome

Southern Heights
Property Owners
Association

SHPOA



Why Join SHPOA?

A homeowners association (HOA) is a legal entity created to organize a subdivision or planned community. There are a number of reasons why you need a HOA. We hope this short list helps you understand the importance and value of a good homeowners association .

1. Neighborhood Values – A HOA gives residents the opportunity to come to an agreement on what they would like to see in their neighborhood, and then enforce these rules accordingly.

2. Maintain Property Values. Per real estate, the rules and covenants enforced by HOAs are intended to maintain property values, not limit your personal tastes. By maintaining a consistent, well-kept look throughout the community, housing prices and value will increase or stay the same.

3. Clear Guidelines Help Avoid Problems. Neighbors & homes are physically close together in proximity. Clear guidelines help to avoid any confusion on what is allowed or not allowed, which creates a friendlier, more desirable atmosphere for residents to live.

4. Community Events. Homeowners associations promote positive relationships between neighbors with community events, such as block parties, annual dinners, or other social functions.

5. Neighborhood Fees Make a Big Difference. Members usually pay a monthly or yearly fee. These small fees can drastically transform an average neighborhood into a highly sought after place to call home.

So why is a HOA important? The benefits of a homeowners association are clear - a better community.

SOUTHERN HEIGHTS



History

- Southern Heights (SH) is one of the first fine subdivisions developed for African-Americans in Louisiana. Key documentation includes its tract filings and maps from 1943 – 1953 and its governing documents – Articles of Incorporation for Southern Heights and Covenant, Codes & Restrictions (CCRs).
- SHPOA is a nonprofit corporation, founded in 1963 to manage or regulate Southern Heights, a planned community. The SHPOA Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Louisiana Secretary of State. Its focus is to:



- Cover topics of interest to residents.
- Foster comradery among neighbors.
- Advocate for neighbors and the entire neighborhood to resolve issues with State & EBR City-Parish governments, businesses, others.
- Work to protect and maintain property values.
- Enforce local laws and ordinances.
- Enhance neighborhood safety & security.
- In 2025, SH residents renewed the Southern Heights Crime Prevention & Improvement District (SHCPID) for 10 years to supplement police patrols, enhance safety & security and fund subdivision capital improvement projects. It is a government district, with a separate board funded by an annual \$100 per lot millage. Operations began in January 2017 and Southern Heights residents are its constituents.

Current Focus

- Increase Neighborhood Social Activities
- Shape the Future of Southern Heights
 - Revise Covenant, Codes & Restrictions (CCRs)
 - Address Blighted Properties
 - Create our Future Vision (FutureBR)
- Address BREC Park Canal
- Airline flight patterns across neighborhood

Things get solved
when YOU get
involved!

Officers (2023– 2025)

- Angela D White, President
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- Irvin Jones, Vice-President
- Sheila V Sims, Treasurer & Parliamentarian
- LaTasha W Jones, Financial Secretary & Membership Chair
- Marquetta Cheeks, Corr. Secretary & Chaplain
- Melvin Kelly, Sergeant At Arms

*Elected by acclamation

How to Join?



- Scan the QR to join and pay dues (\$40).

**Must be a Southern Heights resident

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Questions?:

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