

Insurance for Boards and Officers of Neighborhood Groups

Liability insurance is not essential, but probably recommended. It depends on the types of things your Group is planning and what kind of decisions your Board is making. If you are going to enforce your deeds or implement changes, your group will definitely need it.

Insurance for your Board member will cost approximately \$500 per year. This is to protect the current office holders from decisions they may make. Event insurance varies an estimated \$175 per event.

Below is the agency CAN has used. This is not a recommendation, this is just one option

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Does my Neighborhood Association need to be a 501c(3)

It is not necessary to become a non profit 501c(3), but if you feel your group is larger this is an option, If you are handling a lot of money it will be necessary. You need to file with the Secretary of State. The fees to start a nonprofit in North Carolina include a **\$60 fee with your Articles of Incorporation and a \$275 fee for 501c3s when filing for tax-exempt status with the IRS.** You may also choose to incur additional costs along the way.

https://www.sosnc.gov/Guides/launching_a_business/nonprofit_corporation_structure is the link to go to to file for this.

Making sure your history, minutes, decision, records dont get lost and there is good transition to the next leaders

Google tools are probably the easiest to learn and can handle a good amount. Once you have shared access to a drive its history can be stored for future reference. It is better to set up email address of your group as one that can transition. Eg PresidentYourNeighborhood@gmail.com insert your own neighborhood in here. You can create a google group and add your members so that email addresses dont get lost over time.

Holding Meetings

In person meetings are the best way to meet, but it is very difficult to find free places. Some churches will allow you to use their halls, otherwise meetings can rotate around members' homes. Recreation centers will occasionally let you use space, but most times there will be a charge of approximately \$65.

Zoom is also an option. You can set up a free zoom account for meetings of less than 40 minutes. Or create a zoom account which is \$150 per year, or upgrade to get more features. Or use google meet. <https://zoom.us/pricing>

Street Closing for Neighborhood gatherings

<https://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/transportation/temporary-street-closures/>
Street closures are currently 100\$. Ask the Neighborhood coordinator to help out. Kristian Israel and Meredith Freidham are the people in the City to ask. They may be able to get the cost waived. kisrael@ashevillenc.gov.