

FOX RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Resolution of The Board of Directors

COLLECTION OF UNPAID HOA ASSESSMENTS

RECITALS

A. The Board of Directors of the Association is charged with the responsibility to establish, assess and collect homeowner assessments.

B. The Board deems it in the best interest of the Association and the owners to adopt a uniform and systematic procedure for the collection of unpaid assessments that assures that unpaid assessments are timely and efficiently collected to minimize the loss of assessment revenue.

C. To ensure that unpaid assessments are efficiently and effectively collected, the Board of Directors has entered into an agreement (“CFE Agreement”) with Vial Fotheringham LLP (“VF”) to undertake collection and enforcement of delinquent assessments on behalf of the Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that:

I. The rules governing collection of delinquent assessments set forth below be adopted to provide for the uniform and systematic procedure for the collection of unpaid assessment.

II. A copy of this Resolution be sent to all owners at their address as shown in the records of the Association.

III. This Resolution supersedes any resolution regarding the collection of assessments currently in place.

ARTICLE I

**AUTHORITY, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS
UNDER GOVERNING DOCUMENTS & ACT**

1.1 “**Declaration**” is Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Fox Ridge recorded February 4, 2002, as Document No. 4685527, Records of Spokane County, Washington, including any amendments thereto.

1.2 “**Bylaws**” is Fox Ridge Homeowners Association Bylaws recorded concurrently with the Declaration, including any amendments thereto.

1.3 “**Act**” is the Washington Homeowner’s Association Act, Revised Code of Washington 64.38.

1.4 Specific Authority and Duties.

(a) Article 3, Section 3.1 of the Declaration and RCW 64.38.020(1) allow the Association to adopt rules.

(b) Article 5, Section 5.1.2 and Article 10, Section 10.1 of the Declaration authorize the Board to enforce provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations, including action to collect unpaid assessments.

(c) Article 4, Section 4.8 of the Declaration, Article 11 of the Bylaws, and RCW 64.38.020(11) authorize the Board to establish late charges for delinquent assessments.

(d) Article 4, Section 4.1 of the Declaration and RCW 64.38.020(11) authorize the Board to establish interest on delinquent assessments.

(e) Article 5, Section 5.14(c)(3) and Article 11 of the Bylaws authorize the Board, on behalf of the Association, to bring suit to foreclose the lien against the lot.

(f) Article 4, Section 4.8 of the Declaration and Article 11 of the Bylaws authorize the Board to bring an action to obtain a money judgment against an Owner for damages and for unpaid assessments.

(g) Article 11 of the Bylaws provide that late charges, fines, interest, and attorney fees and costs of collection are enforceable as assessments.

1.5 Obligations.

(a) Under Article 4, Section 4.1 of the Declaration and Article 11 of the Bylaws, owners are obligated to pay assessments.

(b) Article 4, Section 4.6 of the Declaration specifies that assessments are currently due and payable on the first day of the first month of each quarter.

(c) Article 4, Section 4.8 of the Declaration and Article 11 of the Bylaws specify that an assessment is delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days of its due date.

(d) Under Article 4, Section 4.1 and 4.8 of the Declaration and Article 11 of the Bylaws, all assessments, together with interest, attorney fees and costs of collection are a continuing lien on the lot against which the assessments are imposed.

(e) Under Article 11 of the Bylaws, owners are obligated to pay reasonable fees and costs, including, but not limited to, attorney fees incurred in connection with efforts to collect delinquent and unpaid assessments, regardless of whether a suit or action is commenced.

ARTICLE II
INTEREST LATE FEES AND OTHER COSTS

Pursuant to Section 1.4 above, the following apply to delinquent and unpaid assessments:

2.1 Interest. Interest at a rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum shall accrue on all delinquent assessments.

2.2 Late Charge. In accordance with Article 4, Section 4.8 of the Declaration and Article 11 of the Bylaws, any assessment that is delinquent as set forth in Section 1.5(c) above will be charged a late charge in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00).

2.3 Other Costs. All costs of collection as set forth in Subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section are imposed against the owner and are due when incurred in the amounts incurred, regardless of whether suit or action is commenced. Collection costs include, without limitation, the following:

(a) Management Company Charges. Collection charges imposed by the management company, if included in the contract between the Association and the management company, including reasonable mailing costs, recording fees, time spent for account maintenance, and other similar expenses.

(b) Attorney Fees. Any attorney fees for work performed with respect to the assessment account such as file intake; preparing calculations; consultations and telephone calls with the Association, owners, court, witnesses and other individuals involved in the process; legal research; drafting and preparing legal documents; drafting and preparing letters; depositions; trial preparations; travel time; investigations; court appearances; analyzing the account to determine the appropriate action; and preparing and attending post judgment proceedings.

(c) Other Costs. All expenses such as recording fees, postage costs, copy costs, service costs, court costs, filing fees, paralegal fees, private investigator fees, garnishment fees and other similar expenses.

ARTICLE III
PROCEDURE

3.1 Association Lien. When an assessment is levied against a lot and owner, the Association or an agent of the Association may cause a lien to be recorded in the Records of Spokane County, Washington.

3.2 Association Payment Demand Letter. When an assessment is delinquent, the Association or its agent shall send the owner a written payment demand letter ("Association Payment Demand Letter") in substantially the form set forth in attached Exhibit A that includes a:

(a) Statement of the amount due under the assessment account.

(b) Demand for immediate payment.

(c) Notice if the stated amount due is not paid by the turnover date, the assessment account will be turned over to VF for collection in accordance with the Collection Resolution.

(d) Statement that the owner is responsible for the payment of all costs for collection incurred, as specified in the Collection Resolution, and the costs constitute assessments against the owner and the lot.

3.3 Turnover of Assessment Account to VF.

(a) Subject to Subsection (b) of this section, when an assessment remains unpaid after the turnover date specified in the Association Payment Demand Letter given under Section 3.2 above, Association or its agent shall turn over the assessment account to VF in accordance with the CFE Agreement. VF shall proceed as provided in the VF Agreement and this Resolution.

(b) After the assessment account is turned over to VF, all contact and communications with the owner regarding the assessment account must be with VF, unless VF gives written consent otherwise.

3.4 Initial Notice; Recording of Lien. When an assessment account is turned over to VF, VF shall:

(a) Initial Notice. Send a written notice for payment (“Initial Notice”) to the owner. The Initial Notice must include a notice that all moneys due under the assessment account be paid within thirty (30) days.

(b) Association Lien. If an Association lien has not been recorded in the Records of Spokane County, Washington, prepare an Association lien against the lot and cause the lien to be recorded in the Records of Spokane County, Washington.

3.5 Final VF Payment Demand. If the total amount due is not paid by the date stated in the Initial Notice under Section 3.4 above, or arrangement for payment made in accordance with Section 3.8 below, VF shall send a final demand letter (“Final VF Payment Demand”) that demands payment of all moneys due under the assessment account within ten (10) days.

3.6 Legal Action. If the assessment, including all costs specified in Section 2.3 above, are not paid by the date specified in the VF Final Payment Demand given under Section 3.5 above, or arrangement for payment made in accordance with Section 3.8 below, VF, on behalf of the Association, shall initiate a lawsuit for a personal money judgment against the owner or foreclose the Association lien against the lot.

3.7 Execution/Enforcement of Judgment. After VF obtains a judgment, VF may begin collection of the judgment by any one or combination of the following:

- (a) Garnishing the owner's bank account.
- (b) Garnishing the owner's wages.
- (c) Executing a writ against the owner's real or personal property.
- (d) Any additional methods authorized by law.

3.8 Payment Plans. A payment plan proposed after the assessment account is turned over to VF must be approved by VF and the Board of Directors of the Association.

3.9 Payments. After the assessment account has been turned over to VF, all payments must be made to VF.

3.10 Owner Responsibility; Other Remedies.

(a) Owner Responsibility For Payment of Assessments. Regardless of any procedure prescribed under this Resolution, it is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that assessments are paid when due.

(b) Owner Responsibility To Update Address. It is the sole responsibility of the owner to notify the Association in writing of any change of owner mailing address.

(c) Other Association Remedies. Nothing in this Resolution prevents the Association from taking any other actions against an owner, including termination of utilities and preventing the owner from access to recreational or service facilities, if provided under the Declaration, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, or the Act.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

The undersigned, Secretary of the Association, hereby certifies that the foregoing resolution is a true record of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting of the Board of Directors held in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association on Oct 24, 2019, 2019.

Dated this 24 day of Oct, 2019.

Nicole K. Richards
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Board of Directors
Fox Ridge Homeowners Association,
A Washington nonprofit corporation