

8.17.1 Property Exempt From Assessments. The following property subject to this Declaration shall be exempt from the Assessments, Additional Charges, and liens created herein:

(a) All property dedicated to and accepted by Solano County or other local public authority and devoted to public use;

(b) Any Lot which is owned by the Association as a result of the Association having acquired such Lot through foreclosure; provided, however, that such exemption shall be applicable only during the period in which the Association is record owner of such Lot; and

(c) All Common Area.

ARTICLE 9

ENFORCEMENT

9.1 Violations as Nuisance. Every act or omission constituting or resulting in a violation of any of the provisions of the Governing Documents shall be deemed to constitute a nuisance and, in addition to any other remedies which may be available, such nuisance may be abated or enjoined by the Association; provided, however, that the Board shall not be obligated to take action to abate or enjoin a particular violation if, in the exercise of its discretion, the Board determines that acting to abate or enjoin such violation is not likely to foster or be in the best interests of the Association and its Members as a whole. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence and without limiting its generality, nothing in the Governing Documents shall be deemed to impose upon the Association, the Board, or the officers, employees, or agents of the Association a duty to intervene in any physical dispute or altercation or any criminal or alleged criminal activity other than to notify law enforcement officials.

9.2 Violation of Law is a Violation of Declaration. Any violation of a state, municipal or local law, ordinance or regulation pertaining to the ownership, occupancy, or use of any property within the Development is hereby declared to be a violation of this Declaration and subject to any and all of the enforcement procedures set forth herein.

9.3 Owners' Responsibility for Conduct of Others and Damages. Each Owner shall be fully responsible for informing members of his or her household and his or her tenants and guests of the provisions of the Governing Documents, and shall be fully responsible for the conduct, activities, any Governing Document violation of any of them, and for any damage to the Development or the Association resulting from the negligent or intentional conduct of any of them or any household pets. If a Lot is owned jointly by two (2) or more persons, the

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liability of each Owner in connection with the obligations imposed by the Governing Documents shall be joint and several.

9.4 No Avoidance. No Owner may avoid the burdens or obligations imposed by the Governing Documents through non-use of any Common Area facilities or by abandonment of his or her Lot.

9.5 Rights and Remedies of the Association.

9.5.1 Rights and Remedies Are Cumulative. The Association, its Directors, Officers, or agents, and any Owner shall have the right to enforce any and all provisions of the Governing Documents by any proceeding at law or in equity, or through the use of such other remedies as are available and deemed appropriate by the Board. Each remedy provided is cumulative and not exclusive.

9.5.2 Imposition of Sanctions. In the event of a breach or infraction of any provision of the Governing Documents by an Owner, members of an Owner's household, or his or her tenants or guests, the Board shall have the power to impose a sanction against the Owner who is responsible as provided in Section 9.3 for such breach or infraction. A sanction may include but shall not be limited to a monetary penalty and/or the suspension of an Owner's rights as a Member of the Association, including an Owner's voting rights or an Owner's right to use the recreational or community facilities on the Common Area. Imposition of a sanction shall be effective only after notice and an opportunity for hearing. Any monetary penalty imposed pursuant to this Section 9.5.2 shall not exceed the amount for each violation, as set forth in the schedule of monetary penalties adopted pursuant to *Civil Code* section 1363(g). Each Owner shall be obligated to pay costs incurred by the Association relating to violation of any provisions of the Governing Documents by such members of Owner's household, tenants, guests, pets, or other invitees. Sanctions may be enforced by the Association in any matter permitted by law.

9.5.3 Continuing Violations. In the case of a continuing violation, such as an uncorrected architectural violation, where an Owner, member of an Owner's household, or his or her tenants or guests fails to cease or remedy a violation after notice from the Board to do so, the Board may deem such a continuing violation and may impose separate and successive sanctions for each such violation without holding further hearings for each sanction.

9.6 Inadequacy of Legal Remedy. Except for the non-payment of any Assessment, a remedy at law to recover damages for the breach or violation of the Governing Documents is inadequate and the failure of any Owner or a member of the household of any Owner or an Owner's tenants, guests, or household pets or any other occupant or user of any of the property within the

Development to comply with any provision of the Governing Documents may be enjoined in any judicial proceedings initiated by the Association or by any Owner, or by their respective successors in interest.

9.7 Limitation on Disciplinary Rights. The Association shall not have the power to cause a forfeiture or abridgment of a Member's right to the full use and occupancy of his or her Lot as the result of the failure by such Owner, members of such Owner's household, or his or her tenants, guests, invitees or household pets to comply with any provision of the Governing Documents, except where such forfeiture or abridgment is the result of the judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, a decision arising out of an arbitration proceeding, or a foreclosure or sale under private power of sale for failure of such Owner to pay Assessments. The provisions of this Section 9.7 shall not affect the Association's right to impose fines or monetary penalties or to suspend an Owner's membership rights, as provided in the Governing Documents.

9.8 Disciplinary Rules. The Board or a committee appointed by the Board for that purpose may adopt rules and regulations that further elaborate upon and refine procedures for conducting disciplinary proceedings and otherwise imposing sanctions upon Members of the Association for violation of provisions of the Governing Documents. Such rules, when approved and adopted by the Board subject to *Civil Code* section 1357.100 et seq., shall be deemed to be a part of the Association Rules provided for, in and constituting a part of the Governing Documents.

9.9 Investigation of Complaints. Upon receipt of a written complaint from an Owner or Resident, the Board shall conduct an investigation of the allegations in the complaint and shall make relevant findings upon which the Board shall base a decision to pursue or not pursue the matter.

9.10 Emergency Situations. The following shall constitute emergency situations: (i) an immediate and unreasonable infringement of or threat to the safety or peaceful enjoyment of Residents of the Development; (ii) a traffic or fire hazard; (iii) a threat of material damage to or destruction of the Development or any portion thereof; and (iv) a violation of any provision of the Governing Documents that is of such a nature that there is no material question regarding the identity of the violator or whether the violation has occurred (such as parking violations). Notwithstanding any other provision of the Governing Documents, under circumstances involving conduct that constitutes an emergency, the Board or its duly authorized agents may undertake immediate corrective or disciplinary action and, upon request of the Owner as to whom such corrective or disciplinary action has been taken, or on its own initiative, conduct a hearing as soon thereafter as reasonably possible. If the Association acts on its own initiative to schedule a hearing, notice of the date, time and location of the hearing shall accompany the notice of the disciplinary action which is transmitted to the

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Owner. If the Board has not scheduled a hearing and the Owner desires a hearing, the Owner's written request for a hearing shall be delivered to the Association no later than five (5) days following the date when the notice of the Board's disciplinary action is transmitted to the Owner. The hearing shall be held not later than fifteen (15) days following the date of the Board's notice of the disciplinary action or fifteen (15) days following the receipt of the Owner's request for a hearing, whichever is later. If a hearing is scheduled or requested, any sanctions imposed or other disciplinary action taken by the Board shall be held in abeyance and shall become effective only if affirmed at the hearing.

9.11 Notices. Any notices required or given under this Article 9 shall, at a minimum, set forth the date, time, and location of any hearing, a brief description of the act or omission constituting the alleged violation of the Governing Documents, a reference to the specific Governing Document provision or provisions alleged to have been violated, and the sanction, disciplinary action, or other enforcement action being contemplated by the Board, if any. The notice shall be in writing and may be given by any method reasonably calculated to give actual notice to the affected Member, provided, however, that if notice is given by mail, it shall be sent by first-class mail, postage prepaid, sent to the most recent address for the affected Member as shown on the records of the Association.

9.12 Dispute Resolution.

9.12.1 Alternative Dispute Resolution. Any dispute other than those listed in *Civil Code* section 1369.520(b) or those related to the power and duty of the Board of Directors to levy and collect Assessments through lien and foreclosure proceedings shall be submitted to alternative dispute resolution procedures ("ADR") as described *Civil Code* section 1369.510 et seq. In the case of any claim, dispute, or controversy which is not otherwise subject to *Civil Code* section 1369.510 et seq., involving a sum of money not in excess of the jurisdiction of the Small Claims Court, any party to the dispute shall have the right to file a claim in Small Claims Court and have the matter determined therein in lieu of ADR.

9.12.2 Internal Dispute Resolution. In addition to the ADR provisions of *Civil Code* section 1369.510 et seq., the Association shall provide for Internal Dispute Resolution in any dispute regarding the rights, duties or liabilities under *Civil Code* section 1350 et seq., the Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law, or the Governing Documents. The procedure may be invoked by any party pursuant to *Civil Code* section 1363.810 et seq.

9.13 Non-Waiver. Failure to enforce any provision of the Governing Documents at any time shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter with respect to the same or any other violation of any provision of the Governing Documents.

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9.14 Costs and Attorneys' Fees. In the event the Association shall take any action to enforce any of the provisions of the Governing Documents or shall determine that any Owner or Resident, member of his or her household, tenants, guests, invitees or household pets have violated any provision of the Governing Documents, and whether or not legal or judicial proceedings are initiated, the Association shall be entitled to recover the full amount of all costs including attorneys' fees incurred by the Association in responding to such a violation and/or in enforcing any Governing Document provision. In awarding attorneys' fees, the court shall not be bound by any court fee schedule, but shall, if it is in the interest of justice to do so, award the full amount of costs, expenses and attorneys' fees paid or incurred in good faith. The remedies of the Association to recover the amount of such costs and attorneys' fees shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, the imposition of a Reimbursement Assessment as provided in Article 8.9 of this Declaration.

ARTICLE 10

DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS; CONDEMNATION

10.1 Replacement or Repair of Association Property. In the event of damage to or destruction of Common Area or other property of the Association or any part thereof, the Association shall repair or replace the same from the insurance proceeds payable to it by reason of such damage or destruction. If any such damage or destruction was insured against and the insurance proceeds are insufficient to cover the costs of repair or replacement of the property damaged or destroyed, the Association may levy a Special Assessment against the Members of this Association as provided in this Declaration to cover the additional cost of the repair or replacement not covered by the insurance proceeds. The Members may elect not to cause such replacement or repair by the vote or written consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Voting Power of the Association. If there is an election not to rebuild or repair, the applicable insurance proceeds shall be used in the manner determined by the Board, provided that such use shall not be inconsistent with the purposes of the Association.

10.2 Rebuilding or Repair of Improvements on Lots. If any Lot and/or Residence is damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty, the Owner(s) of any such Lot shall repair or rebuild the structures upon such Lot and restore such Lot to its condition prior to the damage or destruction, or to such other condition as shall have been approved in advance by the Architectural Control Committee. Repair or rebuilding shall be commenced within a reasonable time, which shall in no event exceed one (1) year after the occurrence of the damage or destruction. The Association shall make available to the Owner(s) of the damaged Lot the

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