## NOTICE OF FILING OF DEDICATORY INSTRUMENTS FOR VIRGINIA WOODS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

## ASSESSMENT COLLECTION POLICY

WHEREAS, Virginia Woods Property Owners' Association, Inc. (the "Association") has authority pursuant to Article VII of the Third Amended and Restated Restrictive Covenants for Virginia woods (the "Declaration") to levy assessments against Owners of Homesteads located within Virginia Woods, a planned community located in Collin County, Texas (the "Development"); and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the timely collection of assessments and other amounts owed by Owners, and in order to comply with the Declaration and state law regarding the collection of unpaid amounts, the Board desires to establish certain procedures for the collection of assessments that remain unpaid beyond the prescribed due dates; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously adopted an Assessment Collection Policy on or about December 17, 2013 (the "2013 Policy"); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to replace the 2013 Policy with the following Assessment Collection Policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that the following procedures and practices are established for the collection of assessments owing and to become owing by Owners in the Development and the same are to be known as the "Assessment Collection Policy" ("Policy") for the Association:

- 1. <u>Generally</u>. The steps and procedures contained in this Policy serve as a general outline of the Association's collection process. The Association is not bound to follow these exact procedures in every collection matter except as required by the Declaration and the laws that govern collection of assessments. The procedures below are not intended to constitute a prerequisite or condition precedent to the Association's legal ability to collect unpaid assessments and other amounts except as required by the Declaration or law.
- 2. <u>Delegation to Management</u>. To facilitate cost-effective and timely collection of all amounts owed by owners, including but not limited to assessments, dues, charges and/or related costs, the Association may delegate to management those duties determined by the Board in its sole discretion to be necessary to assist collection efforts.
- 3. Ownership Interests. As used herein, the term "Delinquent Owner" refers to that person who held title to a Homestead on the date an assessment became due. As used herein, the term "Current Owner" refers to that person who then holds title to a Homestead. Unless expressly denoted otherwise, the "Owner" of a Homestead refers to the Delinquent Owner or the Current Owner or both, as may be appropriate under the circumstances in question.

- 4. <u>Due Dates.</u> Pursuant to Article VII of the Declaration, the due date for assessments is within thirty (30) days after notice of the assessment is delivered to an Owner. Presently, the regular assessment is due on March 1 of each year. The due date for any assessment shall be collectively referred to in this Policy as the "Due Date". Any assessment which is not paid in full on or before the Due Date is delinquent (the "Delinquency Date") and shall be assessed handling costs as well as interest or late fees as provided in Paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 below.
- 5. Written Notice of Delinquency. The Association and/or its managing agent may send various notification letters to a Delinquent Owner regarding a delinquency. Prior to sending a delinquent account to the Association's legal counsel for collection, the Association will send written notice of the delinquency to the Owner via certified mail, return receipt requested (the "Delinquency Notice"). The Delinquency Notice shall include the following information: (i) a statement of the total amount owed and a specification of each delinquent amount; (ii) a description of the options the Owner has to avoid having the account turned over to the Association's legal counsel, including the availability of a payment plan; and (iii) a statement that the Owner has a period of at least thirty (30) days to cure the delinquency before further collection action is taken.
- 6. Payment Plans. The Association shall offer a payment plan to a delinquent Owner with a minimum term of at least three (3) months and a maximum term of eighteen (18) months from the date the payment plan is requested for which the Owner may be charged reasonable administrative costs and interest. The Association will determine the actual terms of each payment plan offered to an Owner. An Owner is not entitled to a payment plan if the Owner has defaulted on a previous payment plan in the last two (2) years. If an Owner is in default at the time the Owner submits a payment, the Association is not required to follow the application of payments provisions contained in Section 10 below.
- 7. <u>Late Charges</u>. In the event any assessment, or any portion thereof, is not paid in full on or before the Due Date, late charges shall be assessed against the Owner and his or her Homestead in accordance with the schedule outlined in Attachment A hereto. The Board may, from time to time, without the necessity of seeking Owner approval, change the amount of the late charge. Such late charge, as and when levied, will become part of the assessment upon which it has been levied and, as such, will be subject to recovery in the manner provided herein for assessments. The Board may, in its sole discretion, waive the collection of any late charge; provided, however, that the waiver of any late charge shall not constitute a waiver of the Board's right to collect any future assessments or late charges.
- 8. <u>Interest.</u> In the event any assessment, or any portion thereof, is not paid in full within one calendar year of the Due Date, interest on the principal amount due may be assessed against the Owner, the rate of said interest to be the highest rate then permitted by applicable Texas or Federal law, and shall accrue from the Due Date until paid. Such interest, as and when it accrues hereunder, will become part of the assessment upon which it has accrued and, as such, will be subject to recovery in the manner provided herein for assessments.
  - 9. Handling Charges and Return Check Fees. In order to recoup for the Association

and/or its managing agent the costs incurred because of the additional administrative expenses associated with collecting delinquent assessments, collection of the following fees and charges are part of this Policy:

- a. Any handling charges, administrative fees, collection costs, postage or other expenses incurred by the Association or its managing agent in connection with the collection of any assessment or related amount owing beyond the Delinquency Date for such assessment will become due and owing by the Delinquent Owner.
- b. A charge of \$25.00 per item will become due and payable for any check tendered to the Association which is dishonored by the drawee of such check, the charge being in addition to any other fee or charge which the Association is entitled to recover from an Owner in connection with collection of assessments owing with respect to such Owner's Homestead.
- c. Any fee or charge becoming due and payable pursuant to this Paragraph will be added to the amount then outstanding and is collectible to the same extent and in the same manner as the assessment, the delinquency of which gave rise to the incurrence of such charge, fee or expense.
- 10. <u>Application of Funds Received</u>. All monies received by the Association will be applied to the Owner's delinquency in the following order of priority:
  - First, to any delinquent assessment;
  - b. Second, to any current assessment;
- c. Next, to any attorney's fees or third party collection costs incurred by the Association associated solely with assessments or any other charge that could provide the basis for foreclosure;
- d. Next, to any attorney's fees incurred by the Association that are not subject to Subsection 10(c) above;
  - e. Next, to any fines assessed by the Association; and
  - f. Last, to any other amount owed to the Association.

If the Owner is in default under a payment plan entered into with the Association at the time the Association receives a payment from the Owner, the Association is not required to apply the payment in the order of priority specified in this Section, except that a fine assessed by the Association may not be given priority over any other amount owed to the Association.

11. Ownership Records. All collection notices and communications will be directed to those persons shown by the records of the Association as being the Owner of a Homestead for which assessments are due and will be sent to the most recent address of such Owner solely as reflected by the records of the Association. Any notice or communication directed to a person at

an address, in both cases reflected by the records of the Association as being the Owner and address for a given Homestead, will be valid and effective for all purposes pursuant to the Declaration and this Policy until such time as there is actual receipt by the Association of written notification from the Owner of any change in the identity or status of such Owner or its address or both.

- 12. <u>Notification of Owner's Representative</u>. Where the interests of an Owner in a Homestead have been handled by a representative or agent of such Owner or where an Owner has otherwise acted so as to put the Association on notice that its interests in a Homestead have been and are being handled by a representative or agent, any notice or communication from the Association pursuant to this Policy will be deemed full and effective for all purposes if given to such representative or agent.
- 13. Remedies and Legal Actions. If an Owner fails to cure the delinquency within the thirty (30) day period stated in the Delinquency Notice (as provided for above), the Association may, at its discretion and when it chooses, refer the delinquency to legal counsel for the Association. Any attorney's fees and related charges incurred by virtue of legal action taken will become part of the Owner's assessment obligation and may be collected as such as provided herein.

At the direction of Management and/or the Board, legal counsel for the Association may pursue any and all available legal remedies with regard to the delinquencies referred to it including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. <u>Notice Letter</u>. As the initial correspondence to a Delinquent Owner, counsel will send a notice letter (the "Notice Letter") to the Owner advising the Owner of the Association's claim for all outstanding assessments and related charges, adding to the charges the attorney's fees and costs incurred for counsel's services.
- b. <u>Notice of Lien</u>. If an Owner fails to cure the delinquency indicated in the Notice Letter, upon being requested to do so by the Board and/or Management, counsel may prepare and record in the Real Property Records of Collin County, a written notice of lien (referred to as the "Notice of Lien") against the Homestead. A copy of the Notice of Lien will be sent to the Owner, together with an additional demand for payment in full of all amounts then outstanding.
- c. <u>Foreclosure</u>. In the event that the Owner fails to cure the delinquency, the Board may direct legal counsel to pursue foreclosure of the lien. In any foreclosure proceedings, the Owner shall be required to pay the costs and expenses of such proceedings, including reasonable attorney's fees.
- i. <u>Expedited Foreclosure Pursuant to Rules 735 & 736 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure</u>. The Board may decide to foreclose its lien by exercising its power of sale granted by the Declaration. In such event, counsel may commence an expedited foreclosure lawsuit under Rules 735 and 736 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure ("Expedited Foreclosure"). Upon receipt from the Court of an order authorizing foreclosure of the

Homestead, counsel may post the Homestead for foreclosure at an upcoming foreclosure sale. The Association shall have the power to bid on the Owner's Homestead and improvements at foreclosure and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, convey or otherwise deal with the same. The Association may institute a personal judgment suit against the former Owner for any deficiency resulting from the Association's foreclosure of its assessment lien.

- ii. <u>Judicial Foreclosure</u>. The Association may file suit for judicial foreclosure ("Judicial Foreclosure") of the assessment lien, which suit may also seek a personal money judgment. Upon receipt from the Court of an order foreclosing the Association's assessment lien against the Homestead, the sheriff or constable may post the Homestead for sheriff's sale. The Association shall have the power to bid on the Owner's Homestead and improvements at foreclosure and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, convey or otherwise deal with the same.
- d. <u>Lienholder Notification</u>. In pursuing Expedited Foreclosure or Judicial Foreclosure, the Association shall provide the 61-day notice letter to lienholders pursuant to Section 209.0091 of the Texas Property Code.
- e. <u>Lawsuit for Money Judgment</u>. The Association may file suit for a money judgment in any court of competent jurisdiction, including small claims court.
- f. <u>Bankruptcy</u>. Upon notification of a petition in bankruptcy, the Association may refer the account to legal counsel.
- g. <u>Remedies Not Exclusive</u>. All rights and remedies provided in this Policy and hereinabove are cumulative and not exclusive of any other rights or remedies that may be available to the Association, whether provided by law, equity, the Association's governing documents or otherwise.
- 14. <u>Lock Boxes</u>. The Association may establish a lock box for the receipt of assessment payments. Payments made to the lock box are deposited in the Association's bank account without regard to communications or other notices enclosed with or stated on the payment. Any notice or communication (including, without limitation, a dispute of the debt) enclosed with or stated on the payment to the lock box will be ineffective and not binding on the Association. Any dispute of an assessment or related charge, any proposed tender of an amount less than the entire amount claimed to be due which is intended to satisfy the Owner's debt in full, or any change in the identity, status or address of an Owner, must be in writing, sent to and received by Management at the address listed on the Association's most recent management certificate.
- 15. <u>Compromise of Assessment Obligations</u>. In order to expedite the handling of collection of delinquent assessments owed to the Association, the Board may, at any time, compromise or waive the payment of any assessment, interest, late charge, handling charge, collection cost, legal fee or any other applicable charge. The Association may, at its option, notify the Internal Revenue Service of the waiver or forgiveness of any assessment obligation.

Severability and Legal Interpretation. In the event that any provision herein shall be determined by a court with jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable in any respect, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision, and this Policy shall be enforced as if such provision did not exist. Furthermore, in the event that any provision of this Policy is deemed by a court with jurisdiction to be ambiguous or in contradiction with any law, this Policy and any such provision shall be interpreted in a manner that complies with an interpretation that is consistent with the law. In the event any provision of this Policy conflicts with the Declaration, the Declaration controls.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Policy replaces and supersedes in all respects all prior policies and resolutions with respect to the collection of assessments by the Association and is effective upon adoption hereof, to remain in force and effect until revoked, modified or amended.

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of modified, rescinded or revoked.

Linda Davis, Secretary, VWPOA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on this 15th day of

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collection cost, legal fee or any other applicable charge. The Association may, at its option,

## ATTACHMENT A LATE FEE SCHEDULE

## Late Fees

If the current year's regular assessment is not paid in full by the due date (March 1), the following late charges will be assessed and added to the balance due:

Not paid in full by March 15 of current year	Late Fee assessed	\$30.00
Not paid in full by April 15 of current year	Additional late Fee assessed	\$30.00
Not paid in full by May 15 of current year	Additional late Fee assessed	\$30.00
Not paid in full by August 1 of current year	Additional late Fee assessed	\$60.00
Not paid in full by March 1 of subsequent year	Additional late Fee assessed	\$100.00

Not paid in full by September 1 of the subsequent year, and every six months after that date, a 4% charge of the total outstanding balance will be assessed.

On June 1 of the current year, any account not paid in full will be place in active collections status. The account will remain in active collections status until there are no past due amounts. The Association will utilize whatever remedy it deems appropriate for all active collections accounts.

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