

ISSUE #1

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MARKUP #1 · CONFLICTS WITH MANDATORY STATE STATUTE

BOARD & COUNSEL REVIEW

requested (the "Notice of Violation"). A Notice of Violation need not be sent if the alleged violator has previously received a Notice of Violation relating to a similar Violation within six (6) months of the occurrence of the current Violation and was given a reasonable opportunity to cure the Violation. If the alleged violator was given notice and an opportunity to cure the similar Violation within the previous six (6) months, the Board may impose sanctions as authorized by the Declaration and/or this Enforcement Policy without notice to the Owner other than the Final Notice of Violation described in Paragraph 4 below. The Notice of Violation will state the following:

- a. The nature, description and location of the Violation, including any property damage caused by the Owner.
- b. The authority for establishing the Violation, including the authority for recovering property damages caused by the Owner.
- c. The proposed sanction to be imposed, including the amount of any fine or the amount claimed to be due from the owner for property damage.
- d. If the Violation is corrected or eliminated within a reasonable time after the Owner’s receipt of the Notice of Violation that a fine will not be assessed, voting and common area privileges will not be suspended and that no further action will be taken.
- e. The recipient may, on or before thirty (30) days from the receipt of the Notice of Violation, deliver to the Association a written request for a hearing.
- f. If the Violation is not corrected or eliminated within the time period specified in the Notice of Violation, or if a written request for a hearing is not made on or before thirty (30) days from the receipt of the Notice of Violation, that the sanctions delineated in the Notice of Violation may be imposed and that any attorney’s fees and costs will be charged to the Owner.
- g. If a hearing is timely requested and is held before a delegate of the Board, that the Owner may appeal the decision of the delegate to the Board.

4. Final Notice of Violation. A formal notice of the Violation and the sanction to be imposed, including the amount of any fine or the amount of any property damage (the "Final Notice of Violation") will be sent by the Association to the Owner by regular first-class mail and by certified mail, return receipt requested, where, within the time period specified in the Notice of Violation, the Violation has not been corrected or eliminated or the Association has not timely received a written request for a hearing.

5. Request for a Hearing. If the Owner challenges the proposed action by timely requesting a hearing, the hearing shall be held in executive session of the Board affording the alleged violator a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Such hearing shall be held no later than the 30th day after the date the Board receives the Owner’s request for a hearing. Prior to the effectiveness of any sanction hereunder, proof of proper notice of the hearing shall be placed in the minutes of the meeting. Such proof shall be deemed adequate if a copy of the notice,

Sec. 3 (p. 3): Enforcement/fining provision omits mandatory Texas Property Code § 209.006 certified mail notice, 30-day Board hearing request window, or HB 614 recorded fine schedule requirements.

Statutory / Legal Reference: Tex. Prop. Code § 209.006, § 209.0061 & § 209.007

Statutory Comparison: Under Tex. Prop. Code § 209.006 and § 209.007, an association may not levy a fine or suspend an owner's right to use a common area unless it first gives written notice by certified mail describing the violation, providing a reasonable period to cure (if curable and not a repeat violation within 6 months), and stating that the owner may request a hearing before the Board on or before the 30th day after the notice was mailed. Further, under § 209.0061 (HB 614), the association must maintain and provide a recorded enforcement policy specifying general categories of restrictive covenants and a schedule of fines for each category.

CURRENT WORDING IN DOCUMENT:

COVENANT ENFORCEMENT AND FINING POLICY - Page 1 requested (the "Notice of Violation"). A Notice of Violation need not be sent if the alleged violator has previously received a Notice of Violation relating to a similar Violation within six (6) months of the occurrence of the current Violation and was given a reasonable opportunity to cure the Violation.

SAMPLE DISCUSSION WORDING (FOR HOA ATTORNEY REVIEW):

Before the Association levies a fine, suspends an Owner's right to use a common area, or files suit other than to collect regular or special assessments or foreclose a lien, the Association shall give written notice to the Owner by certified mail in compliance with Tex. Prop. Code § 209.006. The notice must describe the violation, include a copy of or link to the Association's recorded enforcement and fine schedule policy required by Tex. Prop. Code § 209.0061 (HB 614), specify a reasonable cure period (for curable violations), and inform the Owner that they have thirty (30) days from the date notice is mailed to submit a written request for a hearing before the Board pursuant to Tex. Prop. Code § 209.007.