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Assessments against Units in their respective fractional shares for the following purposes: (i) if a deficit should develop in the payment of Common Expenses during any period that the level of Assessments has not been guaranteed by the Developer (see Section 8.6 hereof); (ii) for the costs incurred by the Association for specific purposes of a nonrecurring nature which are not capital improvements; or (iii) costs incurred by the Association for the acquisition, installation, construction or replacement of any capital improvements located or to be located within the Common Elements. ~~Unless waived pursuant to Section 718.112(2)(f), Florida Statutes, Condominium dues or charges~~ shall include an adequate reserve fund for maintenance, repairs and replacement of those Common Elements that must be replaced on a periodic basis, and shall be payable in regular installments rather than by special assessment. In addition to the reserves which may be required to be maintained by the Association, the Board of Directors may include sums to establish reasonable reserves against future contingencies in each annual Assessment.

8.2 Liability for Assessments.

A Unit Owner, regardless of the manner in which he acquired title to his Unit including, without limitation, a purchaser at a judicial sale or by deed in lieu of foreclosure, shall be liable for all Assessments while he is the Owner of a Unit. A grantee of a Unit shall be jointly and severally liable with the grantor for all unpaid Assessments against the latter for his share of the Common Expenses up to the time of the conveyance, except that the liability for prior Assessments of Institutional Mortgagee who joins the Association in a foreclosure action and who acquires title through foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure shall be limited to the lesser of: (i) the Unit's unpaid Common Expenses and regular periodic assessments which accrued or came due during the six (6) months immediately preceding the acquisition of title and for which payment in full has not been received by the Association, or (ii) one percent (1%) of the original mortgage debt. The liability for Assessments may not be avoided by waiver of the use or enjoyment of any Common Elements, services or recreation facilities, or by abandonment of the Unit against which the Assessment was made. The Association may charge an administrative late fee, in addition to interest, on any late Assessment payments not to exceed the maximum amount permitted under the Condominium Act. No Institutional Mortgagee is required to collect Assessments. Failure to pay Assessments shall not be deemed a default under any mortgage, except as provided in the mortgage instrument.

Any unpaid share of Common Expenses or Assessments for which an Institutional Mortgagee is relieved from liability under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to be a Common Expense, collectible from all Unit Owners, including the acquirer of the Condominium Parcel, his successors and assigns. An Institutional Mortgagee may not, during the period of its ownership of such Condominium Parcel, whether or not such Condominium Parcel is unoccupied, be excused from the payment of some or all of the Common Expenses coming due during the period of such ownership. Nothing contained herein shall abridge or limit the right or responsibilities of Institutional Mortgagees as set forth in the Condominium Act.

8.3 Assessments.

The making and collection of Assessments against each Unit Owner for Common Expenses, and for reserves as may from time to time be established by the Association, shall be pursuant to the Bylaws of the Association, subject to the following provisions:

(a) Interest and Late Charge: Application of Payments. Assessments and installments on such Assessments paid on or before five (5) days after the date when due, shall not bear interest, but all sums not paid on or before five (5) days after the date when due shall bear interest at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum from the date when due until paid and there shall also be assessed as an administrative late fee of five percent (5%) of the sum due but, not to exceed twenty-five and 00/100 dollars (\$25.00). All payments on accounts shall be first applied to interest accrued by the Association, then to any administrative late fee, then to outstanding fines, then to costs and attorney's fees, and then to the delinquent assessment payment first due.

MARKUP #1 · CONFLICTS WITH MANDATORY STATE STATUTE

BOARD & COUNSEL REVIEW

Sec. OR BK (p. 17): Outdated reserve waiver clause contradicts mandatory post-milestone SIRS requirements.

Statutory / Legal Reference: Fla. Stat. § 718.112(2)(f) (HB 1021)

Statutory Comparison: Effective under HB 1021, condominium and cooperative associations cannot waive or reduce reserves for items required by a Structural Integrity Reserve Study (SIRS), nor use structural reserve funds for non-scheduled purposes without statutory exemptions.

CURRENT WORDING IN DOCUMENT:

shall include an adequate reserve fund for maintenance, repairs and replacement of those Common Elements that must be replaced on a periodic basis, and shall be payable in regular installments rather than by special assessment. In addition to the reserves which may be required to be maintained by the Association, the Board of Directors may include sums to establish reasonable reserves against future contingencies in each annual Assessment.

SAMPLE DISCUSSION WORDING (FOR HOA ATTORNEY REVIEW):

Provided, however, that reserve funding for components covered by a Structural Integrity Reserve Study (SIRS) pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 718.112(2)(g) cannot be waived, reduced, or used for any purpose other than their designated structural replacement.