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MARKUP #1 · CONFLICTS WITH FED LAW

BOARD & COUNSEL REVIEW

Sec. 0 (p. 15): Blanket ban, sub-1-meter size cap, or prior approval requirement on satellite dishes or antennas is preempted by federal FCC OTARD regulations.

Statutory / Legal Reference: 47 C.F.R. § 1.4000 (FCC OTARD Rule)

Statutory Comparison: The FCC Over-the-Air Reception Devices rule (47 C.F.R. § 1.4000, as expanded by the 2021 OTARD Report and Order, FCC 21-10) preempts community association restrictions that prohibit, charge application fees for, require prior architectural approval for, or impose sub-1-meter (39.37-inch) diameter caps on the installation, maintenance, or use of television broadcast antennas, direct-broadcast satellite dishes 1 meter or less in diameter, and fixed wireless broadband antennas (including hub and relay antennas) situated on property within the exclusive use or control of the owner/tenant.

CURRENT WORDING IN DOCUMENT:

7 r; 8 so as to be visible from any street adjoining said Lot. In the event audio/video communication services are made available to any Lot by a co-axial cable system, no television antenna may be erected thereon and any existing exterior television antenna shall be removed, except as specifically allowed in writing by the Architectural Committee.

SAMPLE DISCUSSION WORDING (FOR HOA ATTORNEY REVIEW):

Provided that this restriction shall not prohibit or require prior approval for any owner or occupant installing an antenna, fixed wireless broadband hub/relay device, or satellite dish of one meter (39.37 inches) or less in diameter within areas under the owner's or occupant's exclusive use or control, in accordance with FCC OTARD regulations (47 C.F.R. § 1.4000).

Committee taken without a meeting, documented in accordance with Article 1396-9.10A of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, shall constitute an act of the Architectural Committee. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in the event the Architectural Committee fails to respond to a request for approval of Plans and Specifications within thirty (30) days of receipt of all required information, the Architectural Committee shall be deemed to have approved such Plans and Specifications.

7.09. No Waiver of Future Approvals. The approval or consent of the Architectural Committee to any Plans or Specifications for any work done or proposed or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval or consent of the Architectural Committee shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any Plans and Specifications, or other matter whatever, subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent by the same or a different person.

7.10. Work in Progress. The Architectural Committee, at its option, may inspect all work in progress to insure compliance with approved Plans and Specifications.

7.11. Address. Plans and Specifications shall be submitted to the Architectural Committee at 1717 West 6th Street, Suite 260, Austin, Texas 78703, or such other address as may be designated from time to time.

7.12. Fees. The Architectural Committee shall have the right to require a reasonable submission fee for each set of Plans and Specifications submitted for its review.

7.13. Certificate of Compliance. Upon completion of any Improvement approved by the Architectural Committee and upon written request by the Owner of the Lot, the Architectural Committee may issue a Certificate of Compliance in a form suitable for recordation. The Certificate may identify the Lot and the Improvements, the use or uses to be conducted thereon, and the Plans and Specifications on file with the Architectural Committee pursuant to which the Improvements were made and shall specify that the Improvements comply with the approved Plans and Specifications. The Certificate shall not be construed to certify the acceptability, sufficiency, or approval by the Architectural Committee of the actual construction of the Improvements or the workmanship or materials thereof. The Owner is hereby notified that the Certificate in no way warrants, except as set forth above, the sufficiency, acceptability, or approval by the Architectural Committee of the construction, workmanship, materials, or equipment of the Improvements. Preparation and recordation of such a Certificate shall be at the expense of the Owner of the improved Lot.

ARTICLE VIII

FUNDS AND ASSESSMENTS

8.01. Assessments.

- (A) The Association may from time to time levy Assessments against each Lot whether or not improved. The level of Assessments shall be equal and uniform between all Lots, except that no Assessments hereunder shall be levied against Declarant.
- (B) Where the obligation to pay an Assessment first arises after the commencement of the year or other period for which the Assessment was levied, the Assessment shall be prorated as of the date when said obligation first arose in proportion to the amount of the Assessment year or other period remaining after said date.