## RESOLUTION 2009-01 OF THE LAKEVIEW CHALET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

## ADOPTING POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR RULE ENFORCEMENT

**SUBJECT**: Adoption of a policy regarding the enforcement of rules and procedures for the notice of alleged violations, conduct of hearings and imposition of fines.

**PURPOSE:** To adopt a uniform policy and procedure to be followed when enforcing rules to facilitate the efficient operation of the Association.

AUTHORITY: The Master Deed and Bylaws of the Association.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: MARCH 11, 2009** 

**RESOLUTION:** The Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association, hereby adopts the following policy and procedure to be followed when enforcing the covenants and rules of the Association:

- Reporting Violations. Complaints regarding alleged violations may be reported by an Owner or resident within the community, a group of Owners or residents, the Association's management company, if any, Board member(s) or committee member(s) by submission of a written complaint.
- 2. Complaints. (a) Complaints by Owners or residents shall be in writing and submitted to the management company. The complaining Owner or resident shall have observed the alleged violation and shall identify the complainant ("Complainant"), the alleged violator ("Violator"), if known, and set forth a statement describing the alleged violation, referencing the specific provisions which are alleged to have been violated, when the violation was observed and any other pertinent information. Non-written complaints or written complaints failing to include any information required by this provision may not be investigated or prosecuted at the discretion of the Association. (b) Complaints by a member of the Board of Directors, a committee member, or the manager, if any, may be made in writing or by any other means deemed appropriate by the Board if such violation was observed by the Director or Manager.
- 3. Investigation. Upon receipt of a complaint by the Association, if additional information is needed, the complaint may be returned to the Complainant or may be investigated further by the Board designated individual or committee. The Board shall have sole discretion in appointing an individual or committee to investigate the matter.

- 4. Initial Warning Letter. If a violation is found to exist, a warning letter shall be sent to the Violator explaining the nature of the violation. The Violator will be given a reasonable amount of time to comply based on the nature and severity of the violation, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board.
- 5. Continued Violation After Initial Warning Letter. If the Violator does not come into compliance within the time allotted in the first warning letter, this will be considered a second violation for which a fine may be imposed following notice and opportunity for a hearing. A second letter shall then be sent to the Violator, providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing, and explaining if a violation is found to exist, a fine may be imposed pursuant to this Policy. The letter shall further state the Violator is entitled to a hearing on the merits of the matter provided that such hearing is requested in writing within 14 days of the date on the second violation letter.
- 6. Notice of Hearing. If a hearing is requested by the alleged Violator, the Board, committee or other person conducting such hearing as may be determined in the sole discretion of the Board, may serve a written notice of the hearing to all parties involved prior to the hearing date.
- 7. Hearing. At the beginning of each hearing, the presiding officer, shall introduce the case by describing the alleged violation and the procedure to be followed during the hearing. Each party or designated representative. may, but is not required to, make an opening statement, present evidence and testimony, present witnesses, and make a closing statement. The presiding officer may also impose such other rules of conduct as may be appropriate under the given circumstances. Neither the Complainant nor the alleged Violator are required to be in attendance at the hearing. The Board shall base its decision solely on the matters set forth in the Complaint, results of the investigation and such other credible evidence as may be presented at the hearing. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, all hearings shall be open to attendance by all Owners. After all testimony and other evidence has been presented at a hearing, the Board shall, within a reasonable time, not to exceed 10 days, render its written findings and decision, and impose a fine, if applicable. A decision, either a finding for or against the Owner, shall be by a majority of the Board members present at the hearing. Failure to strictly follow the hearing procedures set forth above shall not constitute grounds for appeal of the hearing committee's decision absent a showing of denial of due process.
- 8. Failure to Timely Request Hearing. If the Violator fails to request a hearing within 14 days of any letter, or fails to appear at any hearing, the Board may make a decision with respect to the alleged violation based on the Complaint, results of the investigation, and any other available information without the necessity of holding a formal hearing. If a violation is found to

- exist, the alleged Violator may be assessed a fine pursuant to these policies and procedures.
- Notification of Decision. The decision of the Board, committee or other person, shall be in writing and provided to the Violator and Complainant within 10 days of the hearing, or if no hearing is requested, within 10 days of the final decision.
- 10. Fine Schedule. The following fine schedule has been adopted for most recurring covenant violations:

First violation Warning letter
Second violation (of same rule) \$25.00
Third violation (of same rule) \$50.00

Fourth violation (of same rule) \$100.00 each time

Violations may be turned over, as determined by the Board, to the Association's attorney to take appropriate legal action. Any Owner committing six or more violations in a twelve month period (whether such violations are of the same covenant or different covenants) may be immediately turned over to the Association's attorney for appropriate legal action.

- 11. Continuous Violations. Continuous violations are defined as violations of Owner obligations that are uninterrupted by time. Each day of noncompliance with such violations constitutes a separate violation. If an Owner is determined as having a continuous violation, in accordance with the terms of this Policy, such Owner may be subject to a daily or weekly fine, following a notice and opportunity for a hearing as set forth above.
- 12. Waiver of Fines. The Board may waive all, or any portion, of the fines if, in its sole discretion, such waiver is appropriate under the circumstances. Additionally, the Board may condition waiver of the entire fine, or any portion thereof, upon the Violator coming into and staying in compliance with the Bylaws or Rules.
- 13. Other Enforcement Means. This fine schedule and enforcement process is adopted in addition to all other enforcement means which are available to the Association through its Master Deed, Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and Michigan law. The use of this process does not preclude the Association from using any other enforcement means.
- 14. Definitions. Unless otherwise defined in this Resolution, initially capitalized or terms defined in the Master Deed shall have the same meaning herein.
- 15. Supplement to Law. The provisions of this Resolution shall be in addition to and in supplement of the terms and provisions of the Declaration and the law of the State of Michigan governing the Project.

- 16. Deviations. The Board may deviate from the procedures set forth in this Resolution if in its sole discretion such deviation is reasonable under the circumstances.
- 17. Amendment. This policy may be amended from time to time by the Board of Directors.

## PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned, being the President of the Lakeview Chalet Condominium Association, a Michigan nonprofit corporation, certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Association on February 5, 2009 and in witness thereof, the undersigned has subscribed his/her name.

## LAKEVIEW CHALET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

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Attested to:

By:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Its Secretary