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## AMENDMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS OF WESTOVER VILLA TOWN HOUSE COUNCIL, INC.

<u>Document reference</u>. Reference is hereby made to that certain <u>Declaration of Covenants</u>, <u>Conditions and Restrictions for Westover Villa</u>, filed at Vol. 09358, Pg. 0780 in the Real Property Records of Travis County, Texas (together with all amendments and supplemental documents thereto, the "**Declaration**").

Reference is further made to the <u>Westover Villas Violation Procedure</u>, filed as Document No. 2002143987; and the <u>Westover Villa Insurance Rules and Regulations</u>, filed as Document No. 2005172337, both in the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas (cumulatively and together with any amendments or supplements, the "**Rules**").

WHEREAS the Declaration provides that owners of lots subject to the Declaration are automatically made members of Westover Villa Town House Council, Inc. (the "Association");

WHEREAS the Association, acting through its board of directors (the "Board") and its architectural control committee (the "Architectural Committee") has the authority under state statute and its general corporate governance powers to adopt the rules set forth herein; and

WHEREAS the Board and Architectural Committee have voted to adopt the additional Rules attached as Exhibit "A" to supplement the previously-adopted Rules;

THEREFORE the additional Rules attached as Exhibit "A" have been, and by these presents are, ADOPTED and APPROVED.

Subject solely to the amendments contained in Exhibit "A", the Rules remain in full force and effect.

WESTOVER VILLA TOWN HOUSE COUNCIL, INC.

Acting by and through its Board of Directors,

Signature:

Printed Name

Title:

President

WESTOVER VILLA TOWN HOUSE COUNCIL, INC.

Acting by and through its Architectural Compattee

Signature:

Printed Name: Title: MARLENE KICH Architectural Committee Member

Exhibit "A":

Additional Rules

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# Acknowledgements

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF Travis \$
This instrument was executed before me on the
NANCY GAIL TUTTLE Notary Public, State of Texas  NOVEMBER 16, 2012  Notary Public State of Texas
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This instrument was executed before me on the ath day of January  20/2, by Marleue Pich in the capacity stated above.
NANCY GAIL TUTTLE Notary Public, State of Texas Notary Public, State of Texas
NOVEMBER 16, 2012

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### DEFINITIONS

- "Owner:" an owner as defined in the governing documents, or a "Member" as defined in the
  governing documents. If there are no such definitions, an owner means a person or entity holding
  a fee simple interest in any portion of the property that is subject to the Declaration (other than
  common area).
- "Managing agent:" the entity responsible for managing the affairs of the Association, or the "Association manager."

### SECTION I. FLAGS AND SOLAR ENERGY DEVICES

- Conflict with Other Provisions. Per state law, this Section controls over any provision in any other Association governing document to the contrary.
- General. An Owner may not display flags or install solar energy devices or related improvements
  on the common areas or on any other property or element owned or maintained by the
  Association, including but not limited to exterior wall surfaces, balconies, terraces, patios, roofs,
  grounds, yards, and gardens.

# SECTION II. RAIN BARRELS AND RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEMS

- <u>Conflict with Other Provisions</u>. Per state law, this Section controls over any provision in any other Association governing document to the contrary.
- Approval Required. Owners may install rain barrels or rainwater harvesting systems only with
  pre-approval from the Association's Architectural Control Authority, either the Board or an
  Architectural Committee pursuant to Article V of the Declaration (the "ACA") (see Paragraph 4
  below), and only in accordance with the restrictions described in this Section.
- Prohibited Locations. Owners are prohibited from installing rain barrels or rainwater harvesting systems, or any part thereof, in the following locations:
  - a. on property owned by the Association; or
  - b. on property between the front of the Owner's home and an adjoining or adjacent street.

4. Approval Required for All Rain Barrels or Rainwater Harvesting Systems. Prior to any installation of any rain barrel or rain harvesting system (or any part thereof), prior written permission must be received from the ACA.

Owners wishing to install such systems must submit plans showing the proposed location, color(s), material(s), shielding, dimensions of the proposed improvements, and whether any part of the proposed improvements will be visible from the street, another lot, or a common area (and if so, what part(s) will be visible). The location information must provide information as to how far (in feet and inches) the improvement(s) will be from the side, front, and back property line of the Owner's property.

- Color and Other Appearance Restrictions. Owners are prohibited from installing rain barrels or rainwater harvesting systems that:
  - a. are of a color other than a color consistent with the color scheme of the Owner's home;
  - display any language or other content that is not typically displayed by such a barrel or system as it is manufactured; or
  - are not constructed in accordance with plans approved by the Association.
- 6. Additional Restrictions if Installed in Side Yard or Improvements are Visible. If any part of the improvement is installed in a side yard, or will be visible from the street, another lot, or common area, the Association may impose restrictions on the size, type, materials, and shielding of, the improvement(s) (through denial of plans or conditional approval of plans).

### SECTION III. RELIGIOUS DISPLAYS

- 1. <u>Conflict with Other Provisions</u>. Per state law, this Section controls over any provision in any other Association governing document to the contrary.
- 2. General. State statute allows owners to display certain religious items in the owner's entry, and further allows the Association to impose certain limitations on such entry displays. The following rule outlines the limitations on religious displays in an owner's entry area. Notwithstanding any other language in the governing documents to the contrary, residents may display on the entry door or doorframe of the resident's dwelling one or more religious items, subject to the restrictions outlined in Paragraph 3 below. Allowed religious displays are limited to displays motivated by the resident's sincere religious belief.
- 3. Prohibited Items. No religious item(s) displayed in an entry area may:
  - a. threaten the public health or safety;
  - b. violate a law;
  - c. contain language, graphics, or any display that is patently offensive to a passerby;
  - be located anywhere other than the main entry door or main entry door frame of the dwelling;
  - e. extend past the outer edge of the door frame of the door; or
  - f. have a total size (individually or in combination) of greater than 25 square inches.
- 4. <u>Remedies for Violation of this Section</u>. Per state statute, if a religious item(s) is displayed in violation of this Section, the Association may remove the offending item without prior notice. This remedy is in addition to any other remedies the Association may have under its other governing documents or State law.
- 5. <u>Seasonal Religious Holiday Decorations</u>. This rule will not be interpreted to apply to otherwise-permitted temporary seasonal religious holiday decorations such as Christmas lighting or Christmas wreaths. The Board has the sole discretion to determine what items qualify as Seasonal Religious Holiday Decorations and may impose other restrictions on the display of such decorations. Unless otherwise provided by the Declaration, Seasonal Religious Holiday

Decorations may be displayed no more than 30 days before and no more than 21 days after the holiday. Seasonal Religious Holiday Decorations must comply with all other provisions of the governing documents, but are not subject to this Section.

 Other displays. Non-religious displays in the entry area to an owner's dwelling and all displays (religious or otherwise) outside of the entry area to an owner's dwelling are governed by other applicable governing document provisions.

### SECTION IV. RECORD PRODUCTION

- 1. <u>Effective Date</u>. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary and regardless of date of adoption of these rules, the effective date of this Section is January 1, 2012.
- Conflict with Other Provisions. Per state law, this Section controls over any provision in any other Association governing document to the contrary to the extent of any conflict.
- 3. Request for Records. The Owner or the Owner's authorized representative requesting Association records must submit a written request by certified mail to the mailing address of the Association or authorized representative as reflected on the most current filed management certificate. The request must contain:
  - a. sufficient detail to describe the books and records requested, and
  - b. an election either to inspect the books and records before obtaining copies or to have the Association forward copies of the requested books and records.
- 4. Timeline for record production.
  - a. If inspection requested. If an inspection is requested, the Association will respond within 10 business days by sending written notice by mail, fax, or email of the date(s) and times during normal business hours that the inspection may occur. Any inspection will take place at a mutually-agreed time during normal business hours, and the requesting party must identify any books and records the party desires the Association to copy.
  - b. <u>If copies requested</u>. If copies are requested, the Association will produce the copies within 10 business days of the request.
  - c. Extension of timeline. If the Association is unable to produce the copies within 10 business days of the request, the Association will send written notice to the Owner of this by mail, fax, or email, and state a date, within 15 business days of the date of the Association's notice, that the copies or inspection will be available.
- Format. The Association may produce documents in hard copy, electronic, or other format of its choosing.
- 6. Charges. Per state law, the Association may charge for time spent compiling and producing all records, and may charge for copy costs if copies are requested. Those charges will be the maximum amount then-allowed by law under the Texas Administrative Code. The Association may require advance payment of actual or estimated costs. As of July, 2011, a summary of the maximum permitted charges for common items are:
  - a. Paper copies 10¢ per page
  - b. CD \$1 per disc
  - c. DVD \$3 per disc
  - d. Labor charge for requests of more than 50 pages \$15 per hour
  - e. Overhead charge for requests of more than 50 pages 20% of the labor charge
  - f. Labor and overhead may be charged for requests for fewer than 50 pages if the records are kept in a remote location and must be retrieved from it
- 7. <u>Private Information Exempted from Production</u>. Per state law, the Association has **no obligation** to provide information of the following types:

- a. Owner violation history
- b. Owner personal financial information
- c. Owner contact information other than the owner's address
- d. Information relating to an Association employee, including personnel files
- Existing Records Only. The duty to provide documents on request applies only to existing books
  and records. The Association has no obligation to create a new document, prepare a summary of
  information, or compile and report data.

#### SECTION V. RECORD RETENTION

- Effective Date. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary and regardless of the date of adoption of these rules, the effective date of this Section relating to record retention is January 1, 2012.
- Conflict with Other Provisions. Per state law, this Section relating to record retention controls over any provision in any other Association governing document to the contrary to the extent of any conflict.
- Record Retention. The Association will keep the following records for at least the following time periods:
  - a. Contracts with terms of at least one year; 4 years after expiration of contract
  - b. Account records of current Owners; 5 years
  - c. Minutes of Owner meetings and Board meetings; 7 years
  - d. Tax returns and audits; 7 years
  - e. Financial books and records (other than account records of current Owners); 7 years
  - f. Governing documents, including Articles of Incorporation/Certificate of Formation, Bylaws, Declaration, Rules, and all amendments; <u>permanently</u>
- Other Records. Records not listed above may be maintained or discarded in the Association's sole discretion.

## SECTION VI. PAYMENT PLANS

- Conflict with Other Provisions. Per state law, this Section controls over any provision in any other Association governing document to the contrary.
- 2. <u>Effective date</u>. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary and regardless of date of adoption of these rules, the effective date of this Section relating to payment plans is January 1, 2012.
- 3. Eligibility for Payment Plan.

<u>Standard payment plans</u>. An Owner is eligible for a Standard Payment Plan (see Paragraph 4 below) only if:

- a. The Owner has not defaulted under a prior payment plan with the Association in the prior 24-month period;
- b. The Owner requests a payment plan no later than 30 days after the Association sends notice to the Owner via certified mail, return receipt requested under Property Code §209.0064 (notifying the Owner of the amount due, providing 30 days for payment, and describing the options for curing the delinquency). Owner is responsible for confirming that the Association has received the Owner's request for a payment plan within this 30-day period. It is recommended that requests be in writing; and

c. The Association receives the executed Standard Payment Plan and the first payment within 15 days of the Standard Payment Plan being sent via email, fax, mail, or hand delivered to the Owner.

Other payment plans. An Owner who is <u>not</u> eligible for a Standard Payment Plan may still request that the Association's Board grant the Owner an alternate payment plan. Any such request must be directed to the person or entity currently handing the collection of the debt (i.e., the Association's manager or Association's attorney). The decision to grant or deny an alternate payment plan, and the terms and conditions for any such plan, will be at the sole discretion of the Association's Board.

- 4. Standard Payment Plans. The terms and conditions for a Standard Payment Plan are:
  - a. <u>Term</u>. Standard Payment Plans are for a term of 6 months. (See also Paragraph 7 for Board discretion involving term lengths.)
  - b. <u>Payments</u>. Payments will be made at least monthly and will be roughly equal in amount or have a larger initial payment (small initial payments with a large balloon payment at the end of the term are not allowed). Payments must be received by the Association at the designated address by the required dates and may not be rejected, returned or denied by the Owner's bank for any reason (i.e., check returned NSF).
  - c. <u>Assessments and other amounts coming due during plan</u>. The Owner will keep current on all additional assessments and other charges posted to the Owner's account during the term of the payment plan, which amounts may but need not be included in calculating the payments due under the plan.
  - d. <u>Additional charges</u>. The Owner is responsible for reasonable charges related to negotiating, preparing and administering the payment plan, and for interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum, all of which shall be included in calculating the total amount due under the plan and the amount of the related payments. The Owner will not be charged late fees or other charges related to the delinquency during the time the owner is complying with all terms of a payment plan.
  - Contact information. The Owner will provide relevant contact information and keep same updated.
  - Additional conditions. The Owner will comply with such additional conditions under the plan as the Board may establish.
  - g. <u>Default</u>. The Owner will be in default under the plan if the Owner fails to comply with <u>any</u> requirements of these rules or the payment plan agreement.
- 5. Account Sent to an Attorney/Agent for Formal Collections. An Owner does not have the right to a Standard Payment Plan after the 30-day timeframe referenced in Paragraph 3(b). Once an account is sent to an attorney or agent for collection, the delinquent Owner must communicate with that attorney or agent to arrange for payment of the debt. The decision to grant or deny the Owner an alternate payment plan, and the terms and conditions of any such plan, is solely at the discretion of the Board.
- 6. <u>Default</u>. If the Owner defaults under any payment plan, the Association may proceed with any collection activity authorized under the governing documents or state law without further notice. If the Association elects to provide notice of default, the Owner will be responsible for all fees and costs associated with the drafting and sending of such notice. All late fees and other charges that

otherwise would have been posted to the Owner's account may also be assessed to the Owner's account in the event of a default.

Any payments received during a time an Owner is in default under any payment plan may be applied to any out-of-pocket costs (including attorneys fees for administering the plan), administrative and late fees, assessments, and fines (if any), in any order determined by the Association, except that fines will not be given priority over any other amount owed but may be satisfied proportionately (e.g. a \$100 payment may be applied proportionately to all amounts owed, in proportion to the amount owed relative to other amounts owed).

- 7. Board Discretion. The Association's Board may vary the obligations imposed on Owners under these rules on a case-by-case basis, including curtailing or lengthening the payment plan terms (so long as the plan is between 3 and 18 months), as it may deem appropriate and reasonable. The term length set forth in Paragraph 4 shall be the default term length absent Board action setting a different term length. No such action shall be construed as a general abandonment or waiver of these rules, nor vest rights in any other Owner to receive a payment plan at variance with the requirements set forth in these rules.
- 8. <u>Legal Compliance</u>. These payment plan rules are intended to comply with the relevant requirements established under Texas Property Code §209. In case of ambiguity, uncertainty, or conflict, these rules shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with all such legal requirements.

## SECTION VII. VOTING

- 1. Form of Proxy or Ballot. The Board may dictate the form for all proxies, ballots, or other voting instruments or vehicles. No form other than the form put forth by the Board will be accepted.
- 2. <u>Deadline for Return of Voting Paperwork</u>. The Board may establish a deadline, which may be communicated on the proxy form, absentee ballot, or otherwise communicated to the membership, for return of electronic ballots, absentee ballots, proxies, or other votes.

### SECTION VIII. EMAIL ADDRESSES

- 1. Email Addresses. An Owner is required to keep a current email address on file with the Association if the Owner desires to receive email communications from the Association. Failure to supply an email address to the Association or to update the address in a manner required by these rules may result in an Owner not receiving Association emails. The Association has no duty to request an updated address from an Owner, in response to returned email or otherwise. The Association may require Owners to sign up for a group email, email list serve or other such email subscription service in order to receive Association emails.
- 2. Updating Email Addresses. An Owner is required to notify the Association when email addresses change. Such notice must be in writing and delivered to the Association's managing agent by fax, mail, or email. The notice must be for the sole purpose of requesting an update to the Owner's email address. For example, merely sending an email from a new email address, or including an email address in a communication sent for any other purpose other than providing notice of a new email address, does not constitute a request to change the Owner's email in the records of the Association.

## SECTION IX. MANAGING AGENT'S ADDRESS

At the time these rules were filed, the current address of the Association's managing agent is:

Community Association Management, Inc. 11183 Circle Drive, Ste. D Austin, TX 78736

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