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(By Senators Sharpe, Cook, Palumbo, Colombo, Fanning, Burdette and Shaw)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact chapter thirty-six-b of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the uniform common interest ownership act; short title; applicability; definitions; variation by agreement; separate titles and taxation; applicability of local ordinances, regulations and building codes; eminent domain; supplemental general principles of law applicable; construction against implicit repeal; uniformity of application and construction; severability; unconscionable agreement or term of contract; obligation of good faith; remedies to be liberally administered; creation of common interest communities; adjustment of dollar amounts; applicability to new and preexisting developments; unit boundaries; construction and validity of declaration and bylaws; description of units; contents of declaration; leasehold common interest communities; allocation of common element interests, votes and common expense liabilities; limited common elements; plats and plans; exercise of development rights; alterations of units; relocation of boundaries between adjoining units; subdivision or conversion of units; monuments as boundaries; use of common interest for sales; easement rights; amendment of declaration; termination of common interest communities; rights of secured lenders; master

associations; merger or consolidation of common interest communities; addition of real estate; organization of unit owners' association; powers of unit owners' association; executive board members and officers; transfer of special declarant rights; termination of contracts and leases of declarant; bylaws; upkeep of the community; meetings; quorums; voting; proxies; tort and contract liability; conveyance or encumbrance of common elements; insurance; surplus funds; assessments for common expenses; lien for assessments; other liens affecting community; association records; association as trustee; applicability; waiver; liability for public offering statement requirements; public offering statement for common interest community subject to development rights; time shares; conversion buildings; securities; purchaser's right to cancel; resales of units; escrow of deposits; release of liens; conversion buildings; warranties; statute of limitations; effect of violation on rights of action; attorney's fees; labeling of promotional material; declarants's obligation to complete and restore; and substantial completion of units.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That chapter thirty-six-b of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 36B. UNIFORM COMMON INTEREST OWNERSHIP ACT.

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

PART I. DEFINITIONS AND OTHER GENERAL PROVISIONS.

§36B-1-101. Short title.

- 1 This chapter may be cited as the "Uniform Common
- 2 Interest Ownership Act."

§36B-1-102. Applicability.

1 Applicability of this chapter is governed by Part II of this 2 article.

§36B-1-103. Definitions.

1 In the declaration and bylaws (section 3-106), unless

2 specifically provided otherwise or the context otherwise 3 requires, and in this chapter:

- (1) "Affiliate of a declarant" means any person who 4 5 controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with a 6 declarant. A person "controls" a declarant if the person (i) is 7 a general partner, officer, director, or employer of the 8 declarant, (ii) directly or indirectly or acting in concert with 9 one or more other persons, or through one or more 10 subsidiaries, owns, controls, holds with power to vote, or 11 holds proxies representing, more than 20 percent of the 12 voting interest in the declarant, (iii) controls in any manner 13 the election of a majority of the directors of the declarant, or 14 (iv) has contributed more than 20 percent of the capital of 15 the declarant. A person "is controlled by" a declarant if the 16 declarant (i) is a general partner, officer, director, or 17 employer of the person, (ii) directly or indirectly or acting in 18 concert with one or more other persons, or through one or 19 more subsidiaries, owns, controls, holds with power to vote, 20 or holds proxies representing, more than 20 percent of the 21 voting interest in the person, (iii) controls in any manner the 22 election of a majority of the directors of the person, or (iv) 23 has contributed more than 20 percent of the capital of the 24 person. Control does not exist if the powers described in this 25 paragraph are held solely as security for an obligation and 26 are not exercised.
- (2) "Allocated interests" means the following interests 28 allocated to each unit: (i) In a condominium, the undivided 29 interest in the common elements, the common expense 30 liability, and votes in the association; (ii) in a cooperative, 31 the common expense liability and the ownership interest 32 and votes in the association; and (iii) in a planned 33 community, the common expense liability and votes in the 34 association.

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- (3) "Association" or "unit owners' association" means 36 the unit owners' association organized under section 3-101 37 of this chapter.
- 38 (4) "Common elements" means (i) in a condominium or 39 cooperative, all portions of the common interest community 40 other than the units; and (ii) in a planned community, any 41 real estate within a planned community owned or leased by 42 the association, other than a unit.
 - (5) "Common expenses" means expenditures made by,

- or financial liabilities of, the association, together with anyallocations to reserves.
- 46 (6) "Common expense liability" means the liability for
 47 common expenses allocated to each unit pursuant to section
 48 2-107 of this chapter.
- 49 (7) "Common interest community" means real estate 50 with respect to which a person, by virtue of his ownership of 51 a unit, is obligated to pay for real estate taxes, insurance 52 premiums, maintenance, or improvement of other real 53 estate described in a declaration. "Ownership of a unit" 54 does not include holding a leasehold interest of less than 55 twenty years in a unit, including renewal options.
- 56 (8) "Condominium" means a common interest 57 community in which portions of the real estate are 58 designated for separate ownership and the remainder of the 59 real estate is designated for common ownership solely by 60 the owners of those portions. A common interest 61 community is not a condominium unless the undivided 62 interest in the common elements are vested in the unit 63 owners.
- 64 (9) "Conversion building" means a building that at any 65 time before creation of the common interest community was 66 occupied wholly or partially by persons other than 67 purchasers and persons who occupy with the consent of 68 purchasers.
- 69 (10) "Cooperative" means a common interest 70 community in which the real estate is owned by an 71 association, each of whose members is entitled by virtue of 72 his ownership interest in the association to exclusive 73 possession of a unit.
- 74 (11) "Dealer" means a person in the business of selling 75 units for his own account.
- 76 (12) "Declarant" means any person or group of persons 77 acting in concert who (i) as part of a common promotional 78 plan, offers to dispose of his or its interest in a unit not 79 previously disposed of or (ii) reserves or succeeds to any 80 special declarant right.
- 81 (13) "Declaration" means any instruments, however 82 denominated, that create a common interest community, 83 including any amendments to those instruments.
- 84 (14) "Development rights" means any right or 85 combination of rights reserved by a declarant in the 86 declaration to (i) add real estate to a common interest

87 community; (ii) create units, common elements, or limited 88 common elements within a common interest community; 89 (iii) subdivide units or convert units into common elements; 90 or (iv) withdraw real estate from a common interest 91 community.

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- (15) "Dispose" or "disposition" means a voluntary 93 transfer to a purchaser of any legal or equitable interest in a 94 unit, but the term does not include the transfer or release of 95 a security interest.
- (16) "Executive board" means the body, regardless of 97 name, designated in the declaration to act on behalf of the 98 association.
- (17) "Identifying number" means a symbol or address 100 that identifies only one unit in a common interest 101 community.
- (18) "Leasehold common interest community" means a 103 common interest community in which all or a portion of the 104 real estate is subject to a lease, the expiration or 105 termination of which will terminate the common interest 106 community or reduce its size.
- (19) "Limited common element" means a portion of the 108 common elements allocated by the declaration or by 109 operation of section 2-102 (2) or (4) for the exclusive use of 110 one or more but fewer than all of the units.
- (20) "Master association" means an organization 112 described in section 2-120, whether or not it is also an 113 association described in section 3-101.
- 114 (21) "Offering" means any advertisement, inducement, 115 solicitation, or attempt to encourage any person to acquire 116 any interest in a unit, other than as security for an 117 obligation. An advertisement in a newspaper or other 118 periodical of general circulation, or in any broadcast 119 medium to the general public, of a common interest 120 community not located in this state, is not an offering if the 121 advertisement states that an offering may be made only in 122 compliance with the law of the jurisdiction in which the 123 common interest community is located.
- 124 (22) "Person" means an individual, corporation, 125 business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, joint 126 venture, government, governmental subdivision or agency, 127 or other legal or commercial entity. In the case of a trust, the 128 corpus of which is real estate, however, "person" means the beneficiary of the trust rather than the trust or the trustee.

- 130 (23) "Planned community" means a common interest 131 community that is not a condominium or a cooperative. A 132 condominium or cooperative may be part of a planned 133 community.
- 134 (24) "Proprietary lease" means an agreement with the 135 association pursuant to which a member is entitled to 136 exclusive possession of a unit in a cooperative.
- 137 (25) "Purchaser" means a person, other than a declarant 138 or a dealer, who by means of a voluntary transfer acquires a 139 legal or equitable interest in a unit other than (i) a leasehold 140 interest (including renewal options) of less than twenty 141 years, or (ii) as security for an obligation.
- 142 (26) "Real estate" means any leasehold or other estate or 143 interest in, over, or under land, including structures, 144 fixtures, and other improvements and interest that by 145 custom, usage, or law pass with a conveyance of land 146 though not described in the contract of sale or instrument of 147 conveyance. "Real estate" includes parcels with or without 148 upper or lower boundaries, and spaces that may be filled 149 with air or water.
- 150 (27) "Residential purposes" means use for dwelling or 151 recreational purposes, or both.
- 152 (28) "Security interest" means an interest in real estate 153 or personal property, created by contract or conveyance, 154 which secures payment or performance of an obligation. 155 The term includes a lien created by a mortgage, deed of 156 trust, trust deed, security deed, contract for deed, land sales 157 contract, lease intended as security, assignment of lease or 158 rents intended as security, pledge of an ownership interest 159 in an association, and any other consensual lien or title 160 retention contract intended as security for an obligation.
- 161 (29) "Special declarant rights" means rights reserved 162 for the benefit of a declarant to (i) complete improvements indicated on plats and plans filed with the declaration 164 (section 2-109) or, in a cooperative, to complete improvements described in the public offering statement 165 pursuant to section 4-103(a)(2); (ii) exercise any 166 167 development right (section 2-110); (iii) maintain sales offices, management offices, signs advertising the common 168 interest community, and models (section 2-115); (iv) use 169 easements through the common elements for the purpose of 170 making improvements within the common interest 171 community or within real estate which may be added to the 172

- 173 common interest community (section 2-116); (v) make the
- 174 common interest community subject to a master association
- 175 (section 2-120); (vi) merge or consolidate a common interest
- 176 community with another common interest community of
- 177 the same form of ownership (section 2-121); or (vii) appoint
- 178 or remove any officer of the association or any master
- 179 association or any executive board member during any
- 180 period of declarant control (section 3-103(d)).
- 181 (30) "Time share" means a right to occupy a unit or any 182 of several units during (5) or more separated time periods
- 183 over a period of at least (5) years, including renewal options,
- 184 whether or not coupled with an estate or interest in a
- 185 common interest community or a specified portion thereof.
- 186 (31) "Unit" means a physical portion of the common
- 187 interest community designated for separate ownership or
- 188 occupancy, the boundaries of which are described pursuant
- 189 to section 2-105(a)(5). If a unit in a cooperative is owned by a
- 190 unit owner or is sold, conveyed, voluntarily or involuntarily
- 191 encumbered, or otherwise transferred by a unit owner, the
- 192 interest in that unit which is owned, sold, conveyed,
- 193 encumbered, or otherwise transferred is the right to
- 194 possession of that unit under a proprietary lease, coupled
- 195 with the allocated interests of that unit, and the
- 196 association's interest in that unit is not thereby affected.
- 197 (32) "Unit owner" means a declarant or other person
- 198 who owns a unit, or a lessee of a unit in a leasehold common
- 199 interest community whose lease expires simultaneously
- 200 with any lease, the expiration or termination of which will
- 201 remove the unit from the common interest community, but
- 202 does not include a person having an interest in a unit solely
- 203 as security for an obligation. In a condominium or planned
- 204 community, the declarant is the owner of any unit created
- 205 by the declaration. In a cooperative, the declarant is treated
- 206 as the owner of any unit to which allocated interests have
- 207 been allocated (section 2-107) until that unit has been
- 208 conveyed to another person.

§36B-1-104. Variation by agreement.

- 1 Except as expressly provided in this chapter, provisions
- 2 herein may not be varied by agreement, and rights
- 3 conferred may not be waived. A declarant may not act
- 4 under a power of attorney, or use any other device, to evade

5 the limitations or prohibitions of this chapter or the 6 declaration.

§36B-1-105. Separate titles and taxation.

- (a) In a cooperative, unless the declaration provides that 2 a unit owner's interest in a unit and its allocated interests is
- 3 real estate for all purposes, that interest is personal
- 4 property. (That interest is subject to the provisions of all 5 homestead exemptions from taxation provided by law, even
- 6 if it is personal property.)
- (b) In a condominium or planned community:
- (1) If there is any unit owner other than a declarant, 8
- 9 each unit that has been created, together with its interest in
- 10 the common elements, constitutes for all purposes a
- 11 separate parcel of real estate.
- (2) If there is any unit owner other than a declarant, 12 13 each unit must be separately taxed and assessed, and no
- 14 separate tax or assessment may be rendered against any
- 15 common elements for which a declarant has reserved no
- 16 development rights.
- (c) Any portion of the common elements for which the 17
- 18 declarant has reserved any development right must be
- 19 separately taxed and assessed against the declarant, and
- 20 the declarant alone is liable for payment of those taxes.
- (d) If there is no unit owner other than a declarant, the
- 22 real estate comprising the common interest community may
- 23 be taxed and assessed in any manner provided by law.

§36B-1-106. Applicability of local ordinances, regulations and building codes.

- 1 (a) A building code may not impose any requirement 2 upon any structure in a common interest community which
- 3 it would not impose upon a physically identical
- 4 development under a different form of ownership.
- 5 (b) In condominiums and cooperatives, no zoning,
- 6 subdivision, or other real estate use law, ordinance, or
- 7 regulation may prohibit the condominium or cooperative
- 8 form of ownership or impose any requirement upon a
- 9 condominium or cooperative which it would not impose
- 10 upon a physically identical development under a different
- 11 form of ownership.
- (c) Except as provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this 12

- 13 section, the provisions of this chapter do not invalidate or
- 14 modify any provision of any building code, zoning,
- 15 subdivision, or other real estate use law, ordinance, rule, or
- 16 regulation governing the use of real estate.

§36B-1-107. Eminent domain.

- 1 (a) If a unit is acquired by eminent domain, or part of a 2 unit is acquired by eminent domain, leaving the unit owner 3 with a remnant that may not practically or lawfully be used 4 for any purpose permitted by the declaration, the award 5 must include compensation to the unit owner for that unit 6 and its allocated interests, whether or not any common 7 elements are acquired. Upon acquisition, unless the decree 8 otherwise provides, that unit's allocated interests are 9 automatically reallocated to the remaining units in 10 proportion to the respective allocated interests of those 11 units before the taking, and the association shall promptly 12 prepare, execute and record an amendment to the 13 declaration reflecting the reallocations. Any remnant of a 14 unit remaining after part of a unit is taken under this 15 subsection is thereafter a common element.
- 16 (b) Except as provided in subsection (a), if part of a unit 17 is acquired by eminent domain, the award must compensate 18 the unit owner for the reduction in value of the unit and its 19 interest in the common elements, whether or not any common elements are acquired. Upon acquisition, unless 21 the decree otherwise provides, (i) that unit's allocated 22 interests are reduced in proportion to the reduction in the 23 size of the unit, or on any other basis specified in the 24 declaration and (ii) the portion of the allocated interests 25 divested from the partially acquired unit are automatically 26 reallocated to that unit and to the remaining units in proportion to the respective allocated interests of those units before the taking, with the partially acquired unit 28 participating in the reallocation on the basis of its reduced 30 allocated interests.
- 31 (c) If part of the common elements is acquired by 32 eminent domain, the portion of the award attributable to 33 the common elements taken must be paid to the association. 34 Unless the declaration provides otherwise, any portion of 35 the award attributable to the acquisition of a limited 36 common element must be equally divided among the

- 37 owners of the units to which that limited common element
- 38 was allocated at the time of acquisition.
- 39 (d) The court decree must be recorded in every county in
- 40 which any portion of the common interest community is
- 41 located.

§36B-1-108. Supplemental general principles of law applicable.

- The principles of law and equity, including the law of
- 2 corporations and unincorporated associations, the law of
- 3 real property, and the law relative to capacity to contract,
- 4 principal and agent, eminent domain, estoppel, fraud,
- 5 misrepresentation, duress, coercion, mistake, receivership,
- 6 substantial performance, or other validating or
- invalidating cause supplement the provisions of this
- 8 chapter, except to the extent inconsistent with this chapter.

§36B-1-109. Construction against implicit repeal.

- This chapter being a general act intended as a unified
- 2 coverage of its subject matter, no part of it shall be
- 3 construed to be impliedly repealed by subsequent
- 4 legislation if that construction can reasonably be avoided.

§36B-1-110. Uniformity of application and construction.

- 1 This chapter shall be applied and construed so as to
- 2 effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law with
- 3 respect to the subject of this chapter among states enacting 4 it.

§36B-1-111. Unconscionable agreement or term of contract.

- 1 (a) The court, upon finding as a matter of law that a
- contract or contract clause was unconscionable at the time
 the contract was made, may refuse to enforce the contract,
- 4 enforce the remainder of the contract without the
- 5 unconscionable clause, or limit the application of any
- 6 unconscionable clause in order to avoid an unconscionable
- 7 result.
- 8 (b) Whenever it is claimed, or appears to the court, that
- 9 a contract or any contract clause is or may be 10 unconscionable, the parties, in order to aid the court in
- 11 making the determination, must be afforded a reasonable
- 12 opportunity to present evidence as to:

- 13 (1) The commercial setting of the negotiations;
- 14 (2) Whether a party has knowingly taken advantage of the inability of the other party reasonably to protect his
- 15 the inability of the other party reasonably to protect his
- interests by reason of physical or mental infirmity,illiteracy, inability to understand the language of the
- 18 agreement, or similar factors;
- 19 (3) The effect and purpose of the contract or clause; and
- 20 (4) If a sale, any gross disparity, at the time of
- 21 contracting, between the amount charged for the property
- 22 and the value of that property measured by the price at
- 23 which similar property was readily obtainable in similar
- 24 transactions. A disparity between the contract price and the
- 25 value of the property measured by the price at which similar
- 26 property was readily obtainable in similar transactions
- 27 does not, of itself, render the contract unconscionable.

§36B-1-112. Obligation of good faith.

- 1 Every contract or duty governed by this chapter imposes
- 2 an obligation of good faith in its performance or
- 3 enforcement.

§36B-1-113. Remedies to be liberally administered.

- 1 (a) The remedies provided by this chapter shall be
- liberally administered to the end that the aggrieved party is
- 3 put in as good a position as if the other party had fully
- 4 performed. However, consequential, special or punitive
- 5 damages may not be awarded except as specifically
- 6 provided in this chapter or by other rule of law.
- 7 (b) Any right or obligation declared by this chapter is
- 8 enforceable by judicial proceeding.

§36B-1-114. Adjustment of dollar amounts.

- 1 (a) From time to time the dollar amounts specified in
- 2 sections 1-203 and 4-101(b)(7) must change, as provided in
- 3 subsections (b) and (c), according to and to the extent of
- 4 changes in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage
- 5 Earners and Clerical Workers: United States City Average,
- 6 All Items 1967 = 100, compiled by the Bureau of Labor
- 7 Statistics, United States Department of Labor, (the
- 8 "Index"). The Index for December, 1979, which was 230, is
- 9 the Reference Base Index.

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- (b) The dollar amounts specified in sections 1-203 and 10 11 4-101(b)(7), and any amount stated in the declaration pursuant to those sections, must change July 1 of each year if the percentage of change, calculated to the nearest whole percentage point, between the Index at the end of the 14 15 preceding year and the Reference Base Index is ten percent 16 or more, but
- 17 (i) The portion of the percentage change in the Index in 18 excess of a multiple of ten percent must be disregarded and the dollar amounts shall change only in multiples of ten 19 percent of the amounts appearing in this chapter on the date 21 of enactment;
- (ii) The dollar amounts must not change if the amounts required by this section are those currently in effect pursuant to this chapter as a result of earlier application of 25 this section; and
- 26 (iii) In no event may the dollar amounts be reduced 27 below the amounts appearing in this chapter on the date of 28
- 29 (c) If the Index is revised after December, 1979, the percentage of change pursuant to this section must be 30 calculated on the basis of the revised Index. If the revision 31 32 of the Index Changes the Reference Base Index, a revised Reference Base Index must be determined by multiplying the Reference Base Index then applicable by the rebasing 34 35 factor furnished by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the 36 Index is superseded, the index referred to in this section is the one represented by the Bureau of Labor Statistics as reflecting most accurately changes in the purchasing power 38

PART II. APPLICABILITY.

of the dollar for consumers.

§36B-1-201. Applicability to new common interest communities.

- Except as provided in sections 1-202 and 1-203, this 1 chapter applies to all common interest communities created 3 within this state after the effective date of this chapter. The 4 provisions of chapter fifty-three, acts of the Legislature, one thousand nine hundred sixty-three, chapter one 6 hundred twenty-nine, acts of the Legislature, one thousand
- nine hundred eighty, and chapter thirty-eight, acts of the

- 8 Legislature, one thousand nine hundred eighty-four, do not
- 9 apply to common interest communities created after the
- 10 effective date of this chapter.

§36B-1-202. Same; exception for small cooperatives.

- If a cooperative contains only units restricted to 1
- 2 nonresidential use, or contains no more than twelve units
- 3 and is not subject to any development rights, it is subject
- 4 only to sections 1-106, (applicability of local ordinances,
- 5 regulations, and building codes) and 1-107 (eminent
- 6 domain) of this chapter, unless the declaration provides
- that the entire chapter is applicable.

§36B-1-203. Same; exception for small and limited expense liability planned communities.

- 1 If a planned community:
- 2 (1) Contains no more than twelve units and is not
- 3 subject to any development rights; or
- 4 (2) Provides, in its declaration, that the annual average
- 5 common expense liability of all units restricted to
- 6 residential purposes, exclusive of optional user fees and any
- 7 insurance premiums paid by the association, may not 8 exceed \$100, as adjusted pursuant to section 1-115
- 9 (adjustment of dollar amounts) it is subject only to sections
- 10 1-105 (separate titles and taxation) 1-106 (applicability of
- 11 local ordinances, regulations and building codes) and 1-107
- 12 (eminent domain) unless the declaration provides that this
- 13 entire chapter is applicable.

§36B-1-204. Applicability to preexisting common interest communities.

- 1 (a) Except as provided in section 1-205, Same;
- 2 exception for small preexisting cooperatives and planned
- communities, sections 1-105 (separate titles and taxation),
- 1-106 (Applicability of local ordinances, regulations and
- building codes), 1-107 (Eminent domain), 2-103
- (Construction and validity of declaration and bylaws),
- 7 2-104 (Description of units), 2-121 (Merger or consolidation
- 8 of common interest communities), 3-102(a)(1) through (6)
- 9 and (11) through (16) (Powers of unit owners' association),
- 10 3-111 (Tort and contract liability), 3-116 (Lien for
- assessments), 3-118 (Association records), 4-109 (Resales of 11
- units), and 4-117 (Effect of violation on rights of action;

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- attorney's fees), and section 1-103 (Definitions) to the extent necessary in construing any of those sections, apply to all common interest communities created in this state before the effective date of this chapter; but those sections apply only with respect to events and circumstances occurring after the effective date of this chapter and do not invalidate existing provisions of the declaration, bylaws or plats or plans of those common interest communities.
- 21 (b) The provisions of chapter one hundred fifty-three, 22 Acts of the Legislature, one thousand nine hundred sixty-23 three, chapter one hundred twenty-nine, Acts of the Legislature, one thousand nine hundred eighty, or of chapter thirty-eight, Acts of the Legislature, one thousand nine hundred eighty-four, do not apply to condominiums or other common interest communities created after the effective date of this chapter and do not invalidate any amendment to the declaration, rules, bylaws, plats and plans and code of regulations of any condominium or common interest community created before the effective date of this chapter if the amendment would be permitted by this chapter. The amendment must be adopted in conformity with the procedures and requirements specified 35 by those instruments and by chapter one hundred fifty-36 three, acts of the Legislature, one thousand nine hundred 37 sixty-three. If the amendment grants to any person any 38 rights, powers or privileges permitted by this chapter, all correlative obligations, liabilities and restrictions in this chapter also apply to that person.
 - (c) This chapter does not apply to condominiums or units located outside this state, but the public offering statement provisions, (sections 4-102 through 4-109) apply to all contracts for the disposition thereof signed in this state by any party unless exempt under section 4-101(b).
 - (d) The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all condominiums or common interest communities to the extent such provisions conflict or are inconsistent with the provisions of chapter one hundred fifty-three, acts of the Legislature, one thousand nine hundred sixty-three: *Provided*, That the provisions of this chapter shall not modify, limit or nullify any rights, duties or obligations created or existing under any declaration, bylaws or plats or plans of condominiums created in this state before the effective date of this chapter.

§36B-1-205. Same; exception for small preexisting cooperatives and planned communities.

- 1 If a cooperative or planned community created within
- 2 this state before the effective date of this chapter contains
- 3 no more than twelve units and is not subject to any
- 4 development rights, it is subject only to sections 1-105
- 5 (separate titles and taxation), 1-106 (applicability of local
- 6 ordinances, regulations and building codes), and 1-107
- 7 (eminent domain) unless the declaration is amended in
- 8 conformity with applicable law and with the procedures
- 9 and requirements of the declaration to take advantage of
- 10 the provisions of section 1-206, in which case all the
- 11 sections enumerated in section 1-204 apply to that
- 12 cooperative or planned community.

§36B-1-206. Same; amendments to governing instruments.

- 1 (a) In the case of amendments to the declaration, bylaws 2 or plats and plans of any common interest community 3 created before the effective date of this chapter:
- 4 (1) If the result accomplished by the amendment was 5 permitted by law prior to this chapter, the amendment may 6 be made either in accordance with that law, in which case 7 that law applies to that amendment, or it may be made 8 under this chapter; and
- 9 (2) If the result accomplished by the amendment is 10 permitted by this chapter, and was not permitted by law 11 prior to this chapter, the amendment may be made under 12 this chapter.
- 13 (b) An amendment to the declaration, bylaws or plats 14 and plans authorized by this section to be made under this
- 15 chapter must be adopted in conformity with applicable law
- 16 and with the procedures and requirements specified by
- 17 those instruments. If an amendment grants to any person
- 18 any rights, powers or privileges permitted by this chapter,
- 19 all correlative obligations, liabilities and restrictions in this
- 20 chapter also apply to that person.

§36B-1-207. Applicability to nonresidential planned communities.

- 1 This chapter does not apply to a planned community in
- 2 which all units are restricted exclusively to nonresidential
- 3 use unless the declaration provides that the chapter does

- 4 apply to that planned community. This chapter applies to a
- 5 planned community containing both units that are
- 6 restricted exclusively to nonresidential use and other units
- 7 that are not so restricted, only if the declaration so provides
- 8 or the real estate comprising the units that may be used for
- 9 residential purposes would be a planned community in the
- 10 absence of the units that may not be used for residential
- 11 purposes.

ARTICLE 2. CREATION, ALTERATION AND TERMINATION OF COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES.

§36B-2-101. Creation of common interest communities.

- 1 (a) A common interest community may be created
- 2 pursuant to this chapter only by recording a declaration
- 3 executed in the same manner as a deed and, in a
- 4 cooperative, by conveying the real estate subject to that
- 5 declaration to the association. The declaration must be
- 6 recorded in every county in which any portion of the
- 7 common interest community is located and must be indexed
- 8 in the grantee's index in the name of the common interest
- 9 community and the association and in the grantor's index in
- the name of each person executing the declaration.
- 11 (b) In a condominium, a declaration or an amendment to
- 12 a declaration, adding units may not be recorded unless (i) all
- 13 structural components and mechanical systems of all
- 14 buildings containing or comprising any units thereby
- 15 created are substantially completed in accordance with the
- 16 plans, as evidenced by a recorded certificate of completion
- 17 executed by an independent registered engineer, surveyor
- 18 or architect.

§36B-2-102. Unit boundaries.

- 1 Except as provided by the declaration:
- 2 (1) If walls, floors or ceilings are designated as
- 3 boundaries of a unit, all lath, furring, wallboard,
- 4 plasterboard, plaster, paneling, tiles, wallpaper, paint,
- 5 finished flooring and any other materials constituting any
- 6 part of the finished surfaces thereof are a part of the unit,
- 7 and all other portions of the walls, floors or ceilings are a
- 8 part of the common elements.
- 9 (2) If any chute, flue, duct, wire, conduit, bearing wall,
- 10 bearing column or any other fixture lies partially within

- 11 and partially outside the designated boundaries of a unit,
- 12 any portion thereof serving only that unit is a limited
- 13 common element allocated solely to that unit, and any
- 14 portion thereof serving more than one unit or any portion of
- 15 the common elements is a part of the common elements.
- 16 (3) Subject to paragraph (2), all spaces, interior
- 17 partitions and other fixtures and improvements within the
 - 8 boundaries of a unit are a part of the unit.
- 19 (4) Any shutters, awnings, window boxes, doorsteps,
- 20 stoops, porches, balconies, patios and all exterior doors and
- 21 windows or other fixtures designed to serve a single unit,
- 22 but located outside the unit's boundaries, are limited
- 23 common elements allocated exclusively to that unit.

§36B-2-103. Construction and validity of declaration and bylaws.

- 1 (a) All provisions of the declaration and bylaws are 2 severable.
- (b) The rule against perpetuities does not apply to defeat any provision of the declaration, bylaws, rules or regulations adopted pursuant to section 3-102(a)(1).
- 6 (c) In the event of a conflict between the provisions of 7 the declaration and the bylaws, the declaration prevails 8 except to the extent the declaration is inconsistent with this 9 chapter.
- 10 (d) Title to a unit and common elements is not rendered 11 unmarketable or otherwise affected by reason of an
- 12 insubstantial failure of the declaration to comply with this
- 13 chapter. Whether a substantial failure impairs
- 14 marketability is not affected by this chapter.

§36B-2-104. Description of units.

- 1 A description of a unit which sets forth the name of the
- 2 common interest community, the recording data for the
- 3 declaration, the county in which the common interest
- 4 community is located, and the identifying number of the
- 5 unit, is a legally sufficient description of that unit and all
- 6 rights, obligations and interests appurtenant to that unit
- which were created by the declaration or bylaws.

§36B-2-105. Contents of declaration.

1 (a) The declaration must contain:

- 2 (1) The names of the common interest community and 3 the association and a statement that the common interest 4 community is either a condominium, cooperative or 5 planned community;
 - (2) The name of every county in which any part of the common interest community is situated;
 - (3) A legally sufficient description of the real estate included in the common interest community;
 - (4) A statement of the maximum number of units that the declarant reserves the right to create;
 - (5) In a condominium or planned community, a description of the boundaries of each unit created by the declaration, including the unit's identifying number or, in a cooperative, a description, which may be by plats or plans, of each unit created by the declaration, including the unit's identifying number, its size or number of rooms and its location within a building if it is within a building containing more than one unit;
 - (6) A description of any limited common elements, other than those specified in section 2-102(2) and (4), as provided in section 2-109(b)(10) and, in a planned community, any real estate that is or must become common elements;
 - (7) A description of any real estate, except real estate subject to development rights, that may be allocated subsequently as limited common elements, other than limited common elements specified in section 2-102(2) and (4), together with a statement that they may be so allocated;
 - (8) A description of any development rights (section 1-103(14)) and other special declarant rights (section 1-103(29)) reserved by the declarant, together with a legally sufficient description of the real estate to which each of those rights applies, and a time limit within which each of those rights must be exercised;
 - (9) If any development right may be exercised with respect to different parcels of real estate at different times, a statement to that effect together with (i) either a statement fixing the boundaries of those portions and regulating the order in which those portions may be subjected to the exercise of each development right or a statement that no assurances are made in those regards, and (ii) a statement as to whether, if any development right is exercised in any

portion of the real estate subject to that development right, that development right must be exercised in all or in any 44 other portion of the remainder of that real estate; 45

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- (10) Any other conditions or limitations under which 47 the rights described in paragraph (8) may be exercised or 48 will lapse;
- 49 (11) An allocation to each unit of the allocated interests 50 in the manner described in section 2-107;
- (12) Any restrictions (i) on use, occupancy and alienation of the units, and (ii) on the amount for which a unit may be sold or on the amount that may be received by a 54 unit owner on sale, condemnation or casualty loss to the 55 unit or to the common interest community or on termination of the common interest community;
- 57 (13) The recording data for recorded easements and 58 licenses appurtenant to or included in the common interest 59 community or to which any portion of the common interest 60 community is or may become subject by virtue of a 61 reservation in the declaration; and
- 62 (14) All matters required by section 2-106, 2-107, 2-108, 63 2-109, 2-115, 2-116 and 3-103(d).
- 64 (b) The declaration may contain any other matters the 65 declarant considers appropriate.

§36B-2-106. Leasehold common interest communities.

- (a) Any lease, the expiration or termination of which may terminate the common interest community or reduce its size, must be recorded. Every lessor of those leases in a condominium or planned community shall sign the 5 declaration. The declaration must state:
 - (1) The recording data for the lease;
 - (2) The date on which the lease is scheduled to expire;
 - (3) A legally sufficient description of the real estate subject to the lease;
 - (4) Any right of the unit owners to redeem the reversion and the manner whereby those rights may be exercised or a statement that they do not have those rights;
- 13 (5) Any right of the unit owners to remove any 14 improvements within a reasonable time after the expiration 15 or termination of the lease or a statement that they do not 16 have those rights; and
- 17 (6) Any rights of the unit owners to renew the lease and

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- the conditions of any renewal or a statement that they donot have those rights.
- 20 (b) After the declaration for a leasehold condominium 21 or leasehold planned community is recorded, neither the lessor nor the lessor's successor in interest may terminate 23 the leasehold interest of a unit owner who makes timely 24 payment of a unit owner's share of the rent and otherwise 25 complies with all convenants which, if violated, would 26 entitle the lessor to terminate the lease. A unit owner's 27 leasehold interest in a condominium or planned community 28 is not affected by failure of any other person to pay rent or 29 fulfill any other covenant.
 - (c) Acquisition of the leasehold interest of any unit owner by the owner of the reversion or remainder does not merge the leasehold and fee simple interests unless the leasehold interests of all unit owners subject to that reversion or remainder are acquired.
- 35 (d) If the expiration or termination of a lease decreases 36 the number of units in a common interest community, the 37 allocated interests must be reallocated in accordance with 38 section 1-107(a) as if those units had been taken by eminent 39 domain. Reallocations must be confirmed by an amendment 40 to the declaration prepared, executed and recorded by the 41 association.

§36B-2-107. Allocation of allocated interests.

- 1 (a) The declaration must allocate to each unit:
- 2 (i) In a condominium, a fraction or percentage of 3 undivided interests in the common elements and in the 4 common expenses of the association, (section 3-115(a)) and 5 a portion of the votes in the association;
- 6 (ii) In a cooperative, an ownership interest in the 7 association, a fraction or percentage of the common 8 expenses of the association (section 3-115(a)) and a portion 9 of the votes in the association; and
- 10 (iii) In a planned community, a fraction or percentage of 11 the common expenses of the association (section 3-115(a)) 12 and a portion of the votes in the association.
- 13 (b) The declaration must state the formulas used to 14 establish allocations of interests. Those allocations may not 15 discriminate in favor of units owned by the declarant or an 16 affiliate of the declarant.

17 (c) If units may be added to or withdrawn from the 18 common interest community, the declaration must state the 19 formulas to be used to reallocate the allocated interests 20 among all units included in the common interest 21 community after the addition or withdrawal.

- (d) The declaration may provide: (i) That different allocations of votes shall be made to the units on particular matters specified in the declaration; (ii) for cumulative voting only for the purpose of electing members of the executive board; and (iii) for class voting on specified issues affecting the class if necessary to protect valid interests of the class. A declarant may not utilize cumulative or class voting for the purpose of evading any limitation imposed on declarants by this chapter nor may units constitute a class because they are owned by a declarant.
- (e) Except for minor variations due to rounding, the sum of the common expense liabilities and, in a condominium, the sum of the undivided interests in the common elements allocated at any time to all the units must each equal one if stated as a fraction or one hundred percent if stated as a percentage. In the event of discrepancy between an allocated interest and the result derived from application of the pertinent formula, the allocated interest prevails.
- (f) In a condominium, the common elements are not subject to partition and any purported conveyance, encumbrance, judicial sale or other voluntary or involuntary transfer of an undivided interest in the common elements made without the unit to which that interest is allocated is void.
- 46 (g) In a cooperative, any purported conveyance, 47 encumbrance, judicial sale or other voluntary or 48 involuntary transfer of an ownership interest in the 49 association made without the possessory interest in the unit 50 to which that interest is related is void.

§36B-2-108. Limited common elements.

- 1 (a) Except for the limited common elements described 2 in section 2-102(2) and (4), the declaration must specify to 3 which unit or units each limited common element is 4 allocated. An allocation may not be altered without the 5 consent of the unit owners whose units are affected.
- 6 (b) Except as the declaration otherwise provides, a

- 7 limited common element may be reallocated by an 8 amendment to the declaration executed by the unit owners 9 between or among whose units the reallocation is made. The 10 persons executing the amendment shall provide a copy 11 thereof to the association, which shall record it. The 12 amendment must be recorded in the names of the parties 13 and the common interest community.
- 14 (c) A common element not previously allocated as a 15 limited common element may be so allocated only pursuant 16 to provisions in the declaration made in accordance with 17 section 2-105(a)(7). The allocations must be made by 18 amendments to the declaration.

§36B-2-109. Plats and plans.

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- 1 (a) Plats and plans are a part of the declaration and are required for all common interest communities except cooperatives. Separate plats and plans are not required by this chapter if all the information required by this section is contained in either a plat or plan. Each plat and plan must be clear and legible and contain a certification that the plat or plan contains all information required by this section.
 - (b) Each plat must show:
 - (1) The name and a survey or general schematic map of the entire common interest community;
 - (2) The location and dimensions of all real estate not subject to development rights or subject only to the development right to withdraw and the location and dimensions of all existing improvements within that real estate;
 - (3) A legally sufficient description of any real estate subject to development rights, labeled to identify the rights applicable to each parcel;
 - (4) The extent of any encroachments by or upon any portion of the common interest community;
 - (5) To the extent feasible, a legally sufficient description of all easements serving or burdening any portion of the common interest community;
- 24 (6) The location and dimensions of any vertical unit 25 boundaries not shown or projected on plans recorded 26 pursuant to subsection (d) and that unit's identifying 27 number:
- 28 (7) The location with reference to an established datum 29 of any horizontal unit boundaries not shown or projected on

plans recorded pursuant to subsection (d) and that unit'sidentifying number;

- (8) A legally sufficient description of any real estate in which the unit owners will own only an estate for years, labeled as "leasehold real estate";
- (9) The distance between noncontiguous parcels of real estate comprising the common interest community;
- (10) The location and dimensions of limited common elements, including porches, balconies and patios, other than parking spaces and the other limited common elements described in sections 2-102(2) and (4); and
- (11) In the case of real estate not subject to development rights, all other matters customarily shown on land surveys.
- (c) A plat may also show the intended location and dimensions of any contemplated improvement to be constructed anywhere within the common interest community. Any contemplated improvement shown must be labeled either "MUST BE BUILT" or "NEED NOT BE BUILT".
- (d) To the extent not shown or projected on the plats, plans of the units must show or project:
- (1) The location and dimensions of the vertical boundaries of each unit and that unit's identifying number;
- (2) Any horizontal unit boundaries, with reference to an established datum and that unit's identifying number; and
- (3) Any units in which the declarant has reserved the right to create additional units or common elements (section 2-110(c)), identified appropriately.
- (e) Unless the declaration provides otherwise, the horizontal boundaries of part of a unit located outside a building have the same elevation as the horizontal boundaries of the inside part and need not be depicted on the plats and plans.
- (f) Upon exercising any development right, the declarant shall record either new plats and plans necessary to conform to the requirements of subsections (a), (b) and (d) or new certifications of plats and plans previously recorded if those plats and plans otherwise conform to the requirements of those subsections.
- (g) Any certification of a plat or plan required by this section or section 2-101(b) must be made by an independent (registered) surveyor, architect or engineer.

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§36B-2-110. Exercise of development rights.

- 1 (a) To exercise any development right reserved under section 2-105(a)(8), the declarant shall prepare, execute and record an amendment to the declaration (section 2-117) and in a condominium or planned community comply with section 2-109. The declarant is the unit owner of any units thereby created. The amendment to the declaration must assign an identifying number to each new unit created, and, except in the case of subdivision or conversion of units described in subsection (b), reallocate the allocated 10 interests among all units. The amendment must describe 11 any common elements and any limited common elements 12 thereby created and, in the case of limited common 13 elements, designate the unit to which each is allocated to 14 the extent required by section 2-108 (Limited common 15 elements).
 - (b) Development rights may be reserved within any real estate added to the common interest community if the amendment adding that real estate includes all matters required by section 2-105 or 2-106, as the case may be, and, in a condominium or planned community, the plats and plans include all matters required by section 2-109. This provision does not extend the time limit on the exercise of development rights imposed by the declaration pursuant to section 2-105(a)(8).
 - (c) Whenever a declarant exercises a development right to subdivide or convert a unit previously created into additional units, common elements or both:
 - (1) If the declarant converts the unit entirely to common elements, the amendment to the declaration must reallocate all the allocated interests of that unit among the other units as if that unit had been taken by eminent domain (section 1-107); and
 - (2) If the declarant subdivides the unit into two or more units, whether or not any part of the unit is converted into common elements, the amendment to the declaration must reallocate all the allocated interests of the unit among the units created by the subdivision in any reasonable manner prescribed by the declarant.
- 39 (d) If the declaration provides, pursuant to section 40 2-105(a)(8), that all or a portion of the real estate is subject 41 to a right of withdrawal:

- 42 (1) If all the real estate is subject to withdrawal and the
- 43 declaration does not describe separate portions of real
- 44 estate subject to that right, none of the real estate may be
- 45 withdrawn after a unit has been conveyed to a purchaser;
- 46 and
- 47 (2) If any portion is subject to withdrawal, it may not be
- 48 withdrawn after a unit in that portion has been conveyed to
- 49 a purchaser.

§36B-2-111. Alterations of units.

- Subject to the provisions of the declaration and other provisions of law, a unit owner:
- 3 (1) May make any improvements or alterations to his
- 4 unit that do not impair the structural integrity or 5 mechanical systems or lessen the support of any portion of
- 6 the common interest community;
- 7 (2) May not change the appearance of the common
- 8 elements or the exterior appearance of a unit or any other
- 9 portion of the common interest community, without
- 10 permission of the association; and
- 11 (3) After acquiring an adjoining unit or an adjoining
- 12 part of an adjoining unit, may remove or alter any
- 13 intervening partition or create apertures therein, even if the
- 14 partition in whole or in part is a common element, if those
- 15 acts do not impair the structural integrity or mechanical
- 16 systems or lessen the support of any portion of the common
- 17 interest community. Removal of partitions or creation of
- 18 apertures under this paragraph is not an alteration of
- 19 boundaries.

§36B-2-112. Relocation of boundaries between adjoining units.

- 1 (a) Subject to the provisions of the declaration and
- 2 other provisions of law, the boundaries between adjoining
- 3 units may be relocated by an amendment to the declaration
- 4 upon application to the association by the owners of those
- 5 units. If the owners of the adjoining units have specified a
- 6 reallocation between their units of their allocated interests.
- 7 the application must state the proposed reallocations.
- 8 Unless the executive board determines, within thirty days,
- 9 that the reallocations are unreasonable, the association
- 10 shall prepare an amendment that identifies the units

- involved and states the reallocations. The amendment must be executed by those unit owners, contain words of conveyance between them, and, on recordation, be indexed in the name of the grantor and the grantee, and in the grantee's index in the name of the association.
- 16 (b) The association (i) in a condominium or planned 17 community shall prepare and record plats or plans 18 necessary to show the altered boundaries between 19 adjoining units and their dimensions and identifying 20 numbers, and (ii) in a cooperative shall prepare and record 21 amendments to the declaration, including any plans, necessary to show or describe the altered boundaries 23 between adjoining units and their dimensions and 24 identifying numbers.

§36B-2-113. Subdivision of units.

- 1 (a) If the declaration expressly so permits, a unit may be 2 subdivided into two or more units. Subject to the provisions of the declaration and other provisions of law, upon 4 application of a unit owner to subdivide a unit, the association shall prepare, execute and record an amendment to the declaration, including in a condominium or planned community the plats and plans, subdividing that unit.
- 9 (b) The amendment to the declaration must be executed 10 by the owner of the unit to be subdivided, assign an 11 identifying number to each unit created and reallocate the 12 allocated interests formerly allocated to the subdivided 13 unit to the new units in any reasonable manner prescribed 14 by the owner of the subdivided unit.

§36B-2-114. Monuments as boundaries.

The existing physical boundaries of a unit or the physical boundaries of a unit reconstructed in substantial accordance with the description contained in the original declaration are its legal boundaries, rather than the boundaries derived from the description contained in the original declaration, regardless of vertical or lateral movement of the building or minor variance between those boundaries and the boundaries derived from the description contained in the original declaration. This section does not relieve a unit owner of liability in case of

- 11 his willful misconduct or relieve a declarant or any other
- 12 person of liability for failure to adhere to any plats and
- 13 plans or, in a cooperative, to any representation in the
- 14 public offering statement.

§36B-2-115. Use for sales purposes.

- 1 A declarant may maintain sales offices, management
- 2 offices and models in units or on common elements in the
- 3 common interest community only if the declaration so
- 4 provides and specifies the rights of a declarant with regard
- 5 to the number, size, location and relocation thereof. In a
- 6 cooperative or condominium, any sales office, management
- 7 office or model not designated a unit by the declaration is a
- 8 common element. If a declarant ceases to be a unit owner, he
- 9 ceases to have any rights with regard thereto unless it is
- 10 removed promptly from the common interest community in
- 11 accordance with a right to remove reserved in the
- 12 declaration. Subject to any limitations in the declaration, a
- 13 declarant may maintain signs on the common elements
- 14 advertising the common interest community. This section is
- 15 subject to the provisions of other state law and to local
- 16 ordinances.

§36B-2-116. Easement rights.

- 1 (a) Subject to the provisions of the declaration, a
- 2 declarant has an easement through the common elements as
- 3 may be reasonably necessary for the purpose of discharging
- 4 the declarant's obligations or exercising special declarant
- 5 rights, whether arising under this chapter or reserved in the
- 6 declaration.
- (b) In a planned community, subject to the provisions of
- 8 sections 3-102(a)(6) and 3-112, the unit owners have an
- easement (i) in the common elements for purposes of access
- 10 to their units and (ii) to use the common elements and all
- 11 real estate that must become common elements (section
- 12 2-105(a)(6)) for all other purposes.

§36B-2-117. Amendment of declaration.

- 1 (a) Except in cases of amendments that may be executed
- 2 by a declarant under section 2-109(f) or 2-110, or by the
- 3 association under section 1-107, 2-106(d), 2-108(c),
- 4 2-112(a), or 2-113, or by certain unit owners under section

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- 5 2-108(b), 2-112(a), 2-113(b), or 2-118(b), and except as 6 limited by subsection (d), the declaration, including any 7 plats and plans, may be amended only by vote or agreement 8 of unit owners of units to which at least sixty-seven percent 9 of the votes in the association are allocated, or any larger 10 majority the declaration specifies. The declaration may 11 specify a smaller number only if all of the units are 12 restricted exclusively to nonresidential use.
- 13 (b) No action to challenge the validity of an amendment 14 adopted by the association pursuant to this section may be 15 brought more than one year after the amendment is 16 recorded.
 - (c) Every amendment to the declaration must be recorded in every county in which any portion of the common interest community is located and is effective only upon recordation. An amendment, except an amendment pursuant to section 2-112(a), must be indexed in the grantee's index in the name of the common interest community and the association and in the grantor's index in the name of the parties executing the amendment.
 - (d) Except to the extent expressly permitted or required by other provisions of this chapter, no amendment may create or increase special declarant rights, increase the number of units, change the boundaries of any unit, the allocated interests of a unit, or the uses to which any unit is restricted, in the absence of unanimous consent of the unit owners.
- 32 (e) Amendments to the declaration required by this 33 chapter to be recorded by the association must be prepared, 34 executed, recorded, and certified on behalf of the 35 association by any officer of the association designated for 36 that purpose or, in the absence of designation, by the 37 president of the association.

§36B-2-118. Termination of common interest community.

1 (a) Except in the case of a taking of all the units by 2 eminent domain (section 1-107) or in the case of foreclosure 3 against an entire cooperative of a security interest that has 4 priority over the declaration, a common interest community 5 may be terminated only by agreement of unit owners of 6 units to which at least eighty percent of the votes in the 7 association are allocated, or any larger percentage the

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- (b) An agreement to terminate must be evidenced by the execution of a termination agreement, or ratifications thereof, in the same manner as a deed, by the requisite number of unit owners. The termination agreement must specify a date after which the agreement will be void unless it is recorded before that date. A termination agreement and all ratifications thereof must be recorded in every county in which a portion of the common interest community is situated and is effective only upon recordation.
- (c) In the case of a condominium or planned community containing only units having horizontal boundaries described in the declaration, a termination agreement may provide that all of the common elements and units of the common interest community must be sold following termination. If, pursuant to the agreement, any real estate in the common interest community is to be sold following termination, the termination agreement must set forth the minimum terms of the sale.
- (d) In the case of a condominium or planned community containing any units not having horizontal boundaries described in the declaration, a termination agreement may provide for sale of the common elements, but it may not require that the units be sold following termination, unless the declaration as originally recorded provided otherwise or all the unit owners consent to the sale.
- 36 (e) The association, on behalf of the unit owners, may 37 contract for the sale of real estate in a common interest 38 community, but the contract is not binding on the unit 39 owners until approved pursuant to subsections (a) and (b). If any real estate is to be sold following termination, title to 40 41 that real estate, upon termination, vests in the association as trustee for the holders of all interests in the units. Thereafter, the association has all powers necessary and 43 44 appropriate to effect the sale. Until the sale has been 45 concluded and the proceeds thereof distributed, the 46 association countinues in existence with all powers it had before termination. Proceeds of the sale must be distributed 47 48 to unit owners and lien holders as their interests may 49 appear, in accordance with subsections (h), (i) and (j),

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- 50 Unless otherwise specified in the termination agreement, as 51 long as the association holds title to the real estate, each 52 unit owner and the unit owner's successors in interest have 53 an exclusive right to occupancy of the portion of the real 54 estate that formerly constituted the unit. During the period 55 of that occupancy, each unit owner and the unit owner's 56 successors in interest remain liable for all assessments and 57 other obligations imposed on unit owners by this chapter or 58 the declaration.
 - (f) In a condominium or planned community, if the real estate constituting the common interest community is not to be sold following termination, title to the common elements and, in a common interest community containing only units having horizontal boundaries described in the declaration, title to all the real estate in the common interest community, vests in the unit owners upon termination as tenants in common in proportion to their respective interests as provided in subsection (j), and liens on the units shift accordingly. While the tenancy in common exists, each unit owner and the unit owner's successors in interest have an exclusive right to occupancy of the portion of the real estate that formerly constituted the unit.
 - Following termination of the common interest community, the proceeds of any sale of real estate, together with the assets of the association, are held by the association as trustee for unit owners and holders of liens on the units as their interests may appear.
 - (h) Following termination of a condominium or planned community, creditors of the association holding liens on the units, which were recorded before termination, may enforce those liens in the same manner as any lien holder. All other creditors of the association are to be treated as if they had perfected liens on the units immediately before termination.
- (i) In a cooperative, the declaration may provide that all 85 creditors of the association have priority over any interests 86 of unit owners and creditors of unit owners. In that event, following termination, creditors of the association holding 88 liens on the cooperative which were recorded before termination may enforce their liens in the same manner as 89 any lien holder, and any other creditor of the association is 90 to be treated as if he had perfected a lien against the 91

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- (1) The lien of each creditor of the association which was perfected against the association before termination becomes, upon termination, a lien against each unit owner's interest in the unit as of the date the lien was perfected;
- (2) Any other creditor of the association is to be treated upon termination as if the creditor had perfected a lien against each unit owner's interest immediately before termination;
- (3) The amount of the lien of an association's creditor described in paragraphs (1) and (2) against each of the unit owners' interest must be proportionate to the ratio which each unit's common expense liability bears to the common expense liability of all of the units;
- (4) The lien of each creditor of each unit owner which was perfected before termination continues as a lien against that unit owner's unit as of the date the lien was perfected; and
- (5) The assets of the association must be distributed to all unit owners and all lien holders as their interests may appear in the order described above. Creditors of the association are not entitled to payment from any unit owner in excess of the amount of the creditor's lien against that unit owner's interest.
- The respective interests of unit owners referred to in subsections (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) are as follows:
- 119 120 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the respective 121 interests of unit owners are the fair market values of their 122 units, allocated interests, and any limited common elements 123 immediately before the termination, as determined by one 124 or more independent appraisers selected by the association. 125 The decision of the independent appraisers must be 126 distributed to the unit owners and becomes final unless 127 disapproved within thirty days after distribution by unit 128 owners of units to which twenty-five percent of the votes in 129 the association are allocated. The proportion of any unit 130 owner's interest to that of all unit owners is determined by 131 dividing the fair market value of that unit owner's unit and 132 its allocated interests by the total fair market values of all the units and their allocated interests. 133

- 134 (2) If any unit or any limited common element is 135 destroyed to the extent that an appraisal of the fair market 136 value thereof before destruction cannot be made, the 137 interests of all unit owners are: (i) In a condominium, their respective common element interests immediately before 138 139 the termination; (ii) in a cooperative, their respective ownership interests immediately before the termination; 140 141 and (iii) in a planned community, their respective common 142 expense liabilities immediately before the termination.
- 143 (k) In a condominium or planned community, except as provided in subsection (1), foreclosure or enforcement of a 144 145 lien or encumbrance against the entire common interest 146 community does not terminate, of itself, the common interest community, and foreclosure or enforcement of a 147 148 lien or encumbrance against a portion of the common interest community, other than withdrawable real estate, 149 150 does not withdraw that portion from the common interest community. Foreclosure or enforcement of a lien or 151 encumbrance against withdrawable real estate does not 152 withdraw, of itself, that real estate from the common 153 interest community, but the person taking title thereto may 154 require from the association, upon request, an amendment 155 excluding the real estate from the common interest 156 157 community.
- 158 (l) In a condominium or planned community, if a lien or encumbrance against a portion of the real estate comprising 159 160 the common interest community has priority over the 161 declaration and the lien or encumbrance has not been 162 partially released, the parties foreclosing the lien or 163 encumbrance, upon foreclosure, may record an instrument 164 excluding the real estate subject to that lien or 165 encumbrance from the common interest community.

§36B-2-119. Rights of secured lenders.

The declaration may require that all or a specified number or percentage of the lenders who hold security interests encumbering the units approve specified actions of the unit owners or the association as a condition to the effectiveness of those actions, but no requirement for approval may operate to (i) deny or delegate control over the general administrative affairs of the association by the unit

8 owners or the executive board, or (ii) prevent the

- association or the executive board from commencing,
- 10 intervening in, or settling any litigation or proceeding, or
- 11 (iii) prevent any insurance trustee or the association from
- 12 receiving and distributing any insurance proceeds except
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§36B-2-120. Master associations.

- (a) If the declaration provides that any of the powers described in section 3-102 are to be exercised by or may be delegated to a profit or nonprofit corporation or to an unincorporated association that exercises those or other 5 powers on behalf of one or more common interest communities or for the benefit of the unit owners of one or more common interest communities, all provisions of this chapter applicable to unit owners' associations apply to any such corporation or unincorporated association except as 10 modified by this section.
 - (b) Unless it is acting in the capacity of an association described in section 3-101, a master association may exercise the powers set forth in section 3-102(a)(2) only to the extent expressly permitted in the declarations of common interest communities which are part of the master association or expressly described in the delegations of power from those common interest communities to the master association.
- (c) If the declaration of any common interest 20 community provides that the executive board may delegate 21 certain powers to a master association, the members of the 22 executive board have no liability for the acts or omissions of 23 the master association with respect to those powers 24 following delegation.
- (d) The rights and responsibilities of unit owners with 26 respect to the unit owners' association set forth in sections 27 3-103, 3-108, 3-109, 3-110 and 3-112 apply in the conduct of 28 the affairs of a master association only to persons who elect 29 the board of a master association, whether or not those 30 persons are otherwise unit owners within the meaning of 31 this chapter.
- 32 (e) Even if a master association is also an association 33 described in section 3-101, the certificate of incorporation 34 or other instrument creating the master association and the 35 declaration of each common interest community the powers

- of which are assigned by the declaration or delegated to the
 master association, may provide that the executive board of
 the master association must be elected after the period of
 declarant control in any of the following ways:
- 40 (1) All unit owners of all common interest communities 41 subject to the master association may elect all members of 42 the master association's executive board.
- 43 (2) All members of the executive boards of all common 44 interest communities subject to the master association may 45 elect all members of the master association's executive 46 board.
- 47 (3) All unit owners of each common interest community 48 subject to the master association may elect specified 49 members of the master association's executive board.
- 50 (4) All members of the executive board of each common 51 interest community subject to the master association may 52 elect specified members of the master association's 53 executive board.

§36B-2-121. Merger or consolidation of common interest communities.

- 1 (a) Any two or more common interest communities of the same form of ownership, by agreement of the unit owners as provided in subsection (b), may be merged or consolidated into a single common interest community. In the event of a merger or consolidation, unless the agreement otherwise provides, the resultant common interest community is the legal successor, for all purposes, of all of the preexisting common interest communities, and the operations and activities of all associations of the preexisting common interest communities are merged or consolidated into a single association that holds all powers, rights, obligations, assets and liabilities of all preexisting associations.
- 14 (b) An agreement of two or more common interest communities to merge or consolidate pursuant to subsection (a) must be evidenced by an agreement prepared, executed, recorded, and certified by the president of the association of each of the preexisting common interest communities following approval by owners of units to which are allocated the percentage of votes in each common interest community required to terminate that common

- 22 interest community. The agreement must be recorded in 23 every county in which a portion of the common interest 24 community is located and is not effective until recorded.
- 25 Every merger or consolidation agreement must 26 provide for the reallocation of the allocated interests in the 27 new association among the units of the resultant common 28 interest community either (i) by stating the reallocations or 29 the formulas upon which they are based or (ii) by stating the 30 percentage of overall allocated interests of the new common 31 interest community which are allocated to all of the units 32 comprising each of the preexisting common interest 33 communities, and providing that the portion of the 34 percentages allocated to each unit formerly comprising a 35 part of the preexisting common interest community must be 36 equal to the percentages of allocated interests allocated to

37 that unit by the declaration of the preexisting common

§36B-2-122. Addition of unspecified real estate.

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In a planned community, if the right is originally reserved in the declaration, the declarant in addition to any other development right, may amend the declaration at any time during as many years as are specified in the declaration for adding additional real estate to the planned community without describing the location of that real estate in the original declaration; but, the amount of real estate added to the planned community pursuant to this section may not exceed ten percent of the real estate described in section 2-105(a)(3) and the declarant may not in any event increase the number of units in the planned community beyond the number stated in the original declaration pursuant to section 2-105(a)(5).

ARTICLE 3. MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY.

§36B-3-101. Organization of unit owners' association.

- A unit owners' association must be organized no later than the date the first unit in the common interest community is conveyed. The membership of the association at all times consists exclusively of all unit owners or,
- 5 following termination of the common interest community,
- 6 of all former unit owners entitled to distributions of
- 7 proceeds under section 2-118 or their heirs, successors, or

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- assigns. The association must be organized as a profit or
- 9 nonprofit corporation, trust, partnership, or as an
- 10 unincorporated association.

§36B-3-102. Powers of unit owners' association.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), and subject to 2 the provisions of the declaration, the association, even if unincorporated, may:
 - (1) Adopt and amend bylaws and rules and regulations;
 - (2) Adopt and amend budgets for revenues. expenditures, and reserves and collect assessments for common expenses from unit owners;
- 8 (3) Hire and discharge managing agents and other 9 employees, agents, and independent contractors;
- (4) Institute, defend, or intervene in litigation or 10 11 administrative proceedings in its own name on behalf of 12 itself or two or more unit owners on matters affecting the 13 common interest community;
- (5) Make contracts and incur liabilities; 14
- (6) Regulate the use, maintenance, repair, replacement, 16 and modification of common elements;
- 17 (7) Cause additional improvements to be made as a part 18 of the common elements;
- 19 (8) Acquire, hold, encumber, and convey in its own 20 name any right, title, or interest to real estate or personal 21 property, but (i) common elements in a condominium or 22 planned community may be conveyed or subjected to a 23 security interest only pursuant to section 3-112 and (ii) part 24 of a cooperative may be conveyed, or all or part of a 25 cooperative may be subjected to a security interest, only 26 pursuant to section 3-112;
- 27 (9) Grant easements, leases, licenses, and concessions 28 through or over the common elements;
- 29 (10) Impose and receive any payments, fees, or charges 30 for the use, rental, or operation of the common elements, 31 other than limited common elements described in sections 32 2-102(2) and (4), and for services provided to unit owners;
- 33 (11) Impose charges for late payment of assessments 34 and, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, levy 35 reasonable fines for violations of the declaration, bylaws, 36 rules, and regulations of the association;
- 37 (12) Impose reasonable charges for the preparation and

38 recordation of amendments to the declaration, resale 39 certificates required by section 4-109, or statements of 40 unpaid assessments;

- 41 (13) Provide for the indemnification of its officers and 42 executive board and maintain directors' and officers' 43 liability insurance;
- 44 (14) Assign its right to future income, including the 45 right to receive common expense assessments, but only to 46 the extent the declaration expressly so provides;
- 47 (15) Exercise any other powers conferred by the 48 declaration or bylaws;
- 49 (16) Exercise all other powers that may be exercised in 50 this state by legal entities of the same type as the 51 association; and
- 52 (17) Exercise any other powers necessary and proper for 53 the governance and operation of the association.
- 54 (b) The declaration may not impose limitations on the 55 power of the association to deal with the declarant which 56 are more restrictive than the limitations imposed on the 57 power of the association to deal with other persons.

§36B-3-103. Executive board members and officers.

- 1 (a) Except as provided in the declaration, the bylaws, 2 subsection (b), or other provisions of this chapter, the 3 executive board may act in all instances on behalf of the 4 association. In the performance of their duties, the officers and members of the executive board are required to 6 exercise (i) if appointed by the declarant, the care required of fiduciaries of the unit owners and (ii) if elected by the unit 8 owners, ordinary and reasonable care.
- 9 (b) The executive board may not act on behalf of the 10 association to amend the declaration (section 2-117), to 11 terminate the common interest community (section 2-118) 12 or to elect members of the executive board or determine the 13 qualifications, powers and duties, or terms of office of 14 executive board members (section 3-103(f)), but the 15 executive board may fill vacancies in its membership for the 16 unexpired portion of any term.
- 17 (c) Within thirty days after adoption of any proposed 18 budget for the common interest community, the executive 19 board shall provide a summary of the budget to all the unit 20 owners, and shall set a date for a meeting of the unit owners

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- 21 to consider ratification of the budget not less than fourteen 22 nor more than thirty days after mailing of the summary. 23 Unless at that meeting a majority of all unit owners or any 24 larger vote specified in the declaration reject the budget, 25 the budget is ratified, whether or not a quorum is present. In 26 the event the proposed budget is rejected, the periodic 27 budget last ratified by the unit owners must be continued 28 until such time as the unit owners ratify a subsequent 29 budget proposed by the executive board.
 - (d) Subject to subsection (e), the declaration may provide for a period of declarant control of the association, during which a declarant, or persons designated by him, may appoint and remove the officers and members of the executive board. Regardless of the period provided in the declaration, a period of declarant control terminates no later than the earlier of: (i) Sixty days after conveyance of seventy-five percent of the units that may be created to unit owners other than a declarant; (ii) two years after all declarants have ceased to offer units for sale in the ordinary course of business; or (iii) two years after any right to add new units was last exercised. A declarant may voluntarily surrender the right to appoint and remove officers and members of the executive board before termination of that period, but in that event the declarant may require, for the duration of the period of declarant control, that specified actions of the association or executive board, as described in a recorded instrument executed by the declarant, be approved by the declarant before they become effective.
 - (e) Not later than sixty days after conveyance of twenty-five percent of the units that may be created to unit owners other than a declarant, at least one member and not less than twenty-five percent of the members of the executive board must be elected by unit owners other than the declarant. Not later than sixty days after conveyance of fifty percent of the units that may be created to unit owners other than a declarant, not less than thirty-three and one-third percent of the members of the executive board must be elected by unit owners other than the declarant.
 - (f) Except as otherwise provided in section 2-120(e), not later than the termination of any period of declarant control, the unit owners shall elect an executive board of at least three members, at least a majority of whom must be

- 63 unit owners. The executive board shall elect the officers. 64 The executive board members and officers shall take office 65 upon election.
- 66 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of the declaration or bylaws to the contrary, the unit owners, by a two-thirds 67 68 vote of all persons present and entitled to vote at any meeting of the unit owners at which a quorum is present, 70 may remove any member of the executive board with or 71 without cause, other than a member appointed by the declarant.

§36B-3-104. Transfer of special declarant rights.

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- (a) A special declarant right (section 1-103(29)) created or reserved under this chapter may be transferred only by an instrument evidencing the transfer recorded in every county in which any portion of the common interest 5 community is located. The instrument is not effective unless 6 executed by the transferee.
- 7 (b) Upon transfer of any special declarant right, the 8 liability of a transfer or declarant is as follows:
- 9 (1) A transferor is not relieved of any obligation or 10 liability arising before the transfer and remains liable for 11 warranty obligations imposed upon him by this chapter. 12 Lack of privity does not deprive any unit owner of standing 13 to maintain an action to enforce any obligation of the 14 transferor.
- (2) If a successor to any special declarant right is an 16 affiliate of a declarant (section 1-103(1)), the transferor is 17 jointly and severally liable with the successor for any 18 obligations or liabilities of the successor relating to the 19 common interest community.
- (3) If a transferor retains any special declarant rights, 21 but transfers other special declarant rights to a successor 22 who is not an affiliate of the declarant, the transferor is 23 liable for any obligations or liabilities imposed on a 24 declarant by this chapter or by the declaration relating to 25 the retained special declarant rights and arising after the 26 transfer.
- 27 (4) A transferor has no liability for any act or omission 28 or any breach of a contractual or warranty obligation 29 arising from the exercise of a special declarant right by a 30 successor declarant who is not an affiliate of the transferor.

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- (c) Unless otherwise provided in a mortgage 31 32 instrument, deed of trust, or other agreement creating a 33 security interest, in case of foreclosure of a security interest, 34 sale by a trustee under an agreement creating a security 35 interest, tax sale, judicial sale, or sale under bankruptcy 36 code or receivership proceedings, of any units owned by a 37 declarant or real estate in a common interest community 38 subject to development rights, a person acquiring title to all 39 the property being foreclosed or sold, but only upon his 40 request, succeeds to all special declarant rights related to 41 that property held by that declarant, or only to any rights 42 reserved in the declaration pursuant to section 2-115 and 43 held by that declarant to maintain models, sales offices, and signs. The judgment or instrument conveying title must provide for transfer of only the special declarant rights 46 requested.
- (d) Upon foreclosure of a security interest, sale by a 48 trustee under an agreement creating a security interest, tax sale, judicial sale, or sale under bankruptcy code or receivership proceedings, of all interests in a common interest community owned by a declarant:
 - (1) The declarant ceases to have any special declarant rights, and
 - (2) The period of declarant control (section 3-103(d)) terminates unless the judgment or instrument conveying title provides for transfer of all special declarant rights held by that declarant to a successor declarant.
 - (e) The liabilities and obligations of a person who suceeds to special declarant rights are as follows:
 - (1) A successor to any special declarant right who is an affiliate of a declarant is subject to all obligations and liabilities imposed on the transferor by this chapter or by the declaration.
 - (2) A successor to any special declarant right, other than a successor described in paragraphs (3) or (4) of a successor who is an affiliate of a declarant, is subject to the obligations and liabilities imposed by this chapter or the declaration:
- (i) On a declarant which relates to the successor's 69 exercise or nonexercise of special declarant rights; or 70
 - (ii) On his transferor, other than:
- (A) Misrepresentation by any previous declarant; **72**

73 (B) Warranty obligations on improvements made by any 74 previous declarant, or made before the common interest 75 community was created;

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- (C) Breach of any fiduciary obligation by any previous declarant or his appointees to the executive board; or
- (D) Any liability or obligation imposed on the transferor as a result of the transferor's acts or omissions after the transfer.
- (3) A successor to only a right reserved in the declaration to maintain models, sales offices, and signs (section 2-115), may not exercise any other special declarant right, and is not subject to any liability or obligation as a declarant, except the obligation to provide a public offering statement and any liability arising as a result thereof.
- (4) A successor to all special declarant rights held by a tranferor who succeeded to those rights pursuant to a deed or other instrument of conveyance in lieu of foreclosure or a judgment or instrument conveying title under subsection (c), may declare in a recorded instrument the intention to hold those rights solely for transfer to another person. Thereafter, until transferring all special declarant rights to any person acquiring title to any unit or real estate subject to development rights owned by the successor, or until recording an instrument permitting exercise of all those rights, that successor may not exercise any of those rights other than any right held by his transferor to control the executive board in accordance with section 3-103(d) for the duration of any period of declarant control, and any attempted exercise of those rights is void. So long as a successor declarant may not exercise special declarant rights under this subsection, the successor declarant is not subject to any liability or obligation as a declarant other than liability for his acts and omissions under section 3-103(d).
- 108 (f) Nothing in this section subjects any successor to a 109 special declarant right to any claims against or other 110 obligations of a transferor declarant other than claims and 111 obligations arising under this chapter or the declaration.

§36B-3-105. Termination of contracts and leases of declarant.

1 If entered into before the executive board elected by the

- 2 unit owners pursuant to section 3-103(f) takes office, (i) any
- 3 management contract, employment contract, or lease of
- 4 recreational or parking areas or facilities, (ii) any other
- 5 contract or lease between the association and a declarant or
- 6 an affiliate of a declarant, or (iii) any contract or lease that
- 7 is not bona fide or was unconscionable to the unit owners at
- 8 the time entered into under the circumstances then
- prevailing, may be terminated without penalty by the
- 10 association at any time after the executive board elected by
- 11 the unit owners pursuant to section 3-103(f) takes office
- 12 upon not less than ninety days' notice to the other party. 13 This section does not apply to: (i) Any lease the termination
- 14 of which would terminate the common interest community
- 15 or reduce its size, unless the real estate subject to that lease
- 16 was included in the common interest community for the
- purpose of avoiding the right of the association to terminate
- 18 a lease under this section, or (ii) a proprietary lease.

§36B-3-106. Bylaws.

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- (a) The bylaws of the association must provide:
- 2 (1) The number of members of the executive board and 3 the titles of the officers of the association;
- (2) Election by the executive board of president,
- 5 treasurer, secretary, and any other officers of the
- 6 association the bylaws specify;
- (3) The qualifications, powers and duties, terms of 8 office, and manner of electing and removing executive
- 9 board members and officers and filling vacancies;
- (4) Which, if any, of its powers the executive board or 10
- 11 officers may delegate to other persons or to a managing 12 agent;
- (5) Which of its officers may prepare, execute, certify, 13
- 14 and record amendments to the declaration on behalf of the
- 15 association: and
- (6) A method for amending the bylaws. 16
- (b) Subject to the provisions of the declaration, the 17
- 18 bylaws may provide for any other matters the association
- 19 deems necessary and appropriate.

§36B-3-107. Upkeep of common interest community.

- 1 (a) Except to the extent provided by the declaration,
- 2 subsection (b), or section 3-113(h), the association is

- responsible for maintenance, repair, and replacement of the common elements, and each unit owner is responsible for maintenance, repair, and replacement of his unit. Each unit owner shall afford to the association and the other unit owners, and to their agents or employees, access through his unit reasonably necessary for those purposes. If damage is inflicted on the common elements or on any unit through which access is taken, the unit power responsible for the damage, or the association if it is responsible, is liable for the prompt repair thereof.
- 13 (b) In addition to the liability that a declarant as a unit
 14 owner has under this chapter, the declarant alone is liable
 15 for all expenses in connection with real estate subject to the
 16 development rights. No other unit owner and no other
 17 portion of the common interest community is subject to a
 18 claim for payment of those expenses. Unless the declaration
 19 provides otherwise, any income or proceeds from real estate
 20 subject to development rights inures to the declarant.
- 21 (c) In a planned community, if all development rights 22 have expired with respect to any real estate, the declarant 23 remains liable for all expenses of that real estate unless, 24 upon expiration, the declaration provides that the real 25 estate becomes common elements or units.

§36B-3-108. Meetings.

A meeting of the association must be held at least once 2 each year. Special meetings of the association may be called 3 by the president, a majority of the executive board, or by 4 unit owners having twenty percent, or any lower percentage 5 specified in the bylaws, of the votes in the association. Not 6 less than ten nor more than sixty days in advance of any 7 meeting, the secretary or other officer specified in the 8 bylaws shall cause notice to be hand delivered or sent 9 prepaid by United States mail to the mailing address of 10 each unit or to any other mailing address designated in 11 writing by the unit owner. The notice of any meeting must 12 state the time and place of the meeting and the items on the 13 agenda, including the general nature of any proposed 14 amendment to the declaration or bylaws, any budget 15 changes, and any proposal to remove an officer or member 16 of the executive board.

§36B-3-109. Quorums.

- 1 (a) Unless the bylaws provide otherwise, a quorum is 2 present throughout any meeting of the association if 3 persons entitled to cast twenty percent of the votes that may 4 be cast for election of the executive board are present in 5 person or by proxy at the beginning of the meeting.
- 6 (b) Unless the bylaws specify a larger percentage, a 7 quorum is deemed present throughout any meeting of the 8 executive board if persons entitled to cast fifty percent of 9 the votes on that board are present at the beginning of the 10 meeting.

§36B-3-110. Voting; proxies.

- 1 (a) If only one of several owners of a unit is present at a 2 meeting of the association, that owner is entitled to cast all 3 the votes allocated to that unit. If more than one of the 4 owners are present, the votes allocated to that unit may be 5 cast only in accordance with the agreement of a majority in 6 interest of the owners, unless the declaration expressly 7 provides otherwise. There is majority agreement if any one 8 of the owners casts the votes allocated to that unit without 9 protest being made promptly to the person presiding over 10 the meeting by any of the other owners of the unit.
- 11 (b) Votes allocated to a unit may be cast pursuant to a
 12 proxy duly executed by a unit owner. If a unit is owned by
 13 more than one person, each owner of the unit may vote or
 14 register protest to the casting of votes by the other owners of
 15 the unit through a duly executed proxy. A unit owner may
 16 revoke a proxy given pursuant to this section only by actual
 17 notice of revocation to the person presiding over a meeting
 18 of the association. A proxy is void if it is not dated or
 19 purports to be revocable without notice. A proxy terminates
 20 one year after its date, unless it specifies a shorter term.
- (c) If the declaration requires that votes on specified matters affecting the common interest community be cast by lessees rather than unit owners of leased units: (i) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) apply to lessess as if they were unit owners; (ii) unit owners who have leased their units to other persons may not cast votes on those specified matters; and (iii) lessees are entitled to notice of meetings, access to records, and other rights respecting these matters as if they were unit owners. Unit owners must

- 30 also be given notice, in the manner provided in section
- 31 3-108, of all meetings at which lessees are entitled to vote.
- 32 (d) No votes allocated to a unit owned by the association
- 33 may be cast.

§36B-3-111. Tort and contract liability.

- 1 Neither the association nor any unit owner except the
- 2 declarant is liable for that declarant's torts in connection
- 3 with any part of the common interest community which
- 4 that declarant has the responsibility to maintain.
- 5 Otherwise, an action alleging a wrong done by the
- 6 association must be brought against the association and not
- 7 against any unit owner. If the wrong occurred during any
- 8 period of declarant control and the association gives the
- 9 declarant reasonable notice of and an opportunity to defend
- 10 against the action, the declarant who then controlled the
- 11 association is liable to the association or to any unit owner
- 12 for (i) all tort losses not covered by insurance suffered by the
- 13 association or that unit owner, and (ii) all costs that the
- 14 association would not have incurred but for a breach of
- 15 contract or other wrongful act or omission. Whenever the
- 16 declarant is liable to the association under this section, the
- 17 declarant is also liable for all expenses of litigation,
- 17 declarant is also hable for an expenses of higation,
- 18 including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the
- 19 association. Any statute of limitation affecting the
- 20 association's right of action under this section is tolled until
 21 the period of declarant control terminates. A unit owner is
- 22 not precluded from maintaining an action contemplated by
- 23 this section because he is a unit owner or a member or
- 24 officer of the association. Liens resulting from judgments
- 25 against the association are governed by section 3-117
- 26 (Other Liens).

§36B-3-112. Conveyance or encumbrance of common elements.

- 1 (a) In a condominium or planned community, portions
- 2 of the common elements may be conveyed or subjected to a
- 3 security interest by the association if persons entitled to
- 4 cast at least eighty percent of the votes in the association,
- 5 including eighty percent of the votes allocated to units not

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6 owned by a declarant, or any larger percentage the 7 declaration specifies, agree to that action; but all owners of 8 units to which any limited common element is allocated 9 must agree in order to convey that limited common element 10 or subject it to a security interest. The declaration may 11 specify a smaller percentage only if all of the units are 12 restricted exclusively to nonresidential uses. Proceeds of 13 the sale are an asset of the association.

- (b) Part of a cooperative may be conveyed and all or part 14 15 of a cooperative may be subjected to a security interest by 16 the association if persons entitled to cast at least eighty 17 percent of the votes in the association, including eighty 18 percent of the votes allocated to units not owned by a 19 declarant, or any larger percentage the declaration 20 specified, agree to that action; but, if fewer than all of the 21 units or limited common elements are to be conveyed or 22 subjected to a security interest, then all unit owners of those 23 units, or the units to which those limited common elements 24 are allocated, must agree in order to convey those units or 25 limited common elements or subject them to a security 26 interest. The declaration may specify a smaller percentage 27 only if all of the units are restricted exclusively to 28 nonresidential uses. Proceeds of the sale are an asset of the 29 association. Any purported conveyance or other voluntary 30 transfer of an entire cooperative, unless made pursuant to 31 section 2-118, is void.
- (c) An agreement to convey common elements in a 33 condominium or planned community, or to subject them to 34 a security interest, or in a cooperative, an agreement to 35 convey any part of a cooperative or subject it to a security 36 interest, must be evidenced by the execution of an 37 agreement, or ratifications thereof, in the same manner as a 38 deed, by the requisite number of unit owners. The agreement must specify a date after which the agreement 40 will be void unless recorded before that date. The 41 agreement and all ratifications thereof must be recorded in every county in which a portion of the common interest community is situated, and is effective only upon 44 recordation.
- (d) The association, on behalf of the unit owners, may 45 46 contract to convey an interest in a common interest

- community pursuant to subsection (a), but the contract is not enforceable against the association until approved 48 pursuant to subsections (a), (b), and (c). Thereafter, the 50 association has all powers necessary and appropriate to effect the conveyance or encumbrance, including the power 52 to execute deeds or other instruments.
- (e) Unless made pursuant to this section, any purported 54 conveyance, encumbrance, judicial sale, or other voluntary 55 transfer of common elements or of any other part of a cooperative is void.
- (f) A conveyance or encumbrance of common elements 58 or of a cooperative pursuant to this section does not deprive any unit of its rights of access and support.
- 60 (g) Unless the declaration otherwise provides, a 61 conveyance or encumbrance of common elements pursuant to this section does not affect the priority or validity of 63 pre-existing encumbrances.
- (h) In a cooperative, the association may acquire, hold, 65 encumber, or convey a proprietary lease without complying 66 with this section.

§36B-3-113. Insurance.

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- 1 (a) Commencing not later than the time of the first conveyance of a unit to a person other than a declarant, the association shall maintain, to the extent reasonably 4 available:
- (1) Property insurance on the common elements and, in a planned community, also on property that must become common elements, insuring against all risks of direct physical loss commonly insured against or, in the case of a conversion building, against fire and extended coverage 10 perils. The total amount of insurance after application of any deductibles must be not less than eighty percent of the 11 12 actual cash value of the insured property at the time the 13 insurance is purchased and at each renewal date, exclusive 14 of land, excavations, foundations, and other items normally 15 excluded from property policies; and
- 16 (2) Liability insurance, including medical payments 17 insurance, in an amount determined by the executive board 18 but not less than any amount specified in the declaration, 19 covering all occurrences commonly insured against for 20 death, bodily injury, and property damage arising out of or

- 21 in connection with the use, ownership, or maintenance of the common elements and, in cooperatives, also of all units.
- 23 (b) In the case of a building that is part of a cooperative 24 or that contains units having horizontal boundaries 25 described in the declaration, the insurance maintained 26 under subsection (a)(1), to the extent reasonably available, 27 must include the units, but need not include improvements 28 and betterments installed by unit owners.
- 29 (c) If the insurance described in subsections (a) and (b) is 30 not reasonably available, the association promptly shall cause notice of that fact to be hand delivered or sent prepaid 32 by United States mail to all unit owners. The declaration 33 may require the association to carry any other insurance, 34 and the association in any event may carry any other 35 insurance it considers appropriate to protect the 36 association or the unit owners.
- 37 (d) Insurance policies carried pursuant to subsections 38 (a) and (b) must provide that:
- (1) Each unit owner is an insured person under the 40 policy with respect to liability arising out of his interest in 41 the common elements or membership in the association;
- 42 (2) The insurer waives its right to subrogation under the 43 policy against any unit owner or member of his household; 44
- (3) No act or omission by any unit owner, unless acting 45 within the scope of his authority on behalf of the 46 association, will void the policy or be a condition to 47 recovery under the policy; and
- 48 (4) If, at the time of a loss under the policy, there is other 49 insurance in the name of a unit owner covering the same 50 risk covered by the policy, the association's policy provides 51 primary insurance.
- (e) Any loss covered by the property policy under 53 subsections (a)(1) and (b) must be adjusted with the 54 association, but the insurance proceeds for that loss are 55 payable to any insurance trustee designated for that 56 purpose, or otherwise to the association, and not to any 57 holder of a security interest. The insurance trustee or the 58 association shall hold any insurance proceeds in trust for 59 the association, unit owners, and lien holders as their 60 interests may appear. Subject to the provisions of 61 subsection (h), the proceeds must be disbursed first for the repair or restoration of the damaged property, and the 62 association, unit owners, and lien holders are not entitled to

64 receive payment of any portion of the proceeds unless there 65 is a surplus of proceeds after the property has been 66 completely repaired or restored, or the common interest community is terminated. 67

(f) An insurance policy issued to the association does 69 not prevent a unit owner from obtaining insurance for his 70 own benefit.

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- (g) An insurer that has issued an insurance policy under 72 this section shall issue certificates or memoranda of insurance to the association and, upon written request, to any unit owner or holder of a security interest. The insurer issuing the policy may not cancel or refuse to renew it until thirty days after notice of the proposed cancellation or nonrenewal has been mailed to the association, each unit owner and each holder of a security interest to whom a certificate or memorandum of insurance has been issued at 80 their respective last known addresses.
- 81 (h) Any portion of the common interest community for 82 which insurance is required under this section which is damaged or destroyed must be repaired or replaced 83 promptly by the association unless (i) the common interest 84 community is terminated, in which case section 2-118 85 applies (ii) repair or replacement would be illegal under any 86 state or local statute or ordinance governing health or safety, or (iii) eighty percent of the unit owners, including 88 every owner of a unit or assigned limited common element 89 that will not be rebuilt, vote not to rebuild. The cost of 90 repair or replacement in excess of insurance proceeds and reserves is a common expense. If the entire common interest 92 93 community is not repaired or replaced, (i) the insurance proceeds attributable to the damaged common elements must be used to restore the damaged area to a condition 95 compatible with the remainder of the common interest community, and (ii) except to the extent that other persons 97 will be distributees (section 2-105(a)12(ii)), (A) the 98 insurance proceeds attributable to units limited common elements that are not rebuilt must be distributed to the 100 101 owners of those units and the owners of the units to which 102 those limited common elements were allocated, or to lien 103 holders, as their interests may appear, and (B) the 104 remainder of the proceeds must be distributed to all the unit 105 owners or lien holders, as their interests may appear, as

- 106 follows: (1) In a condominium, in proportion to the common
- 107 element interests of all the units and (2) in a cooperative or
- 108 planned community, in proportion to the common expense
- 109 liabilities of all the units. If the unit owners vote not to
- 110 rebuild any unit, that unit's allocated interests are
- 111 automatically reallocated upon the vote as if the unit had
- 112 been condemned under section 1-107(a), and the
- 113 association promptly shall prepare, execute, and record an
- amendment to the declaration reflecting the reallocations.
- (i) The provisions of this section may be varied or 115
- 116 waived in the case of a common interest community all of
- 117 whose units are restricted to nonresidential use.

§36B-3-114. Surplus funds.

- Unless otherwise provided in the declaration, any surplus
- 2 funds of the association remaining after payment of or
- 3 provision for common expenses and any prepayment of
- 4 reserves must be paid to the unit owners in proportion to
- 5 their common expense liabilities or credited to them to
- 6 reduce their future common expense assessments.

§36B-3-115. Assessments for common expenses.

- 1 (a) Until the association makes a common expense 2 assessment, the declarant shall pay all common expenses.
- 3 After an assessment has been made by the association,
- 4 assessments must be made at least annually, based on a
- budget adopted at least annually by the association.
- (b) Except for assessments under subsections (c), (d) and
- (e), all common expenses must be assessed against all the
- 8 units in accordance with the allocations set forth in the
- 9 declaration pursuant to section 2-107(a) and (b). Any past
- 10 due common expense assessment or installment thereof
- 11 bears interest at the rate established by the association not
- 12 exceeding eighteen percent per year.
- 13 (c) To the extent required by the declaration:
- 14 (1) Any common expense associated with the
- 15 maintenance, repair or replacement of a limited common
- 16 element must be assessed against the units to which that
- 17 limited common element is assigned, equally, or in any
- 18 other proportion the declaration provides;
- (2) Any common expense or portion thereof benefiting 19

- 20 fewer than all of the units must be assessed exclusively 21 against the units benefited; and
- 22 The costs of insurance must be assessed in 23 proportion to risk and the costs of utilities must be assessed 24 in proportion to usage.
- (d) Assessments to pay a judgment against the 26 association (section 3-117(a)) may be made only against the 27 units in the common interest community at the time the 28 judgment was entered, in proportion to their common 29 expense liabilities.
- 30 (e) If any common expense is caused by the misconduct 31 of any unit owner, the association may assess that expense 32 exclusively against his unit.
- 33 (f) If common expense liabilities are reallocated, 34 common expense assessments and any installment thereof 35 not yet due must be recalculated in accordance with the 36 reallocated common expense liabilities.

§36B-3-116. Lien for assessments.

- 1 (a) The association has a lien on a unit for any 2 assessment levied against that unit or fines imposed against 3 its unit owner from the time the assessment or fine becomes due. Unless the declaration otherwise provides, fees, 5 charges, late charges, fines and interest charged pursuant to 6 section 3-102(a)(10), (11) and (12) are enforceable as assessments under this section. If an assessment is payable 8 in installments, the full amount of the assessment is a lien 9 from the time the first installment thereof becomes due.
- 10 (b) A lien under this section is prior to all other liens and 11 encumbrances on a unit except (i) liens and encumbrances 12 recorded before the recordation of the declaration and, in a 13 cooperative, liens and encumbrances which the association 14 creates, assumes, or takes subject to, (ii) a first security 15 interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the 16 assessment sought to be enforced became delinquent, or, in 17 a cooperative, the first security interest encumbering only 18 the unit owner's interest and perfected before the date on 19 which the assessment sought to be enforced became 20 delinquent, and (iii) liens for real estate taxes and other 21 governmental assessments or charges against the unit or 22 cooperative. The lien is also prior to all security interests 23 described in clause (ii) above to the extent of the common

- expense assessments based on the periodic budget adopted by the association pursuant to section 3-115(a) which would have become due in the absence of acceleration during the six months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the lien. This subsection does not affect the priority of mechanics' or materialmen's liens, or the priority of liens for other assessments made by the association. (The lien under this section is not subject to the provisions of (insert appropriate reference to state homestead, dower and curtesy, or other exemptions).)
 - (c) Unless the declaration otherwise provides, if two or more associations have liens for assessments created at any time on the same property, those liens have equal priority.
 - (d) A lien for unpaid assessments is extinguished unless proceedings to enforce the lien are instituted within three years after the full amount of the assessments becomes due.
 - (e) This section does not prohibit actions to recover sums for which subsection (a) creates a lien or prohibit an association from taking a deed in lieu of foreclosure.
 - (f) A judgment or decree in any action brought under this section must include costs and reasonable attorney's fees for the prevailing party.
 - (g) The association upon written request shall furnish to a unit owner a statement setting forth the amount of unpaid assessments against the unit. If the unit owner's interest is real estate, the statement must be in recordable form. The statement must be furnished within ten business days after receipt of the request and is binding on the association, the executive board, and every unit owner.
 - (h) For the purpose of perfecting and preserving its lien, the association shall give notice to the unit owner in the manner set forth in section one (§56-2-1), article two, chapter fifty-six of this code, or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and in a form reasonably calculated to inform the owner of his liability for payment of the assessment. The lien shall be discharged as to subsequent purchasers for value without notice unless the association shall cause to be recorded a notice of the lien in the office of the clerk of the county commission of any county wherein any part of the condominium is located. The notice shall contain:
 - (1) A legally sufficient description of the unit;

- (2) The name or names of the owners of the unit;
- (3) The amount of unpaid assessments due together with the date when each fell due: and
 - (4) The date of recordation.

The clerk of the county commission in whose office the notice is recorded shall index the notice in the appropriate deed books and lien books in the name of the unit owners and of the association. The cost of recordation shall be assessed against any unit owner found to be delinquent in a subsequent proceeding to enforce the lien.

Upon payment of the assessment, the association shall execute a written release of the lien in the manner set forth in section one (§38-12-1), article twelve, chapter thirty-eight of this code. This release shall be recorded, at the expense of the association, in the office of the clerk of the county commission wherein the notice of the lien was filed.

(i) At any time before the association has disposed of a unit in a cooperative or entered into a contract for its disposition under the power of sale, the unit owners or the holder of any subordinate security interest may cure the unit owner's default and prevent sale or other disposition by tendering the performance due under the security agreement, including any amounts due because of exercise of a right to accelerate, plus the reasonable expenses of proceeding to foreclosure incurred to the time of tender, including reasonable attorney's fees of the creditor.

§36B-3-117. Other liens.

- 1 (a) In a condominium or planned community:
- 2 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a judgment for 3 money against the association (if recorded) is not a lien on 4 the common elements, but is a lien in favor of the judgment 5 lien holder against all of the units in the common interest community at the time the judgment was entered. No other 7 property of a unit owner is subject to the claims of creditors of the association.
- 9 (2) If the association has granted a security interest in 10 the common elements to a creditor of the association 11 pursuant to section 3-112, the holder of that security 12 interest shall exercise its right against the common 13 elements before its judgment lien on any unit may be 14 enforced.

- 15 (3) Whether perfected before or after the creation of the 16 common interest community, if a lien, other than a deed of 17 trust or mortgage, including a judgment lien or lien 18 attributable to work performed or materials supplied 19 before creation of the common interest community, 20 becomes effective against two or more units, the unit owner 21 of an affected unit may pay to the lien holder the amount of 22 the lien attributable to his unit and the lien holder, upon 23 receipt of payment, promptly shall deliver a release of the lien covering that unit. The amount of the payment must be 25 proportionate to the ratio which that unit owner's common 26 expense liability bears to the common expense liabilities of 27 all unit owners whose units are subject to the lien. After 28 payment, the association may not assess or have a lien 29 against that unit owner's unit for any portion of the 30 common expenses incurred in connection with that lien.
- 31 (4) A judgment against the association must be indexed 32 in the name of the common interest community and the 33 association and, when so indexed, is notice of the lien 34 against the units. 35
 - (b) In a cooperative:
- 36 (1) If the association receives notice of an impending 37 foreclosure on all or any portion of the association's real estate, the association shall promptly transmit a copy of that notice to each unit owner of a unit located within the 40 real estate to be foreclosed. Failure of the association to 41 transmit the notice does not affect the validity of the 42 foreclosure.
- 43 (2) Whether or not a unit owner's unit is subject to the 44 claims of the association's creditors, no other property of a 45 unit owner is subject to those claims.

§36B-3-118. Association records.

- 1 The association shall keep financial records sufficiently
- detailed to enable the association to comply with section
- 4-109. All financial and other records must be made
- reasonably available for examination by any unit owner
- and his authorized agents.

§36B-3-119. Association as trustee.

- With respect to a third person dealing with the
- association in the association's capacity as a trustee, the

- existence of trust powers and their proper exercise by the
- association may be assumed without inquiry. A third
- person is not bound to inquire whether the association has
- power to act as trustee or is properly exercising trust
- powers. A third person, without actual knowledge that the
- association is exceeding or improperly exercising its
- 9 powers, is fully protected in dealing with the association as
- 10 if it possessed and properly exercised the powers it purports
- to exercise. A third person is not bound to assure the proper 11
- application of trust assets paid or delivered to the 12
- association in its capacity as trustee.

ARTICLE 4. PROTECTION OF PURCHASERS.

§36B-4-101. Applicability; waiver.

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- 1 (a) This article applies to all units subject to this chapter 2 except as provided in subsection (b) or as modified or waived by agreement of purchasers of units in a common 4 interest community in which all units are restricted to nonresidential use.
 - (b) Neither a public offering statement nor a resale certificate need be prepared or delivered in the case of:
 - (1) A gratuitous disposition of a unit;
 - (2) A disposition pursuant to court order;
- 10 (3) A disposition by a government or governmental 11 agency;
- 12 (4) A disposition by foreclosure or deed in lieu of 13 foreclosure;
 - (5) A disposition to a dealer;
- 15 (6) A disposition that may be canceled at any time and 16 for any reason by the purchaser without penalty; or
- (7) A disposition of a unit in a planned community in 18 which the declaration limits the maximum annual 19 assessment of any unit to not more than three hundred 20 dollars, as adjusted pursuant to section 1-115 (Adjustment 21 of dollar amounts) if:
- 22 (i) The declarant has a reasonable and good faith belief 23 that the maximum stated assessment will be sufficient to pay the expenses of the planned community;
- (ii) The declaration cannot be amended to increase the 25 26 assessment during the period of declarant control without the consent of all unit owners; and 27
- (iii) The planned community is not subject to any 28 29 development rights.

§36B-4-102. Liability for public offering statement requirements.

- 1 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a declarant, 2 before offering any interest in a unit to the public, shall 3 prepare a public offering statement conforming to the 4 requirements of sections 4-103, 4-104, 4-105 and 4-106.
- 5 (b) A declarant may transfer responsibility for 6 preparation of all or a part of the public offering statement 7 to a successor declarant section 3-104 or to a dealer who 8 intends to offer units in the common interest community. In 9 the event of any such transfer, the transferor shall provide 10 the transferee with any information necessary to enable the 11 transferee to fulfill the requirements of subsection (a).
- 12 (c) Any declarant or dealer who offers a unit to a 13 purchaser shall deliver a public offering statement in the manner prescribed in subsection 4-108(a). The person who 14 15 prepared all or a part of the public offering statement is liable under sections 4-108 and 4-117 for any false or 16 17 misleading statement set forth therein or for any omission 18 of a material fact therefrom with respect to that portion of the public offering statement which he prepared. If a 20 declarant did not prepare any part of a public offering 21 statement that he delivers, he is not liable for any false or 22 misleading statement set forth therein or for any omission 23 of a material fact therefrom unless he had actual knowledge 24 of the statement or omission or, in the exercise of reasonable 25 care, should have known of the statement or omission.
 - (d) If a unit is part of a common interest community and is part of any other real estate regime in connection with the sale of which the delivery of a public offering statement is required under the laws of this state, a single public offering statement conforming to the requirements of sections 4-103, 4-104, 4-105 and 4-106 as those requirements relate to each regime in which the unit is located, and to any other requirements imposed under the laws of this state, may be prepared and delivered in lieu of providing two or more public offering statements.

§36B-4-103. Public offering statement; general provisions.

- 1 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a public
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- (1) The name and principal address of the declarant and of the common interest community and a statement that the common interest community is either a condominium, cooperative or planned community;
- (2) A general description of the common interest community, including to the extent possible, the types, number, and declarant's schedule of commencement and completion of construction of buildings and amenities that the declarant anticipates including in the common interest community;
- (3) The number of units in the common interest community:
- (4) Copies and a brief narrative description of the significant features of the declaration, other than any plats and plans and any other recorded covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations affecting the common interest 20 community; the bylaws and any rules or regulations of the association; copies of any contracts and leases to be signed by purchasers at closing and a brief narrative description of any contracts or leases that will or may be subject to cancellation by the association under section 3-105;
 - (5) Any current balance sheet and a projected budget for the association, either within or as an exhibit to the public offering statement, for one year after the date of the first conveyance to a purchaser and thereafter the current budget of the association, a statement of who prepared the budget and a statement of the budget's assumptions concerning occupancy and inflation factors. The budget must include, without limitation:
 - (i) A statement of the amount or a statement that there is no amount included in the budget as a reserve for repairs and replacement;
 - (ii) A statement of any other reserves;
 - (iii) The projected common expense assessment by category of expenditures for the association; and
- (iv) The projected monthly common expense assessment 40 for each type of unit;
 - (6) Any services not reflected in the budget that the declarant provides, or expenses that he pays and which he expects may become at any subsequent time a common expense of the association and the projected common expense assessment attributable to each of those services or expenses for the association and for each type of unit;

- 47 (7) Any initial or special fee due from the purchaser at 48 closing, together with a description of the purpose and 49 method of calculating the fee;
 - (8) A description of any liens, defects, or encumbrances on or affecting the title to the common interest community;
 - (9) A description of any financing offered or arranged by the declarant;
 - (10) The terms and significant limitations of any warranties provided by the declarant, including statutory warranties and limitations on the enforcement thereof or on damages;
 - (11) A statement that:
 - (i) Within fifteen days after receipt of a public offering statement a purchaser, before conveyance, may cancel any contract for purchase of a unit from a declarant;
 - (ii) If a declarant fails to provide a public offering statement to a purchaser before conveying a unit, that purchaser may recover from the declarant ten percent of the sales price of the unit plus ten percent of the share, proportionate to his common expense liability, of any indebtedness of the association secured by security interests encumbering the common interest community; and
 - (iii) If a purchaser receives the public offering statement more than fifteen days before signing a contract, he cannot cancel the contract:
 - (12) A statement of any unsatisfied judgments or pending suits against the association and the status of any pending suits material to the common interest community of which a declarant has actual knowledge;
 - (13) A statement that any deposit made in connection with the purchase of a unit will be held in an escrow account until closing and will be returned to the purchaser if the purchaser cancels the contract pursuant to section 4-108, together with the name and address of the escrow agent;
 - (14) Any restraints on alienation of any portion of the common interest community and any restrictions: (i) On use, occupancy, and alienation of the units; and (ii) on the amount for which a unit may be sold or on the amount that may be received by a unit owner on sale, condemnation or casualty loss to the unit or to the common interest community or on termination of the common interest community;

90 (15) A description of the insurance coverage provided 91 for the benefit of unit owners;

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- (16) Any current or expected fees or charges to be paid by unit owners for the use of the common elements and other facilities related to the common interest community;
- (17) The extent to which financial arrangements have been provided for completion of all improvements that the declarant is obligated to build pursuant to section 4-119 (Declarant's obligation to complete and restore);
- (18) A brief narrative description of any zoning and other land use requirements affecting the common interest 101 community:
- (19) All unusual and material circumstances, features and characteristics of the common interest community and 104 the units; and
- 105 (20) In a cooperative, (i) whether the unit owners will be 106 entitled, for federal, state and local income tax purposes, to 107 a pass through of deductions for payments made by the 108 association for real estate taxes and interest paid the holder of a security interest encumbering the cooperative; and (ii) a 109 110 statement as to the effect on every unit owner if the association fails to pay real estate taxes or payments due the 111 112 holder of a security interest encumbering the cooperative.
- 113 (b) If a common interest community composed of not 114 more than twelve units is not subject to any development rights and no power is reserved to a declarant to make the 115 116 common interest community part of a larger common interest community, group of common interest 117 118 communities, or other real estate, a public offering 119 statement may but need not include the information otherwise required by paragraphs (9), (10), (15), (16), (17), 120 (18) and (19) of subsection (a) and the narrative descriptions 121 of documents required by subsection (a)(4). 122
- (c) A declarant promptly shall amend the public 123 124 offering statement to report any material change in the information required by this section. 125

§36B-4-104. Same; common interest communities subject to development rights.

- 1 If the declaration provides that a common interest
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- 3 offering statement must disclose, in addition to the
- 4 information required by section 4-103:

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- (1) The maximum number of units and the maximum 6 number of units per acre, that may be created;
- (2) A statement of how many or what percentage of the units that may be created will be restricted exclusively to residential use or a statement that no representations are made regarding use restrictions; 10
- (3) If any of the units that may be built within real estate 12 subject to development rights are not to be restricted 13 exclusively to residential use, a statement, with respect to 14 each portion of that real estate, of the maximum percentage 15 of the real estate areas, and the maximum percentage of the 16 floor areas of all units that may be created therein, that are 17 not restricted exclusively to residential use;
- (4) A brief narrative description of any development 18 19 rights reserved by a declarant and of any conditions 20 relating to or limitations upon the exercise of development 21 rights;
- (5) A statement of the maximum extent to which each 23 unit's allocated interests may be changed by the exercise of 24 any development right described in paragraph (3);
- (6) A statement of the extent to which any buildings or 26 other improvements that may be erected pursuant to any 27 development right in any part of the common interest 28 community will be compatible with existing buildings and 29 improvements in the common interest community in terms 30 of architectural style, quality of construction, and size, or a 31 statement that no assurances are made in those regards;
- (7) General descriptions of all other improvements that 33 may be made and limited common elements that may be 34 created within any part of the common interest community 35 pursuant to any development right reserved by the 36 declarant, or a statement that no assurances are made in 37 that regard;
- (8) A statement of any limitations as to the locations of 39 any building or other improvement that may be made within any part of the common interest community pursuant to any development right reserved by the declarant, or a statement that no assurances are made in 43 that regard:
 - (9) A statement that any limited common elements created pursuant to any development right reserved by the declarant will be of the same general types and sizes as the

- 47 limited common elements within other parts of the common
- 48 interest community, or a statement of the types and sizes
- planned, or a statement that no assurances are made in that regard;
- 51 (10) A statement that the proportion of limited common 52 elements to units created pursuant to any development 53 right reserved by the declarant will be approximately equal 54 to the proportion existing within other parts of the common 55 interest community, or a statement of any other assurances
- 56 in that regard, or a statement that no assurances are made in that regard;
- 58 (11) A statement that all restrictions in the declaration 59 affecting use, occupancy and alienation of units will apply
- 60 to any units created pursuant to any development right
- 61 reserved by the declarant, or a statement of any
- 62 differentiations that may be made as to those units, or a
- 63 statement that no assurances are made in that regard; and
- 64 (12) A statement of the extent to which any assurances
- 65 made pursuant to this section apply or do not apply in the
- 66 event that any development right is not exercised by the
- 67 declarant.

§36B-4-105. Same; time shares.

- 1 If the declaration provides that ownership or occupancy
- 2 of any units, is or may be in time shares, the public offering
- 3 statement shall disclose, in addition to the information 4 required by section 4-103:
- 5 (1) The number and identity of units in which time 6 shares may be created;
 - (2) The total number of time shares that may be created;
- 8 (3) The minimum duration of any time shares that may 9 be created; and
- 10 (4) The extent to which the creation of time shares will
- 11 or may affect the enforceability of the association's lien for
- 12 assessments provided in section 3-116.

§36B-4-106. Same; common interest communities containing conversion buildings.

- 1 (a) The public offering statement of a common interest
- 2 community containing any conversion building must
- 3 contain, in addition to the information required by section
- 4 4-103;

- 5 (1) A statement by the declarant, based on a report 6 prepared by an independent (registered) architect or 7 engineer, describing the present condition of all structural 8 components and mechanical and electrical installations 9 material to the use and enjoyment of the building;
- 10 (2) A statement by the declarant of the expected useful 11 life of each item reported on in paragraph (1) or a statement 12 that no representations are made in that regard; and
- 13 (3) A list of any outstanding notices of uncured 14 violations of building code or other municipal regulations, 15 together with the estimated cost of curing those violations.
- 16 (b) This section applies only to buildings containing 17 units that may be occupied for residential use.

§36B-4-107. Same; common interest community securities.

- 1 If an interest in a common interest community is 2 currently registered with the Securities and Exchange
- 3 Commission of the United States, a declarant satisfies all
- 4 requirements relating to the preparation of a public
- 5 offering statement of this chapter if he delivers to the
- 6 purchaser a copy of the public offering statement filed with
- 7 the Securities and Exchange Commission.

§36B-4-108. Purchaser's right to cancel.

10 offering statement.

- 1 (a) A person required to deliver a public offering 2 statement pursuant to section 4-102(c) shall provide a 3 purchaser with a copy of the public offering statement and 4 all amendments thereto before conveyance of the unit, and 5 not later than the date of any contract of sale. Unless a 6 purchaser is given the public offering statement more than 6 fifteen days before execution of a contract for the purchase 8 of a unit, the purchaser, before conveyance, may cancel the 9 contract within fifteen days after first receiving the public
- 11 (b) If a purchaser elects to cancel a contract pursuant to 12 subsection (a), he may do so by hand delivering notice 13 thereof to the offeror or by mailing notice thereof by 14 prepaid United States mail to the offeror or to his agent for 15 service of process. Cancellation is without penalty, and all 16 payments made by the purchaser before cancellation must 17 be refunded promptly.
- 18 (c) If a person required to deliver a public offering

- 19 statement pursuant to section 4-102(c) fails to provide a
- 20 purchaser to whom a unit is conveyed with that public
- 21 offering statement and all amendments thereto as required
- 22 by subsection (a), the purchaser, in addition to any rights to
- 23 damages or other relief, is entitled to receive from that
- 24 person an amount equal to ten percent of the sale price of
- 25 the unit, plus ten percent of the share, proportionate to his
- 26 common expense liability, of any indebtedness of the
- 27 association secured by security interests encumbering the
- 28 common interest community.

§36B-4-109. Resales of units.

- 1 (a) Except in the case of a sale in which delivery of a 2 public offering statement is required, or unless exempt
- 3 under section 4-101(b), a unit owner shall furnish to a
- 4 purchaser before execution of any contract for sale of a unit,
- 5 or otherwise before conveyance, a copy of the declaration
- 6 (other than any plats and plans), the bylaws, the rules or
- 7 regulations of the association, and a certificate containing:
- 8 (1) A statement disclosing the effect on the proposed 9 disposition of any right of first refusal or other restraint on
- 10 the free alienability of the unit;
- 11 (2) A statement setting forth the amount of the monthly
- 12 common expense assessment and any unpaid common
- 13 expense or special assessment currently due and payable 14 from the selling unit owner;
- 15 (3) A statement of any other fees payable by unit 16 owners:
- 17 (4) A statement of any capital expenditures anticipated18 by the association for the current and two next succeeding
- 19 fiscal years;
- (5) A statement of the amount of any reserves for capital
 expenditures and of any portions of those reserves
- 22 designated by the association for any specified projects;
- 23 (6) The most recent regularly prepared balance sheet 24 and income and expense statement, if any, of the 25 association;
- 26 (7) The current operating budget of the association;
- 27 (8) A statement of any unsatisfied judgments against
- 28 the association and the status of any pending suits in which
- 29 the association is a defendant;
- 30 (9) A statement describing any insurance coverage
- 31 provided for the benefit of unit owners;

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- (10) A statement as to whether the executive board has 32 33 knowledge that any alterations or improvements to the unit 34 or to the limited common elements assigned thereto violate 35 any provision of the declaration;
- (11) A statement as to whether the executive board has 37 knowledge of any violations of the health or building codes 38 with respect to the unit, the limited common elements 39 assigned thereto, or any other portion of the common 40 interest community;
- (12) A statement of the remaining term of any leasehold 42 estate affecting the common interest community and the 43 provisions governing any extension or renewal thereof;
- (13) A statement of any restrictions in the declaration 45 affecting the amount that may be received by a unit owner 46 upon sale, condemnation, casualty loss to the unit or the 47 common interest community, or termination of the common 48 interest community; and
- (14) In a cooperative, an accountant's statement, if any 50 was prepared, as to the deductibility for federal income tax purposes by the unit owner of real estate taxes and interest 52 paid by the association.
- (b) The association, within ten days after a request by a 53 54 unit owner, shall furnish a certificate containing the 55 information necessary to enable the unit owner to comply 56 with this section. A unit owner providing a certificate 57 pursuant to subsection (a) is not liable to the purchaser for 58 any erroneous information provided by the association and 59 included in the certificate.
- 60 (c) A purchaser is not liable for any unpaid assessment 61 or fee greater than the amount set forth in the certificate 62 prepared by the association. A unit owner is not liable to a 63 purchaser for the failure or delay of the association to 64 provide the certificate in a timely manner, but the purchase 65 contract is voidable by the purchaser until the certificate has been provided and for five days thereafter or until 67 conveyance, whichever first occurs.

§36B-4-110. Escrow of deposits.

- Any deposit made in connection with the purchase or
- 2 reservation of a unit from a person required to deliver a
- 3 public offering statement pursuant to section 4-102(c) must
- 4 be placed in escrow and held either in this state or in the

- 5 state where the unit is located in an account designated
- 6 solely for that purpose by an institution whose accounts are
- 7 insured by a governmental agency or instrumentality until
- 8 (i) delivered to the declarant at closing; (ii) delivered to the
- 9 declarant because of the purchaser's default under a
- 10 contract to purchase the unit; or (iii) refunded to the
- 11 purchaser.

§36B-4-111. Release of liens.

- 1 (a) In the case of a sale of a unit where delivery of a 2 public offering statement is required pursuant to section 3 4-102(c), a seller:
- 4 (1) Before conveying a unit, shall record or furnish to the purchaser releases of all liens, except liens on real estate that a declarant has the right to withdraw from the common interest community, that the purchaser does not expressly agree to take subject to or assume and that encumber:
- 9 (i) In a condominium, that unit and its common element 10 interest; and
- 11 (ii) In a cooperative or planned community, that unit 12 and any limited common elements assigned thereto, or
- 13 (2) Shall provide a surety bond or substitute collateral 14 for or insurance against the lien.
- 15 (b) Before conveying real estate to the association, the 16 declarant shall have that real estate released from: (1) All
- 17 liens the foreclosure of which would deprive unit owners of
- 18 any right of access to or easement of support of their units,
- 19 and (2) all other liens on that real estate unless the public
- 20 offering statement describes certain real estate that may be
- 21 conveyed subject to liens in specified amounts.

§36B-4-112. Conversion buildings.

(a) A declarant of a common interest community containing conversion buildings, and any dealer who intends to offer units in such a common interest community, shall give each of the residential tenants and any residential subtenant in possession of a portion of a conversion building notice of the conversion and provide those persons with the public offering statement no later than one hundred twenty days before the tenants and any subtenant in possession are required to vacate. The notice must set forth generally the rights of tenants and subtenants under

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- this section and must be hand delivered to the unit or mailed by prepaid United States mail to the tenant and subtenant at the address of the unit or any other mailing address provided by a tenant. No tenant or subtenant may be required to vacate upon less than one hundred twenty days' notice, except by reason of nonpayment of rent, waste, or conduct that disturbs other tenants' peaceful enjoyment of
- 17 conduct that disturbs other tenants' peaceful enjoyment of 18 the premises, and the terms of the tenancy may not be 19 altered during that period. Failure to give notice as required 20 by this section is a defense to an action for possession. 21 (b) For sixty days after delivery or mailing of the notice
 - (b) For sixty days after delivery or mailing of the notice described in subsection (a), the person required to give the notice shall offer to convey each unit or proposed unit occupied for residential use to the tenant who leases that unit. If a tenant fails to purchase the unit during that sixty day period, the offeror may not offer to dispose of an interest in that unit during the following one hundred eighty days at a price or on terms more favorable to the offeree than the price or terms offered to the tenant. This subsection does not apply to any unit in a conversion building if that unit will be restricted exclusively to nonresidential use or the boundaries of the converted unit do not substantially conform to the dimensions of the residential unit before conversion.
 - (c) If a seller, in violation of subsection (b), conveys a unit to a purchaser for value who has no knowledge of the violation, the recordation of the deed conveying the unit or, in a cooperative, the conveyance of the unit, extinguishes any right a tenant may have under subsection (b) to purchase that unit if the deed states that the seller has complied with subsection (b), but the conveyances does not affect the right of a tenant to recover damages from the seller for a violation of subsection (b).
- 44 (d) Nothing in this section permits termination of a 45 lease by a declarant in violation of its terms.

§36B-4-113. Express warranties of quality.

- 1 (a) Express warranties made by any seller to a 2 purchaser of a unit, if relied upon by the purchaser, are 3 created as follows:
- 4 (1) Any affirmation of fact or promise which relates to 5 the unit, its use, or rights appurtenant thereto, area

- improvements to the common interest community that would directly benefit the unit, or the right to use or have the benefit of facilities not located in the common interest community, creates an express warranty that the unit and 10 related rights and uses will conform to the affirmation or promise:
 - (2) Any model or description of the physical characteristics of the common interest community, including plans and specifications of or for improvements, creates an express warranty that the common interest community will conform to the model or description;
 - Any description of the quantity or extent of the real estate comprising the common interest community, including plats or surveys, creates an express warranty that the common interest community will conform to the description, subject to customary tolerances; and
 - (4) A provision that a purchaser may put a unit only to a specified use is an express warranty that the specified use is lawful.
 - (b) Neither formal words, such as "warranty" or "guarantee," nor a specific intention to make a warranty, are necessary to create an express warranty of quality, but a statement purporting to be merely an opinion or commendation of the real estate or its value does not create a warranty.
- 31 (c) Any conveyance of a unit transfers to the purchaser all express warranties of quality made by previous sellers.

§36B-4-114. Implied warranties of quality.

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- (a) A declarant and any dealer warrants that a unit will be in at least as good condition at the earlier of the time of the conveyance or delivery of possession as it was at the time of contracting, reasonable wear and tear expected.
- 5 (b) A declarant and any dealer impliedly warrants that 6 a unit and the common elements in the common interest 7 community are suitable for the ordinary uses of real estate of its type and that any improvements made or contracted 9 for by him, or made by any person before the creation of the 10 common interest community, will be:
 - (1) Free from defective materials; and
- 12 (2) Constructed in accordance with applicable law,

- 13 according to sound engineering and construction14 standards, and in a workmanlike manner.
- 15 (c) In addition, a declarant and any dealer warrants to a 16 purchaser of a unit that may be used for residential use that 17 an existing use, continuation of which is contemplated by 18 the parties, does not violate applicable law at the earlier of 19 the time of conveyance or delivery of possession.
- (d) Warranties imposed by this section may be excluded
 or modified as specified in section 4-115.
- 22 (e) For purposes of this section, improvements made or 23 contracted for by an affiliate of a declarant, section 24 1-103(1), are made or contracted for by the declarant.
- 25 (f) Any conveyance of a unit transfers to the purchaser 26 all of the declarant's implied warranties of quality.

§36B-4-115. Exclusion or modification of implied warranties of quality.

- 1 (a) Except as limited by subsection (b) with respect to a 2 purchaser of a unit that may be used for residential use, 3 implied warranties of quality:
- 4 (1) May be excluded or modified by agreement of the 5 parties; and
- 6 (2) Are excluded by expression of disclaimer, such as 7 "as is," "with all faults" or other language that in common 8 understanding calls the purchaser's attention to the 9 exclusion of warranties.
- 10 (b) With respect to a purchaser of a unit that may be occupied for residential use, no general disclaimer of implied warranties of quality is effective, but a declarant and any dealer may disclaim liability in an instrument signed by the purchaser for a specified defect or specified failure to comply with applicable law, if the defect or failure entered into and became a part of the basis of the bargain.

§36B-4-116. Statute of limitations for warranties.

1 (a) A judicial proceeding for breach of any obligation 2 arising under section 4-113 or 4-114 must be commenced 3 within six years after the cause of action accrues, but the 4 parties may agree to reduce the period of limitation to not 5 less than two years. With respect to a unit that may be 6 occupied for residential use, an agreement to reduce the

- period of limitation must be evidenced by a separate instrument executed by the purchaser.
- (b) Subject to subsection (c), a cause of action for breach 10 of warranty of quality, regardless of the purchaser's lack of knowledge of the breach, accrues:

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- (1) As to a unit, at the time the purchaser to whom the 13 warranty is first made enters into possession if a possessory 14 interest was conveyed or at the time of acceptance of the instrument of conveyance if a nonpossessory interest was conveyed; and
- 17 (2) As to each common element, at the time the common 18 element is completed or, if later, as to (i) a common element 19 that may be added to the common interest community or 20 portion thereof, at the time the first unit therein is conveyed 21 to a bona fide purchaser, or (ii) a common element within 22 any other portion of the common interest community, at the 23 time the first unit is conveyed to a bona fide purchaser.
- 24 (c) If a warranty of quality explicitly extends to future 25 performance or duration of any improvement or component 26 of the common interest community, the cause of action 27 accrues at the time the breach is discovered or at the end of 28 the period for which the warranty explicitly extends, 29 whichever is earlier.

§36B-4-117. Effect of violations on rights of action; attorney's fees.

- 1 If a declarant or any other person subject to this chapter
- fails to comply with any of its provisions or any provision of
- 3 the declaration or bylaws, any person or class of persons
- 4 adversely affected by the failure to comply has a claim for
- appropriate relief. Punitive damages may be awarded for a 5
- willful failure to comply with this chapter. The court, in an
- appropriate case, may award reasonable attorney's fees.

§36B-4-118. Labeling of promotional material.

- 1 No promotional material may be displayed or delivered to
- 2 prospective purchasers which describes or portrays an
- improvement that is not in existence unless the description
- or portrayal of the improvement in the promotional
- material is conspicuously labeled or identified either as
- "MUST BE BUILT" or as "NEED NOT BE BUILT."

§36B-4-119. Declarant's obligation to complete and restore.

- 1 (a) Except for improvements labeled "Need Not Be
- 2 Built," the declarant shall complete all improvements
- 3 depicted on any site plan or other graphic representation,
- 4 including any plats or plans prepared pursuant to section
- 5 2-109, whether or not that site plan or other graphic
- 6 representation is contained in the public offering statement
 - or in any promotional material distributed by or for the
- 8 declarant.
- 9 (b) The declarant is subject to liability for the prompt
- 10 repair and restoration, to a condition compatible with the
- 11 remainder of the common interest community, of any
- 12 portion of the common interest community affected by the
- 13 exercise of rights reserved pursuant to or created by
- 14 sections 2-110, 2-111, 2-112, 2-113, 2-115, 2-116.

§36B-4-120. Substantial completion of units.

- 1 In the case of a sale of a unit in which delivery of a public
- 2 offering statement is required, a contract of sale may be
- 3 executed, but no interest in that unit may be conveyed until
- 4 the declaration is recorded and the unit is substantially
- 5 completed, as evidenced by a recorded certificate of
- 6 substantial completion executed by an independent
- 7 registered architect, surveyor or engineer, or by issuance of
- 8 a certificate of occupancy authorized by law.

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