# OWNERS OF HIDDEN CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

# AMENDED AND RESTATED DEED RESTRICTION ENFORCEMENT POLICY

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WHEREAS, that certain Revised and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Hidden Creek Section 1 dated February 22, 2007, recorded in the Real Property Records of Montgomery County, Texas, under Clerk's File Number 2007-027699 (as same may be supplemented and amended, referred to herein as the "Declaration"), subjects Hidden Creek, a subdivision in Montgomery County, Texas (the "Subdivision"), to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, charges and liens set forth in the Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 1 of the Declaration provides that the Owners of Hidden Creek Community Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation (the "Association") may imposed reasonable fines for violators of the Declaration or any rules or regulations adopted by the Association or the Architectural Review Committee (as referred to in the Declaration); and

WHEREAS, that certain Owners of Hidden Creek Community Association, Inc. Deed Restriction Enforcement Policy was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Association (the "Board") and recorded in the Real Property Records of Montgomery County, Texas, under Clerk's File Number 2020052278 (the "Original Policy"); and

WHEREAS, the Board, deems it to be in the best interest of the Association and the Subdivision to amend and restate the Original Policy as set forth below; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 6.3 of the Bylaws of the Association (the "Bylaws") provides that a majority of the number of directors of the Board (the "Directors") shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and that every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board held a meeting on 416, 2023, at which at least a majority of the Directors were present and at which at least a majority of the Directors present did duly approve of amending and restating the Original Policy as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, to give notice of the matters set forth herein, the undersigned, being the President of the Association, does hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct and hereby provides notice that the Board did amend and restate the Original Policy as set forth below, to be effective upon recordation of this document in the Real Property Records of Montgomery County, Texas, and the below Amended and Restated Deed Restriction Enforcement Policy supersedes and takes the place of the Original Policy.

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# Violations Turned Over to Attorney:

The Board will decide as to whether the violation owner is to be turned over to the Association's attorney following either 1) the hearing requested by the owner. 2) The deadline expiration to request such a hearing or 3) after the deadline in the certified letter has passed, and the property owner has not corrected or resolved the violation. The Board of Directors at Owners of Hidden Creek Community Association, Inc. Has the discretion to consider special circumstances applying to the owner and tenant (if applicable). The Association will charge all related file preparation fees back to the owner.

### **Attorney Demand Letter:**

If the violation is referred to the Association's attorney for a demand letter, the violation will remain on the inspection list until final resolution of the violation. A photograph may be taken of the violation on any inspection thereafter, if required by the Association's attorney.

### NOTICE AND HEARING:

# Notice to the Owner's Address:

- 1. Each property owner is responsible for notifying the Association, in writing, at all times, of any changes in their mailing address.
- 2. If mail is returned from the property owner's last known address is undeliverable, and the property owner has not notified the Association of his or her current mailing address, then the inspector or his designee has the authority to automatically order a locate search or a title search, at the owner's expense.
- 3. The inspector has the authority to order a title search if they believe the ownership of the affected property has changed.

- 4. Any cost incurred by the Association in determining or attempting to determine the ownership of a property and then locating the owner the property shall become charges due against the owner's lot.
- 5. Deed restriction enforcement violation enforcement shall not cease solely because notices are returned by the post office.

# **Board of Directors Hearing:**

- 1. If the property owner requests a hearing in writing, the Board of Director's must make arrangements for it to be held no later than thirty (30) days after the date that the Board or the property management company receives a written request.
- 2. The property management company will notify the property owner via first class mail at the property owner's last known address of the date, time, and place for the hearing, no later than ten (10) days prior to the hearing date.
- 3. Either party may request a ten (10) day postponement and additional postponements may be made by mutual agreement.
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# Notice and /or Hearing Provisions Do Not Apply to the Following:

- 1. <u>Lawsuit Filing</u>. The notice and hearing provisions stated herein will not apply if the Associations files a law suit seeking a temporary restraining order or temporary injunctive relief or files a suit that includes foreclosure as a cause of action.
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- 3. <u>Recurring Violator</u>: If the Association sent the third notice described in this policy to the property owner's last known address for a similar violation within the six months of the current violation, the Board of Directors has the discretion to impose a fine immediately upon written notice of the similar violation. The fine for recurring violation shall be no less than \$25.00 per occurrence.

#### Forced Maintenance:

As authorized by the Owners of Hidden Creek Community Association, Inc., the Board of Directors reserves the right to cure the violation, after appropriate notice, and charge the owner for the cost of such work.

EFFECTIVE upon recordation in the Official Public Records of Montgomery County, Texas.

OWNERS OF HIDDEN CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Texas non-profit corporation

By:

\_, President

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

This instrument was acknowledged before me on April 8, 2023, by Character Spresident of OWNERS OF HIDDEN CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Texas non-profit corporation, for and on behalf of said corporation.

JOLEA WISKOFSKE
Notary Public, State of Texas
Comm. Expires 10-17-2026
Notary ID 13402017-4

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April 20, 2023

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Via Email: <a href="mailto:christina@webdta.com">christina@webdta.com</a>
Ms. Christina O'Bryant
DTA Community Management Services, Inc. 206-a S. Loop 336, Suite 270
Conroe, Texas 77304

Re: Owners of Hidden Creek Community Association, Inc. Amended and Restated Deed

**Restriction Enforcement Policy** 

Dear Christina:

Enclosed is a copy of the recorded Owners of Hidden Creek Community Association, Inc. Amended and Restated Deed Restriction Enforcement Policy. As you can see, this document was recorded on April 19, 2023, under Montgomery County Clerk's File Number 2023033516.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

HOOVER SLOVACEK LLP

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Enclosure:

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STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

This instrument was acknowledged before me on April 8, 2023, by Well Spresident of OWNERS OF HIDDEN CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Texas non-profit corporation, for and on behalf of said corporation.

JOLEA WISKOFSKE
Notary Public, State of Texas
Comm. Expires 10-17-2026
Notary ID 13402017-4

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# **E-FILED FOR RECORD**

04/19/2023 09:34AM



County Clerk, Montgomery County, Texas

# STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I hereby certify that this instrument was e-filed in the file number sequence on the date and time stamped herein by me and was duly e-RECORDED in the Official Public Records of Montgomery County, Texas.

# 04/19/2023

County Clerk, Montgomery County, Texas