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MARY LOUISE NICHOLSON COUNTY CLERK

# NOTICE OF FILING: ENFORCEMENT AND FINING POLICY BELLA RANCH HOA, INC.

STATE OF TEXAS )	
)	KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS
COUNTY OF TARRANT )	

THIS NOTICE OF DEDICATORY INSTRUMENTS FOR BELLA RANCH HOA, INC. ("Notice") is made December 14, 2023 by Bella Ranch HOA, Inc. ("The Association")

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Association is the property owners' association created to manage or regulate the planned development covered by the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions for Bella Ranch and

WHEREAS, Section 202.006 of the Texas Property Code provides that a property owners' association must file each dedicatory instrument governing the association that has not been previously recorded in the real property records of the county in which the planned development is located; and

WHEREAS, the Association desires to record the attached dedicatory instrument in the real property records of Tarrant County, Texas, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 202.006 of the Texas Property Code and for the purpose of providing public notice of the following dedicatory instrument affecting the owners of property within subdivision ("Owner").

**NOW THEREFORE**, the policy attached hereto on Exhibit "A" are originals and are hereby filed of record in the real property records of Tarrant County, Texas, in accordance with the requirements of Section 202.006 of the Texas Property Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Association has caused this Notice to be executed by its duly authorized agent as of the date first written above.

BELLA RANCH HOA, INC.

By: John 17 orones

Printed Name: Unda Morones

Title: futherized Refresentative

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

### STATE OF TEXAS

# **COUNTY OF DENTON**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Linda Morones, authorized agent of Bella Ranch HOA, Inc., known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that (s)he executed the same for the purposed and consideration therein expressed on behalf of said corporation.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on this 14 day of December, 2023

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Notary Public of Texas

C. A. WHITE
Notary Public, State of Texes
Comm. Expires 01-10-2027
Notary ID 1722087

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## BELLA RANCH HOA, INC. Covenant Enforcement and Fining Policy

WHEREAS, BELLA RANCH HOA, INC. (the Association) is authorized to enforce the covenants and restrictions contained in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions for Bella Ranch (the "Declaration" also known as the "Covenants") and contained in the Bylaws, rules and regulations, guidelines and other standards and policies (all collectively referred to in this policy as the "Governing Documents"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section of the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, the Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to impose reasonable fines for violations of the governing documents, ACC guidelines or any rule or regulation of the Association which shall constitute a lien upon the Lot of the violation Owner as provided in the Declaration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that the following procedures and practices are established for the enforcement of the Governing Documents and for the elimination of violations found to exist in, on and about the Property, the Lots, the Streets, and the Common Areas within Bella Ranch Homeowners Association, and the following procedures are to be known as the "Covenant Enforcement and Fining Policy" (referred to herein as the "Enforcement Policy"), which shall replace any previously adopted policy.

- 1. **First Violation Notice/ Friendly Reminder:** A written courtesy notice will be sent to the Owner of the Lot in question as required by Texas Property Code, delivered via First Class Mail and E-Mail. The Owner will be given a time period of 30 days to correct or 24 hours to correct if it is a portable item (e.g. sporting equipment, wheeled vehicle, etc.). No fine will be applied to the account with a First Notice. Owner will be notified of the next step in the process which includes the fining amount, as identified in Exhibit A, in the Second Notice.
- 2. Second Notice /Fine Warning (Not Cured/ No Application for Extension): If the violation is not cured within the time period noted in the first notice, a letter will be sent via certified mail notifying the Owner of the continued violation along with an applied fine as outlined in the Schedule of Fines "Exhibit A" plus the cost for certified mail delivery.
- 3. **Final Notice /Fine (Not Cured/ No Application for Extension):** If after the specific time period given in the second notification, the violation continues, the owner will be subject to the application of a fine, as outlined in the schedule of fines "Exhibit A", to their account, plus the cost of certified delivery. Notice will be sent via certified mail, return receipt and by regular first class mail.
- 4. "Damage Assessment": Violations that result in property damage or cause the Association to incur cleanup costs will result in a "Damage Assessment" on the homeowners account.

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5. **Construction without ACC Approval/ Non-Conforming Improvement:** Changes done to a property without request and approval will be fined as outlined separately in the Schedule of Fines "Exhibit A" without maximum.

6. "Appeal Process": If a homeowner so chooses, an appeal can be made via written request to the board within 30 calendar days of receiving the first violation notice. Within 10 days of receipt, the board will give the homeowner notice of the date within 30 calendar days from the date the request was received by the board, and the hearing should be scheduled to provide a reasonable opportunity for both the homeowner and the board to attend. Failure to submit an appeal or to appear at the scheduled hearing will result in an automatic appeal denial. The appeal ruling will determine the course of future enforcement actions.

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## Exhibit "A" **Schedule of Fines**

Violation Fine

Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & \$50.00 30 days after delivery of Second Notice Restrictions, Article 5

\$50.00 30 days after delivery of Final Notice

\$100.00 every 30 days thereafter

No Maximum

Construction without ACC Approval \$250.00 after 14 days notice

Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions, Article 5, Section 5.1

Nonconforming Improvement \$500.00 after 14 days notice Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & \$100.00 per day thereafter

Restrictions, Article 5, Section 5.1 No Maximum

Uncurable - No Notice Required Examples include but are not limited to: NO NOTICE REQUIRED

\$250.00 Immediate Fine

- Threat to health or safety (materially affect physical health or safety of ordinary resident);
- Property Damage;
- Unrestrained Pets

This schedule of Fines is to be used solely as a guide to the Board in establishing rules for various violations of the Association's governing documents. Fines may vary depending upon the nature and severity of the violation.

## **General Policy**

If a homeowner contacts management with the intent to correct a violation and asks for an extension, management shall grant such extension if it deems the extension reasonable. If the homeowner does not cure the violation after the extension period, the homeowner will be immediately referred to the attorney or the process will be resumed at the last level of the process.

#### **Forced Maintenance Procedure**

It is the option of the Board of Directors to decide when and if an account goes to the attorney. The decision to escalate an account to the attorney may be based on violation severity, prior violation history, or other factors that may influence the Board's decision. Once an account is turned over to the attorney's office the attorney will send the homeowner a letter of representation and a demand for compliance with the Association's governing documents. If the homeowner does not respond, the attorney will pursue all available action to cure the violation through the court/legal system. If allowable by law and the Association's Declaration of Covenants, all attorney's fees and any court costs shall be the homeowner's responsibility and

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shall be charged to the homeowners account and the money due shall be subject to the collection policy. If the amount due is not paid the attorney may file notice of lien.

## Other

Any item that is portable - e.g. sporting equipment, wheeled vehicles, etc. would need to be corrected within 24 hours from receipt of notice.