## ACCESS, PRODUCTION AND COPYING POLICY

for

#### CANYON LAKE VILLAGE WEST PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF COMAL §

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Canyon Lake Village West Property Owners Association (the "Association"), do hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association (the "Board") duly called and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022, with at least a quorum of the Board members being present and remaining throughout, and being duly authorized to transact business, the following Access, Production and Copying Policy ("Policy") was duly approved by a majority vote of the members of the Board:

#### **RECITALS:**

1. The property encumbered by this Policy is that property initially restricted by the Restrictions of Canyon Lake Village West, Unit No. 1 and Unit No. 2 recorded in Volume 161, Page 437; Restrictions of Canyon Lake Village West, No. 3 recorded in Volume 166, Page 94; Restrictions of Canyon Lake Village West, Unit No. 4 recorded in Volume 226, Page 241; and Restrictions of Canyon Lake Village West, Unit No. 5 recorded in Volume 251, Page 312, all in the Official Property Records of Real Property, Comal County, Texas, as amended or supplemented, if any, ("**Declaration**"), and any other property which has been or may be subsequently annexed thereto and made subject to the authority of the Association.

2. Pursuant to Chapter 209 of the Texas Property Code, the Board of the Association hereby adopts this Policy for the purposes of prescribing accessibility to Association books and records, the costs the Association will charge for the compilation, production and reproduction of information requested under Section 209.005 of the Texas Property Code.

3. This Policy replaces and supersedes any previously recorded or implemented policy that addresses the subjects contained herein, if any, adopted by the Association.

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## ACCESS, PRODUCTION AND COPYING POLICY

## 1. ACCESS

The books and records of the Association, including financial records, shall be open to and reasonably available for examination by an owner, or a person designated in writing signed by the owner as the owner's agent, attorney, or certified public accountant. An owner is entitled to obtain from the Association copies of information contained in the books and records. An owner, or the owner's authorized representative, must submit a written request for access or information by certified mail, with sufficient detail describing the books and records requested, to the mailing address of the Association as reflected on the most current management certificate. The request must contain an election either to inspect the books and records before obtaining copies, or to have the Association forward copies of the requested books and records.

An attorney's files and records relating to the Association, excluding invoices requested by an owner under Section 209.008(d) of the Texas Property Code are not records of the Association and are not subject to inspection by the owner, or production in a legal proceeding. If a document in an attorney's files and records relating to the Association would be responsive to a legally authorized request to inspect or copy Association documents, the document shall be produced by using the copy from the attorney's files and records if the Association has not maintained a separate copy of the document. Any document that constitutes attorney work product or that is privileged as an attorney-client privileged communication is not required to be produced.

The Association is not required to release or allow inspection of any books or records that identify the dedicatory instrument violation history of an owner, an owner's personal financial information, including records of payment/nonpayment of amounts due the Association, an owner's contact information other than the owner's address, or information related to an employee of the Association, including personnel files. Information may be released in an aggregate or summary manner that would not identify an individual owner. These records may be made available only (i) with the express written approval of the owner whose records are the subject of the request, or (ii) if a court of competent jurisdiction orders the release of the records.

If inspection is requested, the Association, on or before the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) business day after the date the Association receives the request, shall send written notice of dates during normal business hours that the owner may inspect the requested records to the extent the records are in the possession or control of the Association. The inspection shall take place at a mutually agreed upon time during normal business hours.

If copies are requested, the Association shall produce the requested records for the owner on or before the tenth  $(10^{\text{th}})$  business day after the date the Association receives the request except as otherwise provided herein. The Association may produce the requested records in hard copy, electronic, or other format reasonably available to the Association.

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If the Association is unable to produce the records on or before the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) business day after the date the Association receives the request, the Association shall give the owner notice that it is unable to produce the records within ten (10) business days and state a date by which the information will be sent or made available for inspection, on a date not more than fifteen (15) business days after the date the notice is given.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, all records shall be produced subject to the terms of this Policy as set out below. The Association may require advance payment of estimated costs per its adopted policy.

### 2. CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS

The Secretary of the Board or other person designated by the Board, is the designated Custodian of the Records of Association. As such, the Secretary of the Board is responsible for overseeing compliance with this Policy. Any questions regarding this Policy shall be directed to the Custodian of the Records of the Association.

# 3. PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

All requests for information must comply with the requirements set forth hereinabove. The dated and signed, written request must state the specific information being requested.

Requests for information will **NOT** be approved when the information (1) regards pending legal issues, unless specifically required by law; (2) regards personnel matters such as individual salaries; (3) regards other members; or (4) is privileged or confidential.

# 4. COST OF COMPILING INFORMATION AND MAKING COPIES OF RECORDS

The costs of compiling information and making copies shall not exceed those set forth in 1 TAC 70.3. The following fee schedules and explanations comply with this code section.

The following are the costs of materials, labor, and overhead which shall be charged to the owner requesting. The Association may require advance payment of the estimated costs of compilation, production, and reproduction of the requested information. If the estimated costs are lesser or greater than the actual costs, the Association shall submit a final invoice to the owner on or before the thirtieth  $(30^{th})$  business day after the date the information is delivered. If the final invoice includes additional amounts due from the owner, the additional amounts, if not reimbursed to the Association before the thirtieth  $(30^{th})$  business day after the date the invoice is sent to the owner, may be added to the owner's account as an assessment. If the estimated costs exceeded the final invoice amount, the owner is entitled to a refund, and the refund shall be issued to the owner not later than the thirtieth  $(30^{th})$  business day after the date the invoice is sent to the owner.

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## 4.1 <u>Copy Charge:</u>

- (1) Standard paper copy. The charge for paper copies reproduced by means of an office machine copier or a computer printer is \$0.10 per page or part of a page. Each side that has recorded information is considered a page.
- (2) Nonstandard copy: These charges cover materials onto which information is copied and do not reflect any additional charges, including labor, that may be associated with a particular request. The charges for nonstandard copies are:
  - (A) Diskette \$1.00
  - (B) Magnetic tape actual cost
  - (C) Data cartridge actual cost
  - (D) Tape cartridge actual cost
  - (E) Rewritable & non-rewritable CD \$1.00
  - (F) Digital video disc \$3.00
  - (G) JAZ drive actual cost
  - (H) Other electronic media actual cost
  - (I) VHS video cassette \$2.50
  - (J) Audio cassette \$1.00
- (3) Oversize paper copy (e.g. 11 x 17, green bar, blue bar, not including maps and photographs using specialty paper) 0.50
- (4) Specialty paper (e.g. Mylar, blueprint, blueline, map, photographic) actual cost

# 4.2 Labor Charge:

For locating, compiling, manipulating data, and reproducing public information, the following charges shall apply:

- (1) Labor charge \$15.00/hour. This charge includes the actual time to locate, compile, manipulate data, and reproduce the requested information;
- (2) When confidential information is mixed with public information on the same page, a labor charge may be recovered for time spent by an attorney, legal assistant, or any other person who reviews the requested information to redact,

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blackout, or otherwise obscure confidential information in order to release the public information;

- (3) No labor charge to be billed for requests that are fifty (50) or fewer pages of paper records, unless the documents to be copied are located in:
  - (A) Two (2) or more separate buildings that are not physically connected with each other; or
  - (B) A remote storage facility.

# 4.3 <u>Overhead Charge:</u>

Whenever a labor charge is applicable to a request, the Association may include in the charges direct and indirect charges, in addition to the specific labor charge. This overhead charge would cover such costs as depreciation of capital assets, rent, maintenance and repair, utilities, and administrative overhead. If the Association chooses to recover such costs, the charge shall be made in accordance with the methodology described hereafter:

- (1) The overhead charge shall not be made for requests for copies of fifty (50) or fewer pages of standard paper records unless the request also qualifies for a labor charge;
- (2) The overhead charge shall be computed at twenty percent (20%) of the charge made to cover any labor costs associated with a particular request.

# 4.4 <u>Miscellaneous Supplies</u>:

The actual cost of miscellaneous supplies, such as labels, boxes, and other supplies used to produce the requested information, may be added to the total charge. Related postal or shipping expenses which are necessary to transmit the reproduced information may be added to the total charge. If payment by credit card is accepted and a transaction fee is charged by the credit card company, that fee may be added to the total charge.

### 5. DENIAL OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

If it is decided that a request for information is inappropriate or unapproved, the Board, or its designee, will notify the requesting member of that decision and the reason for it in a timely manner. The Board, or its designee, will inform the owner, in writing of their right to appeal to the Board.

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#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Association and that this Access, Production and Copying Policy was approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors as set forth above and now appears in the books and records of the Association, to be effective upon recording in the Official Public Records of Real Property of Comal County, Texas.

TO CERTIFY which witness my hand this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

# CANYON LAKE VILLAGE WEST PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Printed:\_\_\_\_\_

Director

THE STATE OF TEXAS § SCOUNTY OF COMAL §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022 personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Canyon Lake Village West Property Owners Association, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged to me that s/he executed the same for the purpose and in the capacity herein expressed.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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