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1 AN ACT Relating to common interest communities; amending RCW  
2 64.90.085, 64.90.105, 64.90.300, 64.90.310, 64.90.450, 64.90.480,  
3 64.90.520, 64.90.010, 64.90.065, 64.90.100, 64.90.225, 64.90.240,  
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12 82.02.020, 82.04.4298, 64.32.260, 64.34.076, 64.38.095, 64.90.075,  
13 64.90.080, and 64.90.095; reenacting and amending RCW 7.60.025 and  
14 64.06.005; adding new sections to chapter 64.90 RCW; recodifying RCW  
15 64.90.075, 64.90.080, and 64.90.095; repealing RCW 64.32.010,  
16 64.32.020, 64.32.030, 64.32.040, 64.32.050, 64.32.060, 64.32.070,  
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14 64.34.900, 64.34.910, 64.34.930, 64.34.931, 64.34.940, 64.34.950,  
15 64.38.005, 64.38.010, 64.38.015, 64.38.020, 64.38.025, 64.38.028,  
16 64.38.030, 64.38.033, 64.38.034, 64.38.035, 64.38.040, 64.38.045,  
17 64.38.050, 64.38.055, 64.38.057, 64.38.060, 64.38.062, 64.38.065,  
18 64.38.070, 64.38.075, 64.38.080, 64.38.085, 64.38.090, 64.38.095,  
19 64.38.100, 64.38.110, 64.38.120, 64.38.130, 64.38.140, 64.38.150,  
20 64.38.160, 58.19.010, 58.19.020, 58.19.030, 58.19.045, 58.19.055,  
21 58.19.120, 58.19.130, 58.19.140, 58.19.180, 58.19.185, 58.19.190,  
22 58.19.265, 58.19.270, 58.19.280, 58.19.300, 58.19.920, 58.19.940,  
23 64.04.055, and 64.90.090; providing effective dates; and providing an  
24 expiration date.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

26 **PART I**  
27 **UNLAWFUL RESTRICTIONS IN GOVERNING DOCUMENTS**

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** A new section is added to chapter 64.90  
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 (1) The board of an association may, without a vote of the unit  
31 owners, amend the governing documents to remove an unlawful  
32 restriction.

33 (2) A unit owner may request, in a record that sufficiently  
34 identifies an unlawful restriction in the governing document, that  
35 the board exercise its authority under subsection (1) of this  
36 section. Not later than 90 days after the board receives the request,  
37 the board shall determine reasonably and in good faith whether the

1 governing document includes the unlawful restriction. If the board  
2 determines the governing document includes the unlawful restriction,  
3 the board not later than 90 days after the determination shall amend  
4 the governing document to remove the unlawful restriction.

5 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of the governing document or  
6 other law of this state, the board may execute an amendment under  
7 this section.

8 (4) An amendment under this section is effective notwithstanding  
9 any provision of the governing document or other law of this state  
10 that requires a vote of the unit owners to amend the governing  
11 document.

12 (5) For purposes of this section and section 102 of this act:

13 (a) "Amendment" means a document that removes an unlawful  
14 restriction.

15 (b) "Document" means a record recorded or eligible to be recorded  
16 in land records.

17 (c) "Remove" means eliminate any apparent or purportedly  
18 continuing effect on title to real property.

19 (d) "Unlawful restriction" means a prohibition, restriction,  
20 covenant, or condition in a governing document that purports to  
21 interfere with or restrict the transfer, use, or occupancy of a unit:

22 (i) On the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex,  
23 familial status, disability, or other personal characteristics; and

24 (ii) In violation of other law of this state or federal law.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 102.** A new section is added to chapter 64.90  
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 (1) An amendment under section 101 of this act must identify the  
28 association of owners, the real property affected, and the document  
29 containing the unlawful restriction. The amendment must include a  
30 conspicuous statement in substantially the following form:

31 "This amendment removes from this deed or other document  
32 affecting title to real property an unlawful restriction as defined  
33 under RCW 64.90.--- (section 101 of this act). This amendment does  
34 not affect the validity or enforceability of a restriction that is  
35 not an unlawful restriction."

36 (2) The amendment must be executed and acknowledged in the manner  
37 required for recordation of a document in the land records. The  
38 amendment must be recorded in the land records of each county in  
39 which the document containing the unlawful restriction is recorded.

1 (3) The amendment does not affect the validity or enforceability  
2 of any restriction that is not an unlawful restriction.

3 (4) The amendment or a future conveyance of the affected real  
4 property is not a republication of a restriction that otherwise would  
5 expire by passage of time under other law of this state.

6 **PART II**

7 **2021 AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM COMMON INTEREST OWNERSHIP ACT**

8 **Sec. 201.** RCW 64.90.085 and 2018 c 277 s 118 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 Amendments to this chapter apply to all common interest  
11 communities (~~except those that (1) were created prior to July 1,~~  
12 ~~2018, and (2) have not subsequently amended their governing documents~~  
13 ~~to provide that this chapter will apply to the common interest~~  
14 ~~community pursuant to RCW 64.90.095)) subject to this chapter,~~

15 regardless of when the amendments become effective.

16 **Sec. 202.** RCW 64.90.105 and 2018 c 277 s 122 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 This chapter does not apply to a common interest community  
19 located outside this state, but RCW 64.90.605 and 64.90.610, and, to  
20 the extent applicable, RCW 64.90.615 and 64.90.620, apply to a  
21 contract for the disposition of a unit in that common interest  
22 community signed in this state by any party unless exempt under RCW  
23 64.90.600(2).

24 **Sec. 203.** RCW 64.90.300 and 2018 c 277 s 221 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 (1) (~~(If the declaration provides that any of the powers~~  
27 ~~described in RCW 64.90.405 are to be exercised by or may be delegated~~  
28 ~~to a for-profit or nonprofit corporation or limited liability company~~  
29 ~~that exercises those or other powers on behalf of one or more common~~  
30 ~~interest communities or for the benefit of the unit owners of one or~~  
31 ~~more common interest communities, all)) A declaration may:~~

32 (a) Delegate a power under RCW 64.90.405(1) from the unit owners  
33 association to a master association;

34 (b) Provide for exercise of the powers under RCW 64.90.405(1) by  
35 a master association that also serves as the unit owners association  
36 for the common interest community; and

1 (c) Reserve a special declarant right to make the common interest  
2 community subject to a master association.

3 (2) All provisions of this chapter applicable to unit owners  
4 associations apply to ~~((any such corporation or limited liability~~  
5 ~~company)) the master association, except as modified by this section.~~

6 ~~((2))~~ (3) A unit owners association may delegate a power under  
7 RCW 64.90.405(1) to a master association without amending the  
8 declaration. The board of the unit owners association shall give  
9 notice to the unit owners of a proposed delegation and include a  
10 statement that unit owners may object in a record to the delegation  
11 not later than 30 days after delivery of the notice. The delegation  
12 becomes effective if the board does not receive a timely objection  
13 from unit owners of units to which at least 10 percent of the votes  
14 in the association are allocated. If the board receives a timely  
15 objection by at least 10 percent of the votes, the delegation becomes  
16 effective only if the unit owners vote under RCW 64.90.455 to approve  
17 the delegation by a majority vote. The delegation is not effective  
18 until the master association accepts the delegation.

19 (4) A delegation under subsection (1)(a) of this section may be  
20 revoked only by an amendment to the declaration.

21 (5) At a meeting of the unit owners which lists in the notice of  
22 the meeting the subject of delegation of powers from the board to a  
23 master association, the unit owners may revoke the delegation by a  
24 majority of the votes cast at the meeting. The effect of revocation  
25 on the rights and obligations of parties under a contract between a  
26 unit owners association and a master association is determined by law  
27 of this state other than this chapter.

28 (6) Unless it is acting in the capacity of ~~((a))~~ a unit owners  
29 association ~~((described in RCW 64.90.400))~~, a master association may  
30 exercise the powers set forth in RCW 64.90.405(1)(b) only to the  
31 extent expressly permitted in the declarations of common interest  
32 communities that are part of the master association or expressly  
33 described in the delegations of power from those common interest  
34 communities to the master association.

35 ~~((3))~~ If the declaration of any common interest community  
36 provides that the board may delegate certain powers to a master  
37 association, the board is not liable for the acts or omissions of the  
38 master association with respect to those powers following delegation.

39 ~~(4))~~ (7) After a unit owners association delegates a power to a  
40 master association, the unit owners association, its board members,

1 and its officers are not liable for an act or omission of the master  
2 association with respect to the delegated power.

3 (8) The rights and responsibilities of unit owners with respect  
4 to the unit owners association set forth in RCW 64.90.410, 64.90.445,  
5 64.90.450, 64.90.455, 64.90.465, and 64.90.505 apply in the conduct  
6 of the affairs of a master association only to persons who elect the  
7 board of a master association, whether or not those persons are  
8 otherwise unit owners within the meaning of this chapter.

9 ~~((5) If a master association is also an association described in~~  
10 ~~RCW 64.90.400, the organizational documents of the master association~~  
11 ~~and the declaration of each common interest community, the powers of~~  
12 ~~which are assigned by the declaration or delegated to the master~~  
13 ~~association, may provide that)) (9) Not later than 90 days after  
14 termination of a period of declarant control of the master  
15 association, the board of the master association must be elected  
16 ~~((after the period of declarant control))~~ in ((any)) one of the  
17 following ways:~~

18 (a) ((All)) The unit owners of all common interest communities  
19 subject to the master association may elect all members of the master  
20 association's board; or

21 ~~(b) ((All board members of all common interest communities~~  
22 ~~subject to the master association may elect all members of the master~~  
23 ~~association's board;~~

24 ~~(c) All)) The unit owners in, or the board of, each common~~  
25 ~~interest community subject to the master association ((may)) elect~~  
26 ~~((specified)) one or more members of the master association's~~  
27 ~~board((; or~~

28 ~~(d) All board members of each common interest community subject~~  
29 ~~to the master association may elect specified members of the master~~  
30 ~~association's board)) if the instruments governing the master  
31 association apportion the seats on the board to each common interest  
32 community in a manner roughly proportional to the number of units in  
33 each common interest community.~~

34 (10) A period of declarant control of the master association  
35 under subsection (9) of this section terminates not later than the  
36 earlier of:

37 (a) The termination under RCW 64.90.415 of all periods of  
38 declarant control of all common interest communities subject to the  
39 master association under RCW 64.90.415; or

1 (b) 60 days after conveyance to unit owners other than a  
2 declarant of 75 percent of the units that may be created in all  
3 common interest communities subject to the master association.

4 **Sec. 204.** RCW 64.90.310 and 2018 c 277 s 223 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Any two or more common interest communities (~~(of the same~~  
7 ~~form of ownership, by agreement of the unit owners as provided in~~  
8 ~~subsection (2) of this section,~~) may be merged or consolidated under  
9 subsection (2) of this section into a single common interest  
10 community by agreement of the unit owners or exercise of a special  
11 declarant right. In the event of a merger or consolidation, unless  
12 the agreement otherwise provides, the resultant common interest  
13 community is the legal successor, for all purposes, of all of the  
14 preexisting common interest communities, and the operations and  
15 activities of all associations of the preexisting common interest  
16 communities are merged or consolidated into a single association that  
17 holds all powers, rights, obligations, assets, and liabilities of all  
18 preexisting associations.

19 (2) An agreement of two or more common interest communities to  
20 merge or consolidate pursuant to subsection (1) of this section must  
21 be evidenced by an agreement prepared, executed, recorded, and  
22 certified by the president of the association of each of the  
23 preexisting common interest communities following approval by unit  
24 owners of units to which are allocated the percentage of votes in  
25 each common interest community required to terminate that common  
26 interest community. If a special declarant right is exercised in a  
27 common interest community, approval by the unit owners is not  
28 required and the declarant may execute the agreement on behalf of the  
29 common interest community. The agreement must be recorded in every  
30 county in which a portion of the common interest community is located  
31 and is not effective until recorded.

32 (3) Every merger or consolidation agreement, and every amendment  
33 providing for a merger or consolidation made by a declarant when  
34 exercising a special declarant right, must identify the declaration  
35 that will apply to the resultant common interest community and  
36 provide for the reallocation of allocated interests among the units  
37 of the resultant common interest community either (a) by stating the  
38 reallocations or the formulas upon which they are based or (b) by  
39 stating the percentage of overall allocated interests of the

1 resultant common interest community that are allocated to all of the  
2 units comprising each of the preexisting common interest communities,  
3 and providing that the portion of the percentages allocated to each  
4 unit formerly comprising a part of the preexisting common interest  
5 community is equal to the percentages of allocated interests  
6 allocated to that unit by the declaration of the preexisting common  
7 interest community.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 205.** A new section is added to chapter 64.90  
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 A unit owner or person claiming through a unit owner may not  
11 acquire title by adverse possession to, or an easement by  
12 prescription in, a common element in derogation of the title of  
13 another unit owner or the association.

14 **Sec. 206.** RCW 64.90.450 and 2018 c 277 s 311 are each amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 (1) Unless the organizational documents provide otherwise, a  
17 quorum is present throughout any meeting of the unit owners if at the  
18 beginning of the meeting persons entitled to cast ~~((twenty))~~ 20  
19 percent of the votes in the association(~~(÷~~

20 ~~(a) Are present~~)) attend in person ~~((or))~~, by proxy ~~((at the~~  
21 ~~beginning of the meeting;~~

22 ~~(b) Have voted by absentee ballot; or~~

23 ~~(c) Are present by any combination of (a) and (b) of this~~  
24 ~~subsection)), by means of communication under RCW 64.90.445(1) (e) or~~  
25 (f), or have voted by absentee ballot.

26 (2) Unless the organizational documents specify a larger number,  
27 a quorum of the board is present for purposes of determining the  
28 validity of any action taken at a meeting of the board only if  
29 individuals entitled to cast a majority of the votes on that board  
30 are present at the time a vote regarding that action is taken. If a  
31 quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a  
32 majority of the board members present is the act of the board unless  
33 a greater vote is required by the organizational documents.

34 **Sec. 207.** RCW 64.90.480 and 2018 c 277 s 317 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 (1)(a) Assessments for common expenses and those specially  
37 allocated expenses that are subject to inclusion in a budget must be



1 made at least annually based on a budget adopted at least annually by  
2 the association in the manner provided in RCW 64.90.525.

3 (b) Assessments for common expenses and specially allocated  
4 expenses must commence on all units that have been created upon the  
5 conveyance of the first unit in the common interest community;  
6 however, the declarant may delay commencement of assessments for some  
7 or all common expenses or specially allocated expenses, in which  
8 event the declarant must pay all of the common expenses or specially  
9 allocated expenses that have been delayed. In a common interest  
10 community in which units may be added pursuant to reserved  
11 development rights, the declarant may delay commencement of  
12 assessments for such units in the same manner.

13 (2) The declaration may provide that, upon closing of the first  
14 conveyance of each unit to a purchaser or first occupancy of a unit,  
15 whichever occurs first, the association may assess and collect a  
16 working capital contribution for such unit. The working capital  
17 contribution may be collected prior to the commencement of common  
18 assessments under subsection (1) of this section. A working capital  
19 contribution may not be used to defray expenses that are the  
20 obligation of the declarant.

21 (3) Except as provided otherwise in this section, all common  
22 expenses must be assessed against all the units in accordance with  
23 their common expense liabilities, subject to the right of the  
24 declarant to delay commencement of certain common expenses under  
25 subsections (1) and (2) of this section. Any past due assessment or  
26 installment of past due assessment bears interest at the rate  
27 established by the association pursuant to RCW 64.90.485.

28 (4) The declaration may provide that any of the following  
29 expenses of the association must be assessed against the units on  
30 some basis other than common expense liability. If and to the extent  
31 the declaration so provides, the association must assess:

32 (a) Expenses associated with the operation, maintenance, repair,  
33 or replacement of any specified limited common element against the  
34 units to which that limited common element is assigned, equally or in  
35 any other proportion that the declaration provides;

36 (b) Expenses specified in the declaration as benefiting fewer  
37 than all of the units or their unit owners exclusively against the  
38 units benefited in proportion to their common expense liability or in  
39 any other proportion that the declaration provides, but if the common  
40 expense is for the maintenance, repair, or replacement of a common

1 element other than a limited common element, the expense may be  
2 assessed exclusively against them only if the declaration reasonably  
3 identifies the common expense by specific listing or category;

4 (c) The costs of insurance in proportion to risk; and

5 (d) The costs of one or more specified services or utilities in  
6 proportion to respective usage, whether metered, billed in bulk based  
7 on unit count, or reasonably estimated, or upon the same basis as  
8 such utility charges are made by the utility provider.

9 (5) Assessments to pay a judgment against the association may be  
10 made only against the units in the common interest community at the  
11 time the judgment was entered, in proportion to their common expense  
12 liabilities.

13 ~~((To the extent that any expense of the association is caused~~  
14 ~~by willful misconduct or gross negligence of any unit owner or that~~  
15 ~~unit owner's tenant, guest, invitee, or occupant, the association may~~  
16 ~~assess that expense against the unit owner's unit after notice and an~~  
17 ~~opportunity to be heard, even if the association maintains insurance~~  
18 ~~with respect to that damage or common expense.)) The association may  
19 assess exclusively against a unit owner's unit a common expense,  
20 including expense relating to damage to or loss of property, caused  
21 by:~~

22 (a) Willful misconduct or gross negligence of the unit owner or  
23 the unit owner's tenant, guest, invitee, or occupant;

24 (b) Failure of the unit owner to comply with a maintenance  
25 standard prescribed by the declaration or a rule, if the standard  
26 contains a statement that an owner may be liable for damage or loss  
27 caused by failure to comply with the standard; or

28 (c) Negligence of the unit owner or the unit owner's tenant,  
29 guest, invitee, or occupant, if the declaration contains a statement  
30 that an owner may be liable for damage or loss caused by such  
31 negligence.

32 ~~((If the declaration so provides, to the extent that any~~  
33 ~~expense of the association is caused by the negligence of any unit~~  
34 ~~owner or that unit owner's tenant, guest, invitee, or occupant, the~~  
35 ~~association may assess that expense against the unit owner's unit~~  
36 ~~after notice and an opportunity to be heard, to the extent of the~~  
37 ~~association's deductible and any expenses not covered under an~~  
38 ~~insurance policy issued to the association.)) Before an association  
39 makes an assessment under subsection (6) of this section, the  
40 association must give notice to the unit owner and provide an~~

1 opportunity for a hearing. The assessment may be imposed even if the  
2 association maintains insurance with respect to that damage or common  
3 expense. The assessment is limited to the expense the association  
4 incurred under subsection (6) of this section; except that an  
5 assessment under subsection (6)(c) of this section is limited to the  
6 expense incurred less any insured proceeds received by the  
7 association, whether the difference results from the application of a  
8 deductible or otherwise.

9 (8) In the event of a loss or damage to a unit that would be  
10 covered by the association's property insurance policy, excluding  
11 policies for earthquake, flood, or similar losses that have higher  
12 than standard deductibles, but that is within the deductible under  
13 that policy and if the declaration so provides, the association may  
14 assess the amount of the loss up to the deductible against that unit.  
15 This subsection does not prevent a unit owner from asserting a claim  
16 against another person for the amount assessed if that other person  
17 would be liable for the damages under general legal principles.

18 (9) If common expense liabilities are reallocated, assessments  
19 and any installment of assessments not yet due must be recalculated  
20 in accordance with the reallocated common expense liabilities.

21 **Sec. 208.** RCW 64.90.520 and 2018 c 277 s 325 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 (1) Unit owners present in person, by proxy, by means of  
24 communication under RCW 64.90.445(1) (e) or (f), or by absentee  
25 ballot at any meeting of the unit owners at which a quorum is  
26 present, may remove any board member and any officer elected by the  
27 unit owners, with or without cause, if the number of votes in favor  
28 of removal cast by unit owners entitled to vote for election of the  
29 board member or officer proposed to be removed is at least the lesser  
30 of (a) a majority of the votes in the association held by such unit  
31 owners or (b) two-thirds of the votes cast by such unit owners at the  
32 meeting, but:

33 (i) A board member appointed by the declarant may not be removed  
34 by a unit owner vote during any period of declarant control;

35 (ii) A board member appointed under RCW ~~((64.90.420(3))~~  
36 64.90.410(7) may be removed only by the person that appointed that  
37 member; and

1 (iii) The unit owners may not consider whether to remove a board  
2 member or officer at a meeting of the unit owners unless that subject  
3 was listed in the notice of the meeting.

4 (2) At any meeting at which a vote to remove a board member or  
5 officer is to be taken, the board member or officer being considered  
6 for removal must have a reasonable opportunity to speak before the  
7 vote.

8 (3) At any meeting at which a board member or officer is removed,  
9 the unit owners entitled to vote for the board member or officer may  
10 immediately elect a successor board member or officer consistent with  
11 this chapter.

12 (4) The board may, without a unit owner vote, remove from the  
13 board a board member or officer elected by the unit owners if (a) the  
14 board member or officer is delinquent in the payment of assessments  
15 more than (~~sixty~~) 60 days and (b) the board member or officer has  
16 not cured the delinquency within (~~thirty~~) 30 days after receiving  
17 notice of the board's intent to remove the board member or officer.  
18 Unless provided otherwise by the governing documents, the board may  
19 remove an officer elected by the board at any time, with or without  
20 cause. The removal must be recorded in the minutes of the next board  
21 meeting.

### 22 PART III

#### 23 ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 64.90 RCW

24 **Sec. 301.** RCW 64.90.010 and 2019 c 238 s 201 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
27 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

28 (1) "Affiliate of a declarant" means any person who controls, is  
29 controlled by, or is under common control with a declarant. For  
30 purposes of this subsection:

31 (a) A person controls a declarant if the person:

32 (i) Is a general partner, managing member, officer, director, or  
33 employer of the declarant;

34 (ii) Directly or indirectly or acting in concert with one or more  
35 other persons, or through one or more subsidiaries, owns, controls,  
36 holds with power to vote, or holds proxies representing more than  
37 (~~twenty~~) 20 percent of the voting interest in the declarant;

1 (iii) Controls in any manner the election or appointment of a  
2 majority of the directors, managing members, or general partners of  
3 the declarant; or

4 (iv) Has contributed more than (~~twenty~~) 20 percent of the  
5 capital of the declarant.

6 (b) A person is controlled by a declarant if the declarant:

7 (i) Is a general partner, managing member, officer, director, or  
8 employer of the person;

9 (ii) Directly or indirectly or acting in concert with one or more  
10 other persons, or through one or more subsidiaries, owns, controls,  
11 holds with power to vote, or holds proxies representing more than  
12 (~~twenty~~) 20 percent of the voting interest in the person;

13 (iii) Controls in any manner the election or appointment of a  
14 majority of the directors, managing members, or general partners of  
15 the person; or

16 (iv) Has contributed more than (~~twenty~~) 20 percent of the  
17 capital of the person.

18 (c) Control does not exist if the powers described in this  
19 subsection (1) are held solely as security for an obligation and are  
20 not exercised.

21 (2) "Allocated interests" means the following interests allocated  
22 to each unit:

23 (a) In a condominium, the undivided interest in the common  
24 elements, the common expense liability, and votes in the association;

25 (b) In a cooperative, the common expense liability, the ownership  
26 interest, and votes in the association; and

27 (c) In a plat community and miscellaneous community, the common  
28 expense liability and the votes in the association, and also the  
29 undivided interest in the common elements if owned in common by the  
30 unit owners rather than an association.

31 (3) "Assessment" means all sums chargeable by the association  
32 against a unit, including any assessments levied pursuant to RCW  
33 64.90.480, fines or fees levied or imposed by the association  
34 pursuant to this chapter or the governing documents, interest and  
35 late charges on any delinquent account, and all costs of collection  
36 incurred by the association in connection with the collection of a  
37 delinquent owner's account, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

38 (4) "Association" or "unit owners association" means the unit  
39 owners association organized under RCW 64.90.400 and, to the extent  
40 necessary to construe sections of this chapter made applicable to

1 common interest communities pursuant to RCW 64.90.080 (as recodified  
2 by this act), 64.90.090, or 64.90.095 (as recodified by this act),  
3 the association organized or created to administer such common  
4 interest communities.

5 (5) "Ballot" means a record designed to cast or register a vote  
6 or consent in a form provided or accepted by the association.

7 (6) "Board" means the body, regardless of name, designated in the  
8 declaration, map, or organizational documents, with primary authority  
9 to manage the affairs of the association.

10 (7) "Common elements" means:

11 (a) In a condominium or cooperative, all portions of the common  
12 interest community other than the units;

13 (b) In a plat community or miscellaneous community, any real  
14 estate other than a unit within a plat community or miscellaneous  
15 community that is owned or leased either by the association or in  
16 common by the unit owners rather than an association; and

17 (c) In all common interest communities, any other interests in  
18 real estate for the benefit of any unit owners that are subject to  
19 the declaration.

20 (8) "Common expense" means any expense of the association,  
21 including allocations to reserves, allocated to all of the unit  
22 owners in accordance with common expense liability.

23 (9) "Common expense liability" means the liability for common  
24 expenses allocated to each unit pursuant to RCW 64.90.235.

25 (10) "Common interest community" means real estate described in a  
26 declaration with respect to which a person, by virtue of the person's  
27 ownership of a unit, is obligated to pay for a share of real estate  
28 taxes, insurance premiums, maintenance, or improvement of, or  
29 services or other expenses related to, common elements, other units,  
30 or other real estate described in the declaration. "Common interest  
31 community" does not include an arrangement described in RCW 64.90.110  
32 or 64.90.115. A common interest community may be a part of another  
33 common interest community.

34 (11) "Condominium" means a common interest community in which  
35 portions of the real estate are designated for separate ownership and  
36 the remainder of the real estate is designated for common ownership  
37 solely by the owners of those portions. A common interest community  
38 is not a condominium unless the undivided interests in the common  
39 elements are vested in the unit owners.

1 (12) "Condominium notice" means the notice given to tenants  
2 pursuant to subsection (13)(c) of this section.

3 (13)(a) "Conversion building" means a building:

4 (i) That at any time before creation of the common interest  
5 community was lawfully occupied wholly or partially by a tenant or  
6 subtenant for residential purposes pursuant to a rental agreement,  
7 oral or written, express or implied, who did not receive a  
8 condominium notice prior to entering into the rental agreement or  
9 lawfully taking occupancy, whichever event occurred first; or

10 (ii) That at any time within the (~~twelve~~) 12 months preceding  
11 the first acceptance of an agreement with the declarant to convey, or  
12 the first conveyance of, any unit in the building, whichever event  
13 occurred first, to any person who was not a declarant or dealer, or  
14 affiliate of a declarant or dealer, was lawfully occupied wholly or  
15 partially by a tenant or subtenant for residential purposes pursuant  
16 to a rental agreement, oral or written, express or implied, who did  
17 not receive a condominium notice prior to entering into the rental  
18 agreement or lawfully taking occupancy, whichever event occurred  
19 first.

20 (b) A building in a common interest community is a conversion  
21 building only if:

22 (i) The building contains more than two attached dwelling units  
23 as defined in RCW 64.55.010(1); and

24 (ii) Acceptance of an agreement to convey, or conveyance of, any  
25 unit in the building to any person who was not a declarant or dealer,  
26 or affiliate of a declarant or dealer, did not occur prior to July 1,  
27 2018.

28 (c) The notice referred to in (a)(i) and (ii) of this subsection  
29 must be in writing and must state: "The unit you will be occupying  
30 is, or may become, part of a common interest community and subject to  
31 sale."

32 (14) "Convey" or "conveyance" means, with respect to a unit, any  
33 transfer of ownership of the unit, including a transfer by deed or by  
34 real estate contract and, with respect to a unit in a leasehold  
35 common interest community or a proprietary lease in a cooperative, a  
36 transfer by lease or assignment of the unit, but does not include the  
37 creation, transfer, or release of a security interest.

38 (15) "Cooperative" means a common interest community in which the  
39 real estate is owned by an association, each member of which is  
40 entitled by virtue of the member's ownership interest in the

1 association and by a proprietary lease to exclusive possession of a  
2 unit.

3 (16) "Dealer" means a person who, together with such person's  
4 affiliates, owns or has a right to acquire either six or more units  
5 in a common interest community or (~~fifty~~) 50 percent or more of the  
6 units in a common interest community containing more than two units.

7 (17) "Declarant" means:

8 (a) Any person who executes as declarant a declaration;

9 (b) Any person who reserves or succeeds to any special declarant  
10 right in a declaration;

11 (c) Any person who exercises special declarant rights or to whom  
12 special declarant rights are transferred of record. The holding or  
13 exercise of rights to maintain sales offices, signs advertising the  
14 common interest community, and models, and related right of access,  
15 does not confer the status of being a declarant; or

16 (d) Any person who is the owner of a fee interest in the real  
17 estate that is subjected to the declaration at the time of the  
18 recording of an instrument pursuant to RCW 64.90.425 and who directly  
19 or through one or more affiliates is materially involved in the  
20 construction, marketing, or sale of units in the common interest  
21 community created by the recording of the instrument.

22 (18) "Declarant control" means the right of the declarant or  
23 persons designated by the declarant to appoint or remove any officer  
24 or board member of the association or to veto or approve a proposed  
25 action of any board or association, pursuant to RCW 64.90.415(1)(a).

26 (19) "Declaration" means the instrument, however denominated,  
27 that creates a common interest community, including any amendments to  
28 the instrument.

29 (20) "Development rights" means any right or combination of  
30 rights reserved by a declarant in the declaration to:

31 (a) Add real estate or improvements to a common interest  
32 community;

33 (b) Create units, common elements, or limited common elements  
34 within a common interest community;

35 (c) Subdivide or combine units or convert units into common  
36 elements;

37 (d) Withdraw real estate from a common interest community; or

38 (e) Reallocate limited common elements with respect to units that  
39 have not been conveyed by the declarant.



1 (21) "Effective age" means the difference between the useful life  
2 and remaining useful life.

3 (22) "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical,  
4 digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar  
5 capabilities.

6 (23) "Electronic transmission" or "electronically transmitted"  
7 means any electronic communication (a) not directly involving the  
8 physical transfer of a record in a tangible medium and (b) that may  
9 be retained, retrieved, and reviewed by the sender and the recipient  
10 of the communication, and that may be directly reproduced in a  
11 tangible medium by a sender and recipient.

12 ((+23+)) (24) "Eligible mortgagee" means the holder of a security  
13 interest on a unit that has filed with the secretary of the  
14 association a written request that it be given copies of notices of  
15 any action by the association that requires the consent of  
16 mortgagees.

17 ((+24+)) (25) "Foreclosure" means a statutory forfeiture or a  
18 judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure of a security interest or a deed  
19 or other conveyance in lieu of a security interest.

20 ((+25+)) (26) "Full funding plan" means a reserve funding goal of  
21 achieving ((one hundred)) 100 percent fully funded reserves by the  
22 end of the ((thirty)) 30-year study period described under RCW  
23 64.90.550, in which the reserve account balance equals the sum of the  
24 estimated costs required to maintain, repair, or replace the  
25 deteriorated portions of all reserve components.

26 ((+26+)) (27) "Fully funded balance" means the current value of  
27 the deteriorated portion, not the total replacement value, of all the  
28 reserve components. The fully funded balance for each reserve  
29 component is calculated by multiplying the current replacement cost  
30 of that reserve component by its effective age, then dividing the  
31 result by that reserve component's useful life. The sum total of all  
32 reserve components' fully funded balances is the association's fully  
33 funded balance.

34 ((+27+)) (28) "Governing documents" means the organizational  
35 documents, map, declaration, rules, or other written instrument by  
36 which the association has the authority to exercise any of the powers  
37 provided for in this chapter or to manage, maintain, or otherwise  
38 affect the property under its jurisdiction.

1       ~~((28))~~ (29) "Identifying number" means a symbol or address that  
2 identifies only one unit or limited common element in a common  
3 interest community.

4       ~~((29))~~ (30) "Leasehold common interest community" means a  
5 common interest community in which all or a portion of the real  
6 estate is subject to a lease the expiration or termination of which  
7 will terminate the common interest community or reduce its size.

8       ~~((30))~~ (31) "Limited common element" means a portion of the  
9 common elements allocated by the declaration or by operation of RCW  
10 64.90.210 (1)(b) or (3) for the exclusive use of one or more, but  
11 fewer than all, of the unit owners.

12       ~~((31))~~ (32) "Map" means: (a) With respect to a plat community,  
13 the plat as defined in RCW 58.17.020 and complying with the  
14 requirements of Title 58 RCW, and (b) with respect to a condominium,  
15 cooperative, or miscellaneous community, a map prepared in accordance  
16 with the requirements of RCW 64.90.245.

17       ~~((32))~~ (33) "Master association" means ~~((an organization~~  
18 ~~described in RCW 64.90.300, whether or not it is also an association~~  
19 ~~described in RCW 64.90.400))~~;

20       (a) A unit owners association that serves more than one common  
21 interest community; or

22       (b) An organization that holds a power delegated under RCW  
23 64.90.300(1)(a).

24       ~~((33))~~ (34) "Miscellaneous community" means a common interest  
25 community in which units are lawfully created in a manner not  
26 inconsistent with chapter 58.17 RCW and that is not a condominium,  
27 cooperative, or plat community.

28       ~~((34))~~ (35) "Nominal reserve costs" means that the current  
29 estimated total replacement costs of the reserve components are less  
30 than ~~((fifty))~~ 50 percent of the annual budgeted expenses of the  
31 association, excluding contributions to the reserve fund, for a  
32 condominium or cooperative containing horizontal unit boundaries, and  
33 less than ~~((seventy-five))~~ 75 percent of the annual budgeted expenses  
34 of the association, excluding contributions to the reserve fund, for  
35 all other common interest communities.

36       ~~((35))~~ (36) "Organizational documents" means the instruments  
37 filed with the secretary of state to create an entity and the  
38 instruments governing the internal affairs of the entity including,  
39 but not limited to, any articles of incorporation, certificate of

1 formation, bylaws, and limited liability company or partnership  
2 agreement.

3 ~~((36))~~ (37) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business  
4 trust, estate, the trustee or beneficiary of a trust that is not a  
5 business trust, partnership, limited liability company, association,  
6 joint venture, public corporation, government, or governmental  
7 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal entity.

8 ~~((37))~~ (38) "Plat community" means a common interest community  
9 in which units have been created by subdivision or short subdivision  
10 as both are defined in RCW 58.17.020 and in which the boundaries of  
11 units are established pursuant to chapter 58.17 RCW.

12 ~~((38))~~ (39) "Proprietary lease" means a written and recordable  
13 lease that is executed and acknowledged by the association as lessor  
14 and that otherwise complies with requirements applicable to a  
15 residential lease of more than one year and pursuant to which a  
16 member is entitled to exclusive possession of a unit in a  
17 cooperative. A proprietary lease governed under this chapter is not  
18 subject to chapter 59.18 RCW except as provided in the declaration.

19 ~~((39))~~ (40) "Purchaser" means a person, other than a declarant  
20 or a dealer, which by means of a voluntary transfer acquires a legal  
21 or equitable interest in a unit other than as security for an  
22 obligation.

23 ~~((40))~~ (41) "Qualified financial institution" means a bank,  
24 savings association, or credit union whose deposits are insured by  
25 the federal government.

26 ~~((41))~~ (42) "Real estate" means any leasehold or other estate  
27 or interest in, over, or under land, including structures, fixtures,  
28 and other improvements and interests that by custom, usage, or law  
29 pass with a conveyance of land though not described in the contract  
30 of sale or instrument of conveyance. "Real estate" includes parcels  
31 with or without upper or lower boundaries and spaces that may be  
32 filled with air or water.

33 ~~((42))~~ (43) "Real estate contract" has the same meaning as  
34 defined in RCW 61.30.010.

35 ~~((43))~~ (44) "Record," when used as a noun, means information  
36 inscribed on a tangible medium or contained in an electronic  
37 transmission.

38 ~~((44))~~ (45) "Remaining useful life" means the estimated time,  
39 in years, before a reserve component will require major maintenance,  
40 repair, or replacement to perform its intended function.

1        ~~((45))~~ (46) "Replacement cost" means the estimated total cost  
2 to maintain, repair, or replace a reserve component to its original  
3 functional condition.

4        ~~((46))~~ (47) "Reserve component" means a physical component of  
5 the common interest community which the association is obligated to  
6 maintain, repair, or replace, which has an estimated useful life of  
7 less than ~~((thirty))~~ 30 years, and for which the cost of such  
8 maintenance, repair, or replacement is infrequent, significant, and  
9 impractical to include in an annual budget.

10       ~~((47))~~ (48) "Reserve study professional" means an independent  
11 person who is suitably qualified by knowledge, skill, experience,  
12 training, or education to prepare a reserve study in accordance with  
13 RCW 64.90.545 and 64.90.550. For the purposes of this subsection,  
14 "independent" means a person who is not an employee, officer, or  
15 director, and has no pecuniary interest in the declarant,  
16 association, or any other party for whom the reserve study is  
17 prepared.

18       ~~((48))~~ (49) "Residential purposes" means use for dwelling or  
19 recreational purposes, or both.

20       ~~((49))~~ (50) "Rule" means a policy, guideline, restriction,  
21 procedure, or regulation of an association, however denominated, that  
22 is not set forth in the declaration or organizational documents ~~((and  
23 governs the conduct of persons or the use or appearance of  
24 property))~~.

25       ~~((50))~~ (51) "Security interest" means an interest in real  
26 estate or personal property, created by contract or conveyance that  
27 secures payment or performance of an obligation. "Security interest"  
28 includes a lien created by a mortgage, deed of trust, real estate  
29 contract, lease intended as security, assignment of lease or rents  
30 intended as security, pledge of an ownership interest in an  
31 association, and any other consensual lien or title retention  
32 contract intended as security for an obligation.

33       ~~((51))~~ (52) "Special declarant rights" means rights reserved  
34 for the benefit of a declarant to:

35       (a) Complete any improvements the declarant is not obligated to  
36 make that are indicated on the map or described in the declaration or  
37 the public offering statement ~~((pursuant to RCW 64.90.610(1)(h)))~~;

38       (b) Exercise any development right, pursuant to RCW 64.90.250;

39       (c) Maintain sales offices, management offices, signs advertising  
40 the common interest community, and models, pursuant to RCW 64.90.275;

1 (d) Use easements through the common elements for the purpose of  
2 making improvements within the common interest community or within  
3 real estate that may be added to the common interest community,  
4 pursuant to RCW 64.90.280;

5 (e) Make the common interest community subject to a master  
6 association, pursuant to RCW 64.90.300;

7 (f) Merge or consolidate a common interest community with another  
8 common interest community (~~(of the same form of ownership)~~), pursuant  
9 to RCW 64.90.310;

10 (g) Appoint or remove any officer or board member of the  
11 association or any master association or to veto or approve a  
12 proposed action of any board or association, pursuant to RCW  
13 64.90.415(1);

14 (h) Control any construction, design review, or aesthetic  
15 standards committee or process, pursuant to RCW 64.90.505(3);

16 (i) Attend meetings of the unit owners and, except during an  
17 executive session, the board, pursuant to RCW 64.90.445;

18 (j) Have access to the records of the association to the same  
19 extent as a unit owner, pursuant to RCW 64.90.495.

20 (~~(52)~~) (53) "Specially allocated expense" means any expense of  
21 the association, including allocations to reserves, allocated (~~(to~~  
22 ~~some or all of the unit owners)~~) on a basis other than the common  
23 expense liability pursuant to RCW 64.90.480 (~~(4) through (8)~~).

24 (~~(53)~~) (54) "Survey" has the same meaning as defined in RCW  
25 58.09.020.

26 (~~(54)~~) (55) "Tangible medium" means a writing, copy of a  
27 writing, facsimile, or a physical reproduction, each on paper or on  
28 other tangible material.

29 (~~(55)~~) (56) "Timeshare" has the same meaning as defined in RCW  
30 64.36.010.

31 (~~(56)~~) (57) "Transition meeting" means the meeting held  
32 pursuant to RCW 64.90.415(4).

33 (~~(57)~~) (58)(a) "Unit" means a physical portion of the common  
34 interest community designated for separate ownership or occupancy,  
35 the boundaries of which are described pursuant to RCW  
36 64.90.225(1)(d).

37 (b) If a unit in a cooperative is owned by a unit owner or is  
38 sold, conveyed, voluntarily or involuntarily encumbered, or otherwise  
39 transferred by a unit owner, the interest in that unit that is owned,  
40 sold, conveyed, encumbered, or otherwise transferred is the right to

1 possession of that unit under a proprietary lease, coupled with the  
2 allocated interests of that unit, and the association's interest in  
3 that unit is not affected.

4 (c) Except as provided in the declaration, a mobile home or  
5 manufactured home for which title has been eliminated pursuant to  
6 chapter 65.20 RCW is part of the unit described in the title  
7 elimination documents.

8 ~~((58))~~ (59) (a) "Unit owner" means (i) a declarant or other  
9 person that owns a unit or (ii) a lessee of a unit in a leasehold  
10 common interest community whose lease expires simultaneously with any  
11 lease the expiration or termination of which will remove the unit  
12 from the common interest community, but does not include a person  
13 having an interest in a unit solely as security for an obligation.

14 (b) "Unit owner" also means the vendee, not the vendor, of a unit  
15 under a recorded real estate contract.

16 (c) In a condominium, plat community, or miscellaneous community,  
17 the declarant is the unit owner of any unit created by the  
18 declaration. In a cooperative, the declarant is treated as the unit  
19 owner of any unit to which allocated interests have been allocated  
20 until that unit has been conveyed to another person.

21 ~~((59))~~ (60) "Useful life" means the estimated time during which  
22 a reserve component is expected to perform its intended function  
23 without major maintenance, repair, or replacement.

24 ~~((60))~~ (61) "Writing" does not include an electronic  
25 transmission.

26 ~~((61))~~ (62) "Written" means embodied in a tangible medium.

27 **Sec. 302.** RCW 64.90.065 and 2018 c 277 s 114 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (1) From time to time the dollar amount specified in RCW  
30 64.90.075(4) (as recodified by this act) and 64.90.640(2) must  
31 change, as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section,  
32 according to and to the extent of changes in the consumer price index  
33 for urban wage earners and clerical workers: ~~((U.S.))~~ United States  
34 city average, all items 1967 = 100, compiled by the bureau of labor  
35 statistics, United States department of labor, (the "index"). The  
36 index for December 1979, which was 230, is the reference base index.

37 (2) The dollar amounts specified in RCW 64.90.075(4) (as  
38 recodified by this act) and 64.90.640(2) and any amount stated in the  
39 declaration pursuant to RCW 64.90.075(4) (as recodified by this act)

1 and 64.90.640(2) must change on July 1st of each year if the  
2 percentage of change, calculated to the nearest whole percentage  
3 point, between the index at the end of the preceding year and the  
4 reference base index, is (~~ten~~) 10 percent or more, but: (a) The  
5 portion of the percentage change in the index in excess of a multiple  
6 of (~~ten~~) 10 percent must be disregarded and the dollar amount may  
7 only change in multiples of (~~ten~~) 10 percent of the amount  
8 appearing in this chapter on July 1, 2018; (b) the dollar amount must  
9 not change if the amount required under this section is that  
10 currently in effect pursuant to this chapter as a result of earlier  
11 application of this section; and (c) the dollar amount must not be  
12 reduced below the amount appearing in this chapter on July 1, 2018.

13 (3) If the index is revised after December 1979, the percentage  
14 of change pursuant to this section must be calculated on the basis of  
15 the revised index. If the revision of the index changes the reference  
16 base index, a revised reference base index must be determined by  
17 multiplying the reference base index then applicable by the rebasing  
18 factor furnished by the bureau of labor statistics. If the index is  
19 superseded, the index referred to in this section is the one  
20 represented by the bureau of labor statistics as reflecting most  
21 accurately the changes in the purchasing power of the dollar for  
22 consumers.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 303.** A new section is added to chapter 64.90  
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the  
26 governing documents may not vary a provision of this chapter that  
27 gives a right to or imposes an obligation or liability on a unit  
28 owner, declarant, association, or board.

29 (2) The governing documents may vary the following provisions as  
30 provided in the provision:

31 (a) RCW 64.90.020(1), concerning classification of a cooperative  
32 unit as real estate or personal property;

33 (b) RCW 64.90.030 (2) and (3), concerning reallocation of  
34 allocated interests and allocation of proceeds after a taking by  
35 eminent domain;

36 (c) RCW 64.90.075(4) (as recodified by this act), 64.90.095 (as  
37 recodified by this act), and 64.90.100, concerning elections  
38 regarding applicability of this chapter;

1 (d) RCW 64.90.210, concerning boundaries between units and common  
2 elements;

3 (e) RCW 64.90.240 (2) and (3), concerning reallocation of limited  
4 common elements;

5 (f) RCW 64.90.245(11), concerning horizontal boundaries of units;

6 (g) RCW 64.90.255, concerning alterations of units and common  
7 elements made by unit owners;

8 (h) RCW 64.90.260 (1) and (2), concerning relocation of  
9 boundaries between units;

10 (i) RCW 64.90.265 (1) and (2), concerning subdivision and  
11 combination of units;

12 (j) RCW 64.90.275, concerning sales offices, management offices,  
13 models, and signs maintained by a declarant;

14 (k) RCW 64.90.280 (1) and (3), concerning easements through, and  
15 rights to use, common elements;

16 (l) RCW 64.90.285 (1), (6), and (9), concerning the percentage of  
17 votes and consents required to amend the declaration;

18 (m) RCW 64.90.290 (1) and (8), concerning the percentage of votes  
19 required to terminate a common interest community and priority of  
20 creditors of a cooperative;

21 (n) RCW 64.90.405 (2)(p), (4)(c), and (5)(c), concerning an  
22 association's assignment of rights to future income, the number of  
23 votes required to reject a proposal to borrow funds, and the right to  
24 terminate a lease or evict a tenant;

25 (o) RCW 64.90.410 (1) and (2), concerning the board acting on  
26 behalf of the association and the election of officers by the board;

27 (p) RCW 64.90.440 (1) and (4), concerning responsibility for  
28 maintenance, repair, and replacement of units and common elements and  
29 treatment of income or proceeds from real estate subject to  
30 development rights;

31 (q) RCW 64.90.445, concerning meetings;

32 (r) RCW 64.90.450, concerning quorum requirements for meetings;

33 (s) RCW 64.90.455, concerning unit owner voting;

34 (t) RCW 64.90.465 (1), (2), and (7), concerning the percentage of  
35 votes required to convey or encumber common elements and the effect  
36 of conveyance or encumbrance of common elements;

37 (u) RCW 64.90.470, concerning insurance for a nonresidential  
38 common interest community;

39 (v) RCW 64.90.475(2), concerning payment of surplus funds of the  
40 association;



1 (w) RCW 64.90.485 (7) and (20), concerning priority and  
2 foreclosure of liens held by two or more associations and additional  
3 remedies for collection of assessments as permitted by law;

4 (x) RCW 64.90.520(4), concerning the board's ability to remove an  
5 officer elected by the board;

6 (y) RCW 64.90.545(2), concerning applicability of reserve study  
7 requirements to certain types of common interest communities; and

8 (z) RCW 64.90.525(1), concerning the percentage of votes required  
9 to reject a budget.

10 **Sec. 304.** RCW 64.90.100 and 2018 c 277 s 121 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (1) A plat community, miscellaneous community, or cooperative in  
13 which all the units are restricted exclusively to nonresidential use  
14 is not subject to this chapter except to the extent the declaration  
15 provides that:

16 (a) This entire chapter applies to the community;

17 (b) RCW 64.90.010 through 64.90.325 and 64.90.900 apply to the  
18 community; or

19 (c) Only RCW 64.90.020, 64.90.025, and 64.90.030 apply to the  
20 community.

21 (2) A condominium in which all the units are restricted  
22 exclusively to nonresidential use is subject to this chapter, but the  
23 declaration may provide that only RCW 64.90.010 through (~~64.90.330~~)  
24 64.90.325 and 64.90.900 apply to the community.

25 (3) If this entire chapter applies to a common interest community  
26 in which all the units are restricted exclusively to nonresidential  
27 use, the declaration may also require, subject to RCW 64.90.050,  
28 that:

29 (a) Any management, maintenance, operations, or employment  
30 contract, lease of recreational or parking areas or facilities, and  
31 any other contract or lease between the association and a declarant  
32 or an affiliate of a declarant continues in force after the declarant  
33 turns over control of the association; and

34 (b) Purchasers of units must execute proxies, powers of attorney,  
35 or similar devices in favor of the declarant regarding particular  
36 matters enumerated in those instruments.

37 (4) A common interest community that contains both units  
38 restricted to nonresidential purposes and units that may be used for  
39 residential purposes is not subject to this chapter unless the units

1 that may be used for residential purposes would comprise a common  
2 interest community subject to this chapter in the absence of such  
3 nonresidential units or the declaration provides that this chapter  
4 applies as provided in subsection (2) or (3) of this section.

5 **Sec. 305.** RCW 64.90.225 and 2019 c 238 s 206 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The declaration must contain:

8 (a) The names of the common interest community and the  
9 association and, immediately following the initial recital of the  
10 name of the community, a statement that the common interest community  
11 is a condominium, cooperative, plat community, or miscellaneous  
12 community;

13 (b) A legal description of the real estate included in the common  
14 interest community;

15 (c) A statement of the number of units that the declarant has  
16 created and, if the declarant has reserved the right to create  
17 additional units, the maximum number of such additional units;

18 (d) In all common interest communities, a reference to the  
19 recorded map creating the units and common elements, if any, subject  
20 to the declaration, and in a common interest community other than a  
21 plat community, the identifying number of each unit created by the  
22 declaration, a description of the boundaries of each unit if and to  
23 the extent they are different from the boundaries stated in RCW  
24 64.90.210(1)(a), and with respect to each existing unit, and if known  
25 at the time the declaration is recorded, the (i) approximate square  
26 footage, (ii) number of whole or partial bathrooms, (iii) number of  
27 rooms designated primarily as bedrooms, and (iv) level or levels on  
28 which each unit is located. The data described in this subsection  
29 (1)(d)(ii) and (iii) may be omitted with respect to units restricted  
30 to nonresidential use;

31 (e) A description of any limited common elements, other than  
32 those specified in RCW 64.90.210 (1)(b) and (3);

33 (f) A description of any real estate, except real estate subject  
34 to development rights, that may be allocated subsequently by the  
35 declarant as limited common elements, other than limited common  
36 elements specified in RCW 64.90.210 (1)(b) and (3), together with a  
37 statement that they may be so allocated;

38 (g) A description of any development right and any other special  
39 declarant rights reserved by the declarant, (~~and, if the boundaries~~

1 ~~of the real estate subject to those rights are fixed in the~~  
2 ~~declaration pursuant to (h)(i) of this subsection, a description of~~  
3 ~~the real property affected by those rights, and)) a time limit within~~  
4 ~~which each of those rights must be exercised, and a legal description~~  
5 ~~of the real property to which each development right applies;~~

6 (h) If any development right may be exercised with respect to  
7 different parcels of real estate at different times, a statement to  
8 that effect together with:

9 (i) Either a statement fixing the boundaries of those portions  
10 and regulating the order in which those portions may be subjected to  
11 the exercise of each development right or a statement that no  
12 assurances are made in those regards; and

13 (ii) A statement as to whether, if any development right is  
14 exercised in any portion of the real estate subject to that  
15 development right, that development right must be exercised in all or  
16 in any other portion of the remainder of that real estate;

17 (i) Any other conditions or limitations under which the rights  
18 described in (g) of this subsection may be exercised or will lapse;

19 (j) An allocation to each unit of the allocated interests in the  
20 manner described in RCW 64.90.235;

21 (k) Any restrictions on alienation of the units, including any  
22 restrictions on leasing that exceed the restrictions on leasing units  
23 that boards may impose pursuant to RCW 64.90.510(~~(+9)~~) (10)(c) and  
24 on the amount for which a unit may be sold or on the amount that may  
25 be received by a unit owner on sale, condemnation, or casualty loss  
26 to the unit or to the common interest community, or on termination of  
27 the common interest community;

28 (l) A cross-reference by recording number to the map for the  
29 units created by the declaration;

30 (m) Any authorization pursuant to which the association may  
31 establish and enforce construction and design criteria and aesthetic  
32 standards as provided in RCW 64.90.505;

33 (n) All matters required under RCW 64.90.230, 64.90.235,  
34 64.90.240, 64.90.275, 64.90.280, and 64.90.410;

35 (o) A statement on the first page of the declaration whether the  
36 common interest community is subject to this chapter.

37 (2) All amendments to the declaration must contain a cross-  
38 reference by recording number to the declaration and to any prior  
39 amendments to the declaration. All amendments to the declaration  
40 adding units must contain a cross-reference by recording number to

1 the map relating to the added units and set forth all information  
2 required under subsection (1) of this section with respect to the  
3 added units.

4 (3) The declaration may contain any other matters the declarant  
5 considers appropriate, including any restrictions on the uses of a  
6 unit or the number or other qualifications of persons who may occupy  
7 units.

8 **Sec. 306.** RCW 64.90.240 and 2018 c 277 s 209 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (1)(a) Except for the limited common elements described in RCW  
11 64.90.210 (1)(b) and (3), the declaration must specify to which unit  
12 or units each limited common element is allocated.

13 (b) An allocation of a limited common element may not be altered  
14 without the consent of the owners of the units from which and to  
15 which the limited common element is allocated.

16 (2)(a) Except in the case of a reallocation being made by a  
17 declarant pursuant to a development right reserved in the  
18 declaration, a limited common element may be reallocated between  
19 units only with the approval of the board and by an amendment to the  
20 declaration executed by the unit owners between or among whose units  
21 the reallocation is made.

22 (b) The board must approve the request of the unit owner or  
23 owners under this subsection (2) within (~~thirty~~) 30 days, or within  
24 such other period provided by the declaration, unless the proposed  
25 reallocation does not comply with this chapter or the declaration.  
26 The failure of the board to act upon a request within such period is  
27 deemed an approval of the request. If approved, the unit owners must  
28 provide the proposed amendment to the association for review and  
29 approval before execution. The association may require revisions to  
30 ensure correctness, clarity, and compliance with this chapter or the  
31 declaration. Unless otherwise agreed by the unit owners and  
32 association, all costs of preparing, revising, executing, and  
33 recording the amendment shall be borne by the affected unit owners.

34 (c) The (~~amendment must be executed and recorded by the~~  
35 ~~association and be recorded in the name of the common interest~~  
36 ~~community~~) unit owners executing the amendment shall provide a copy  
37 of the amendment to the association, and the association shall record  
38 the amendment in accordance with the requirements of subsection (4)  
39 of this section.

1 (3) (~~Unless provided otherwise in the declaration, the unit~~  
2 ~~owners of units to which at least sixty-seven percent of the votes~~  
3 ~~are allocated, including the unit owner of the unit to which the~~  
4 ~~common element or limited common element will be assigned or~~  
5 ~~incorporated, must agree to reallocate a common element as a limited~~  
6 ~~common element or to incorporate a common element or a limited common~~  
7 ~~element into an existing unit. Such reallocation or incorporation~~  
8 ~~must be reflected in an amendment to the declaration and the map.))~~

9 (a) A common element not previously allocated as a limited common  
10 element may be so allocated only by an amendment to the declaration.  
11 A unit owner may request the board to amend the declaration to  
12 allocate all or part of a common element as a limited common element  
13 for the exclusive use of the owner's unit. The board may prescribe in  
14 the amendment a condition or obligation, including an obligation to  
15 maintain the new limited common element or pay a fee or charge to the  
16 association.

17 (b) If the board approves the amendment, the board shall give  
18 notice to all unit owners of its action and include a statement that  
19 unit owners may object in a record to the amendment not later than 30  
20 days after delivery of the notice. The amendment becomes effective if  
21 the board does not receive a timely objection.

22 (c) If the board receives a timely objection, the amendment  
23 becomes effective only if the unit owners of units to which at least  
24 67 percent of the votes are allocated, including at least 67 percent  
25 of the votes that are allocated to units not owned by the declarant,  
26 vote under RCW 64.90.455, whether or not a quorum is present, to  
27 approve the amendment.

28 (d) If the amendment becomes effective, the association and the  
29 owner of the benefited unit shall execute the amendment.

30 (4) The association shall record the amendment as provided in RCW  
31 64.90.285. If the amendment changes information shown in a map  
32 concerning a common element or limited common element other than a  
33 common wall between units, the association shall prepare and record a  
34 revised map.

35 **Sec. 307.** RCW 64.90.260 and 2018 c 277 s 213 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37 (1) Subject to the provisions of the declaration, RCW 64.90.255,  
38 and other provisions of law, the boundaries between adjoining units  
39 may be relocated upon application to the board by the unit owners of

1 those units and upon approval by the board pursuant to this section.  
2 The application must include plans showing the relocated boundaries  
3 and such other information as the board may require. If the unit  
4 owners of the adjoining units have specified a reallocation between  
5 their units of their allocated interests, the application must state  
6 the proposed reallocations. Unless the board determines, after  
7 receipt of all required information, that the reallocations are  
8 unreasonable or that the proposed boundary relocation does not comply  
9 with the declaration, RCW 64.90.255, or other provisions of law, the  
10 board must approve the application and prepare any amendments to the  
11 declaration and map in accordance with the requirements of subsection  
12 (3) of this section.

13 ~~(2) (a) ((Subject to the provisions of the declaration and other~~  
14 ~~provisions of law, boundaries between units and common elements may~~  
15 ~~be relocated to incorporate common elements within a unit by an~~  
16 ~~amendment to the declaration upon application to the association by~~  
17 ~~the unit owner of the unit who proposes to relocate a boundary. The~~  
18 ~~amendment may be approved only if the unit owner of the unit, the~~  
19 ~~boundary of which is being relocated, and, unless the declaration~~  
20 ~~provides otherwise, persons entitled to cast at least sixty-seven~~  
21 ~~percent of the votes in the association, including sixty-seven~~  
22 ~~percent of the votes allocated to units not owned by the declarant,~~  
23 ~~agree.~~

24 ~~(b) The association may require payment to the association of a~~  
25 ~~one-time fee or charge or continuing fees or charges payable by the~~  
26 ~~unit owners of the units whose boundaries are being relocated to~~  
27 ~~include common elements)) The boundary of a unit may be relocated~~  
28 ~~only by an amendment to the declaration. A unit owner may request the~~  
29 ~~board to amend the declaration to include all or part of a common~~  
30 ~~element within the unit owner's unit. The board may prescribe in the~~  
31 ~~amendment a fee or charge payable by the unit owner to the~~  
32 ~~association in connection with the relocation.~~

33 ~~(b) The board may approve the amendment only if the unit owners~~  
34 ~~of units to which at least 67 percent of the votes are allocated,~~  
35 ~~including at least 67 percent of the votes that are allocated to~~  
36 ~~units not owned by the declarant, vote under RCW 64.90.455, whether~~  
37 ~~or not a quorum is present, to approve the amendment.~~

38 ~~(3) ((a)) The association ((must prepare any)) and the owners of~~  
39 ~~the units whose boundaries are relocated must execute an amendment~~  
40 ~~((to the declaration in accordance with the requirements of RCW~~

1 ~~64.90.225 and any amendment to the map in accordance with the~~  
2 ~~requirements of RCW 64.90.245))~~ under this section. The amendment  
3 must contain words of conveyance between the parties. The association  
4 shall record the amendment as provided in RCW 64.90.285. The  
5 association:

6 (a) In a condominium, plat community, or miscellaneous community  
7 shall prepare and record an amendment to the map necessary to show  
8 ~~((or describe))~~ the altered boundaries of affected units and their  
9 dimensions and identifying numbers; and

10 (b) In a cooperative shall prepare and record amendments to the  
11 declaration, including any amendment to the map necessary to show or  
12 describe the altered boundaries of affected units, and their  
13 dimensions and identifying numbers.

14 ~~((b) The amendment to the declaration must be executed by the~~  
15 ~~unit owner of the unit, the boundaries of which are being relocated,~~  
16 ~~and by the association, contain words of conveyance between them, and~~  
17 ~~be recorded in the names of the unit owner or owners and the~~  
18 ~~association, as grantor or grantee, as appropriate and as required~~  
19 ~~under RCW 64.90.285(3). The amendments are effective upon~~  
20 ~~recording.))~~

21 (4) All costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by  
22 the association for preparing and recording amendments to the  
23 declaration and map under this section must be assessed to the unit,  
24 the boundaries of which are being relocated.

25 **Sec. 308.** RCW 64.90.270 and 2018 c 277 s 215 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 ~~((1) The physical boundaries of a unit located in a building~~  
28 ~~containing or comprising that unit constructed or reconstructed in~~  
29 ~~substantial accordance with the map, or amendment to the map, are its~~  
30 ~~boundaries rather than any boundaries shown on the map, regardless of~~  
31 ~~settling or lateral movement of the unit or of any building~~  
32 ~~containing or comprising the unit, or of any minor variance between~~  
33 ~~boundaries of the unit or any building containing or comprising the~~  
34 ~~unit shown on the map.~~

35 ~~(2) This section does not relieve a unit owner from liability in~~  
36 ~~case of the unit owner's willful misconduct or relieve a declarant or~~  
37 ~~any other person from liability for failure to adhere to the map.))~~

38 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, if the  
39 construction, reconstruction, or alteration of a building or the

1 vertical or lateral movement of a building results in an encroachment  
2 due to a divergence between the existing physical boundaries of a  
3 unit and the boundaries described in the declaration under RCW  
4 64.90.225(1)(d), the existing physical boundaries of the unit are its  
5 legal boundaries, rather than the boundaries described in the  
6 declaration.

7 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if the  
8 encroachment:

9 (a) Extends beyond five feet, as measured from any point on the  
10 common boundary along a line perpendicular to the boundary; or

11 (b) Results from willful misconduct of the unit owner that claims  
12 a benefit under subsection (1) of this section.

13 (3) This section does not relieve a declarant or other person of  
14 liability for failure to adhere to the map or a representation in the  
15 public offering statement.

16 **Sec. 309.** RCW 64.90.285 and 2019 c 238 s 208 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (1)(a) Except in cases of amendments that may be executed by: A  
19 declarant under subsection ~~((10))~~ (9) of this section, RCW  
20 64.90.240(2), 64.90.245(12), 64.90.250, or 64.90.415(2)(d); the  
21 association under RCW 64.90.030, 64.90.230(5), ~~((64.90.240(3),))~~  
22 64.90.260~~((1))~~, ~~((or))~~ 64.90.265, or section 101 of this act or  
23 subsection ~~((11))~~ (10) of this section; or certain unit owners  
24 under RCW 64.90.240 (2) or (3), ~~((64.90.260(1),))~~ 64.90.265(2), or  
25 64.90.290(2), and except as limited by subsections (4), (6), (7),  
26 ~~((8),))~~ and ~~((12))~~ (11) of this section, the declaration may be  
27 amended only by vote or agreement of unit owners of units to which at  
28 least ~~((sixty-seven))~~ 67 percent of the votes in the association are  
29 allocated, unless the declaration specifies a different percentage  
30 not to exceed ~~((ninety))~~ 90 percent for all amendments or for  
31 specific subjects of amendment. For purposes of this section,  
32 "amendment" means any change to the declaration, including adding,  
33 removing, or modifying restrictions contained in a declaration.

34 (b) If the declaration requires the approval of another person as  
35 a condition of its effectiveness, the amendment is not valid without  
36 that approval ~~((; however, any right of approval may not result in an~~  
37 ~~expansion of special declarant rights reserved in the declaration or~~  
38 ~~violate any other section of this chapter, including RCW 64.90.015,~~  
39 ~~64.90.050, 64.90.055, and 64.90.060)).~~



1 (2) In the absence of fraud, any action to challenge the validity  
2 of an amendment adopted by the association may not be brought more  
3 than one year after the amendment is recorded.

4 (3) Every amendment to the declaration must be recorded in every  
5 county in which any portion of the common interest community is  
6 located and is effective only upon recordation. An amendment(~~(7~~  
7 ~~except an amendment pursuant to RCW 64.90.260(1),~~) must be indexed  
8 in the grantee's index in the name of the common interest community  
9 and the association and in the grantor's index in the name of the  
10 parties executing the amendment.

11 (4) Except to the extent expressly permitted or required under  
12 this chapter, an amendment may not create or increase special  
13 declarant rights, increase the number of units, change the boundaries  
14 of any unit, or change the allocated interests of a unit without the  
15 consent of unit owners to which at least (~~ninety~~) 90 percent of the  
16 votes in the association are allocated, including the consent of any  
17 unit owner of a unit, the boundaries of which or allocated interest  
18 of which is changed by the amendment.

19 (5) Amendments to the declaration required to be executed by the  
20 association must be executed by any authorized officer of the  
21 association who must certify in the amendment that it was properly  
22 adopted.

23 (~~(6) (The declaration may require a higher percentage of unit~~  
24 ~~owner approval for an amendment that is intended to prohibit or~~  
25 ~~materially restrict the uses of units permitted under the applicable~~  
26 ~~zoning ordinances, or to protect the interests of members of a~~  
27 ~~defined class of owners, or to protect other legitimate interests of~~  
28 ~~the association or its members. Subject to subsection (13) of this~~  
29 ~~section, a declaration may not require, as a condition for amendment,~~  
30 ~~approval by more than ninety percent of the votes in the association~~  
31 ~~or by all but one unit owner, whichever is less. An amendment~~  
32 ~~approved under this subsection must provide reasonable protection for~~  
33 ~~a use permitted at the time the amendment was adopted.~~

34 ~~(7))~~) The time limits specified in the declaration pursuant to  
35 RCW 64.90.225(1)(g) within which reserved development rights must be  
36 exercised may be extended, and additional development rights may be  
37 created, if persons entitled to cast at least (~~eighty~~) 80 percent  
38 of the votes in the association, including (~~eighty~~) 80 percent of  
39 the votes allocated to units not owned by the declarant, agree to  
40 that action. The agreement is effective (~~thirty~~) 30 days after an

1 amendment to the declaration reflecting the terms of the agreement is  
2 recorded unless all the persons holding the affected special  
3 declarant rights, or security interests in those rights, record a  
4 written objection within the (~~(thirty)~~) 30-day period, in which case  
5 the amendment is void, or consent in writing at the time the  
6 amendment is recorded, in which case the amendment is effective when  
7 recorded.

8 (~~(+8)~~) (7) A provision in the declaration creating special  
9 declarant rights that have not expired may not be amended without the  
10 consent of the declarant.

11 (~~(+9)~~) (8) If any provision of this chapter or the declaration  
12 requires the consent of a holder of a security interest in a unit as  
13 a condition to the effectiveness of an amendment to the declaration,  
14 the consent is deemed granted if a refusal to consent in a record is  
15 not received by the association within (~~(sixty)~~) 60 days after the  
16 association delivers notice of the proposed amendment to the holder  
17 at an address for notice provided by the holder or mails the notice  
18 to the holder by certified mail, return receipt requested, at that  
19 address. If the holder has not provided an address for notice to the  
20 association, the association must provide notice to the address in  
21 the security interest of record.

22 (~~(+10)~~) (9) Upon (~~(thirty)~~) 30-day advance notice to unit  
23 owners, the declarant may, without a vote of the unit owners or  
24 approval by the board, unilaterally adopt, execute, and record a  
25 corrective amendment or supplement to the governing documents to  
26 correct a mathematical mistake, an inconsistency, or a scrivener's  
27 error, or clarify an ambiguity in the governing documents with  
28 respect to an objectively verifiable fact including, without  
29 limitation, recalculating the undivided interest in the common  
30 elements, the liability for common expenses, or the number of votes  
31 in the unit owners association appertaining to a unit, within five  
32 years after the recordation or adoption of the governing document  
33 containing or creating the mistake, inconsistency, error, or  
34 ambiguity. Any such amendment or supplement may not materially reduce  
35 what the obligations of the declarant would have been if the mistake,  
36 inconsistency, error, or ambiguity had not occurred.

37 (~~(+11)~~) (10) Upon (~~(thirty)~~) 30-day advance notice to unit  
38 owners, the association may, upon a vote of two-thirds of the members  
39 of the board, without a vote of the unit owners, adopt, execute, and  
40 record an amendment to the declaration for the following purposes:

1 (a) To correct or supplement the governing documents as provided  
2 in subsection ~~((10))~~ (9) of this section;

3 ~~((To remove language and otherwise amend as necessary to  
4 effect the removal of language purporting to forbid or restrict the  
5 conveyance, encumbrance, occupancy, or lease to: Individuals of a  
6 specified race, creed, color, sex, or national origin; individuals  
7 with sensory, mental, or physical disabilities; and families with  
8 children or any other legally protected classification;~~

9 ~~(e))~~ To remove language and otherwise amend as necessary to  
10 effect the removal of language that purports to impose limitations on  
11 the power of the association beyond the limit authorized in RCW  
12 64.90.405(3)(a) to deal with the declarant that are more restrictive  
13 than the limitations imposed on the power of the association to deal  
14 with other persons; and

15 ~~((d))~~ (c) To remove any other language and otherwise amend as  
16 necessary to effect the removal of language purporting to limit the  
17 rights of the association or its unit owners in direct conflict with  
18 this chapter.

19 ~~((12))~~ (11) If the declaration requires that amendments to the  
20 declaration may be adopted only if the amendment is signed by a  
21 specified number or percentage of unit owners and if the common  
22 interest community contains more than ~~((twenty))~~ 20 units, such  
23 requirement is deemed satisfied if the association obtains such  
24 signatures or the vote or agreement of unit owners holding such  
25 number or percentage.

26 ~~((13))~~ (12)(a) If the declaration requires that amendments to  
27 the declaration may be adopted only by the vote or agreement of unit  
28 owners of units to which more than ~~((sixty-seven))~~ 67 percent of the  
29 votes in the association are allocated, and the percentage required  
30 is otherwise consistent with this chapter, the amendment is approved  
31 if:

32 (i) The approval of the percentage specified in the declaration  
33 is obtained;

34 (ii)(A) Unit owners of units to which at least ~~((sixty-seven))~~ 67  
35 percent of the votes in the association are allocated vote for or  
36 agree to the proposed amendment;

37 (B) A unit owner does not vote against the proposed amendment;  
38 and

39 (C) Notice of the proposed amendment, including notice that the  
40 failure of a unit owner to object may result in the adoption of the

1 amendment, is delivered to the unit owners holding the votes in the  
2 association that have not voted or agreed to the proposed amendment  
3 and no written objection to the proposed amendment is received by the  
4 association within (~~sixty~~) 60 days after the association delivers  
5 notice; or

6 (iii) (A) Unit owners of units to which at least (~~sixty-seven~~)  
7 67 percent of the votes in the association are allocated vote for or  
8 agree to the proposed amendment;

9 (B) At least one unit owner objects to the proposed amendment;  
10 and

11 (C) Pursuant to an action brought by the association in the  
12 county in which the common interest community is situated against all  
13 objecting unit owners, the court finds, under the totality of  
14 circumstances including, but not limited to, the subject matter of  
15 the amendment, the purpose of the amendment, the percentage voting to  
16 approve the amendment, and the percentage objecting to the amendment,  
17 that the amendment is reasonable.

18 (b) If the declaration requires the affirmative vote or approval  
19 of any particular unit owner or class of unit owners as a condition  
20 of its effectiveness, the amendment is not valid without that vote or  
21 approval.

22 **Sec. 310.** RCW 64.90.290 and 2018 c 277 s 219 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (1) Except for a taking of all the units by condemnation,  
25 foreclosure against an entire cooperative of a security interest that  
26 has priority over the declaration, or in the circumstances described  
27 in RCW 64.90.325, a common interest community may be terminated only  
28 by agreement of unit owners of units to which at least (~~eighty~~) 80  
29 percent of the votes in the association are allocated, (~~or any~~  
30 ~~larger percentage the declaration specifies~~) including at least 80  
31 percent of the votes allocated to units not owned by the declarant,  
32 and with any other approvals required by the declaration. The  
33 declaration may require a larger percentage of total votes in the  
34 association for approval, but termination requires approval by at  
35 least 80 percent of the votes allocated to units not owned by the  
36 declarant. The declaration may specify (~~a~~) smaller percentages only  
37 if all of the units are restricted exclusively to nonresidential  
38 uses.

1 (2) An agreement to terminate must be evidenced by the execution  
2 of a termination agreement, or ratifications of the agreement, in the  
3 same manner as a deed, by the requisite number of unit owners. The  
4 termination agreement must specify a date after which the agreement  
5 is void unless it is recorded before that date. A termination  
6 agreement and all ratifications of the agreement must be recorded in  
7 every county in which a portion of the common interest community is  
8 situated and is effective only upon recordation. An agreement to  
9 terminate may only be amended by complying with the requirements of  
10 this subsection and subsection (1) of this section.

11 ~~(3) ((a) In the case of a condominium, plat community, or~~  
12 ~~miscellaneous community containing only units having horizontal~~  
13 ~~boundaries between units, a))~~ A termination agreement may provide  
14 ~~((that))~~ for the sale of some or all of the common elements and units  
15 of the common interest community ~~((must be sold))~~ following  
16 termination. If, pursuant to the agreement, any real estate in the  
17 common interest community is to be sold following termination, the  
18 termination agreement must set forth the minimum purchase price,  
19 manner of payment, and outside closing date, and may include any  
20 other terms of the sale.

21 ~~((b) In the case of a condominium, plat community, or~~  
22 ~~miscellaneous community containing no units having horizontal~~  
23 ~~boundaries between units, a termination agreement may provide for~~  
24 ~~sale of the common elements that are not necessary for the~~  
25 ~~habitability of a unit, but it may not require that any unit be sold~~  
26 ~~following termination, unless the declaration as originally recorded~~  
27 ~~provided otherwise or all the unit owners consent to the sale. If,~~  
28 ~~pursuant to the agreement, any real estate in the common interest~~  
29 ~~community is to be sold following termination, the termination~~  
30 ~~agreement must set forth the minimum purchase price, manner of~~  
31 ~~payment, and outside closing date, and may include any other terms of~~  
32 ~~sale.~~

33 ~~(c) In the case of a condominium, plat community, or~~  
34 ~~miscellaneous community containing some units having horizontal~~  
35 ~~boundaries between units and some units without horizontal boundaries~~  
36 ~~between units, a termination agreement may provide for sale of the~~  
37 ~~common elements that are not necessary for the habitability of a~~  
38 ~~unit, but it may not require that any unit be sold following~~  
39 ~~termination, unless the declaration as originally recorded provided~~  
40 ~~otherwise or all the unit owners of units in the building to be sold~~

1 ~~consent to the sale. If, pursuant to the agreement, any real estate~~  
2 ~~in the common interest community is to be sold following termination,~~  
3 ~~the termination agreement must set forth the minimum purchase price,~~  
4 ~~manner of payment, and outside closing date, and may include any~~  
5 ~~other terms of sale.))~~

6 (4) (a) The association, on behalf of the unit owners, may  
7 contract for the sale of real estate in a common interest community,  
8 but the contract is not binding on the unit owners until approved  
9 pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) of this section. If any real  
10 estate is to be sold following termination, title to that real  
11 estate ~~((, upon termination,))~~ not already owned by the association  
12 vests on termination in the association as trustee for the holders of  
13 all interests in the units. Thereafter, the association has all  
14 powers necessary and appropriate to effect the sale. Until the sale  
15 has been concluded and the proceeds of the sale distributed, the  
16 association continues in existence with all powers it had before  
17 termination.

18 (b) Proceeds of the sale must be distributed to unit owners and  
19 lienholders as their interests may appear, in accordance with  
20 subsections ~~((6) and))~~ (7), (8), (9), and (13) of this section.  
21 Unless otherwise specified in the termination agreement, as long as  
22 the association holds title to the real estate, each unit owner and  
23 the unit owner's successors in interest have an exclusive right to  
24 occupancy of the portion of the real estate that formerly constituted  
25 the unit. During the period of that occupancy, each unit owner and  
26 the unit owner's successors in interest remain liable for all  
27 assessments and other obligations imposed on unit owners under this  
28 chapter or the declaration.

29 (5) ~~((In a condominium, plat community, or miscellaneous~~  
30 ~~community, if any portion of the real estate constituting the common~~  
31 ~~interest community is not to be sold following termination, title to~~  
32 ~~those portions of the real estate constituting the common elements~~  
33 ~~and, in a common interest community containing units having~~  
34 ~~horizontal boundaries between units described in the declaration,~~  
35 ~~title to all the real estate containing such boundaries in the common~~  
36 ~~interest community vests in the unit owners upon termination as~~  
37 ~~tenants in common in proportion to their respective interests as~~  
38 ~~provided in subsection (8) of this section, and liens on the units~~  
39 ~~shift accordingly. While the tenancy in common exists, each unit~~  
40 ~~owner and the unit owner's successors in interest have an exclusive~~

1 ~~right to occupancy of the portion of the real estate that formerly~~  
2 ~~constituted the unit.)) Termination does not change title to a unit  
3 or common element not to be sold following termination unless the  
4 termination agreement otherwise provides.~~

5 (6) ~~((a))~~ Following termination of the common interest  
6 community, the proceeds of a sale of real estate, together with the  
7 assets of the association, are held by the association as trustee for  
8 unit owners and holders of liens on the units as their interests may  
9 appear.

10 ~~((b))~~ (7)(a) Following termination of a condominium, plat  
11 community, or miscellaneous community, creditors of the association  
12 holding liens on the units that were recorded or perfected under RCW  
13 4.64.020 before termination may enforce those liens in the same  
14 manner as any lienholder.

15 ~~((c))~~ (b) All other creditors of the association are to be  
16 treated as if they had perfected liens on the units immediately  
17 before termination.

18 ~~((7))~~ (8) In a cooperative, the declaration may provide that  
19 all creditors of the association have priority over any interests of  
20 unit owners and creditors of unit owners. In that event, following  
21 termination, creditors of the association holding liens on the  
22 cooperative that were recorded or perfected under RCW 4.64.020 before  
23 termination may enforce their liens in the same manner as any  
24 lienholder, and any other creditor of the association is to be  
25 treated as if the creditor had perfected a lien against the  
26 cooperative immediately before termination. Unless the declaration  
27 provides that all creditors of the association have that priority:

28 (a) The lien of each creditor of the association that was  
29 perfected against the association before termination becomes, upon  
30 termination, a lien against each unit owner's interest in the unit as  
31 of the date the lien was perfected;

32 (b) Any other creditor of the association must be treated, upon  
33 termination, as if the creditor had perfected a lien against each  
34 unit owner's interest immediately before termination;

35 (c) The amount of the lien of an association's creditor described  
36 in (a) and (b) of this subsection against each of the unit owners'  
37 interest must be proportionate to the ratio that each unit's common  
38 expense liability bears to the common expense liability of all of the  
39 units;

1 (d) The lien of each creditor of each unit owner that was  
2 perfected before termination continues as a lien against that unit  
3 owner's unit as of the date the lien was perfected;

4 (e) The assets of the association must be distributed to all unit  
5 owners and all lienholders as their interests may appear in the order  
6 described in this subsection; and

7 (f) Creditors of the association are not entitled to payment from  
8 any unit owner in excess of the amount of the creditor's lien against  
9 that unit owner's interest.

10 ~~((+8))~~ (9) The respective interests of unit owners referred to  
11 in subsections (4), (5), (6), ~~((and))~~ (7), (8), and (13) of this  
12 section are as follows:

13 (a) Except as otherwise provided in ~~((+b))~~ (d) of this  
14 subsection, the respective interests of unit owners are the fair  
15 market values of their units, allocated interests, and any limited  
16 common elements immediately before the termination, as determined by  
17 appraisal made by one or more independent appraisers selected by the  
18 association. The ~~((decision of the independent appraisers))~~ appraisal  
19 must be distributed to the unit owners and becomes final unless  
20 ~~((disapproved within thirty))~~:

21 (i) Disapproved not later than 30 days after distribution by unit  
22 owners of units to which ~~((twenty-five))~~ at least 25 percent of the  
23 votes in the association are allocated; or

24 (ii) A unit owner objects in a record not later than 30 days  
25 after distribution to the determination of value of the unit owner's  
26 unit.

27 (b) A unit owner that objects under (a)(ii) of this subsection  
28 may select an appraiser to represent the owner and make an appraisal  
29 of the unit owner's unit. If the association's appraisal and the unit  
30 owner's appraisal of the fair market value of the unit owner's  
31 interest differ, a panel consisting of an appraiser selected by the  
32 association, the unit owner's appraiser, and a third appraiser  
33 mutually selected by the first two appraisers shall determine, by  
34 majority vote, the value of the unit owner's interest. The  
35 determination of value by the panel is final.

36 (c) The proportion of any unit owner's interest to that of all  
37 unit owners is determined by dividing the fair market value of that  
38 unit owner's unit and its allocated interests by the total fair  
39 market values of all the units and their allocated interests.



1       ~~((b))~~ (d) If any unit or any limited common element is  
2 destroyed to the extent that an appraisal of the fair market value of  
3 the unit or limited common element before destruction cannot be made,  
4 the interests of all unit owners are:

5       (i) In a condominium, their respective common element interests  
6 immediately before the termination;

7       (ii) In a cooperative, their respective ownership interests  
8 immediately before the termination; and

9       (iii) In a plat community or miscellaneous community, their  
10 respective common expense liabilities immediately before the  
11 termination.

12       ~~((9))~~ (10) In a condominium, plat community, or miscellaneous  
13 community, except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~((10))~~ (11)  
14 of this section, foreclosure or enforcement of a lien or encumbrance  
15 against the entire common interest community does not terminate the  
16 common interest community, and foreclosure or enforcement of a lien  
17 or encumbrance against a portion of the common interest community,  
18 other than withdrawable real estate, does not withdraw that portion  
19 from the common interest community. Foreclosure or enforcement of a  
20 lien or encumbrance against withdrawable real estate, or against  
21 common elements that have been subjected to a security interest by  
22 the association under RCW 64.90.465, does not withdraw that real  
23 estate from the common interest community, but the person taking  
24 title to the real estate may require from the association, upon  
25 request, an amendment excluding the real estate from the common  
26 interest community.

27       ~~((10))~~ (11) In a condominium, plat community, or miscellaneous  
28 community, if a lien or encumbrance against a portion of the real  
29 estate comprising the common interest community has priority over the  
30 declaration and the lien or encumbrance has not been partially  
31 released, the parties foreclosing the lien or encumbrance, upon  
32 foreclosure, may record an instrument excluding the real estate  
33 subject to that lien or encumbrance from the common interest  
34 community.

35       ~~((11))~~ (12) The right of partition under chapter 7.52 RCW is  
36 suspended if an agreement to sell property is provided for in the  
37 termination agreement pursuant to subsection (3) ~~((a), (b), or (c))~~  
38 of this section. The suspension of the right to partition continues  
39 unless a binding obligation to sell does not exist three months after  
40 the recording of the termination agreement, the binding sale

1 agreement is terminated, or one year after the termination agreement  
2 is recorded, whichever occurs first.

3 (13) A termination agreement complying with this section may  
4 provide for termination of fewer than all of the units in a common  
5 interest community, subject to the following:

6 (a) In addition to the approval required by subsection (1) of  
7 this section, the termination agreement must be approved by at least  
8 80 percent of the votes allocated to the units being terminated;

9 (b) The termination agreement must reallocate under RCW 64.90.235  
10 the allocated interests for the units that remain in the common  
11 interest community after termination;

12 (c) The aggregate values of the units and common elements being  
13 terminated must be determined under subsection (9) of this section.  
14 The termination agreement must specify the allocation of the proceeds  
15 of sale for the units and common elements being terminated and sold;

16 (d) Security interests and liens on remaining units and remaining  
17 common elements continue, and security interests and liens on units  
18 being terminated no longer extend to any remaining common elements;

19 (e) The unit owners association continues as the association for  
20 the remaining units; and

21 (f) The association shall record with the termination agreement  
22 under subsection (2) of this section an amendment to the declaration  
23 or an amended and restated declaration, and, if necessary, an  
24 amendment to the map or an amended and restated map.

25 **Sec. 311.** RCW 64.90.405 and 2019 c 238 s 209 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 (1) An association must:

28 (a) Adopt organizational documents;

29 (b) Adopt budgets as provided in RCW 64.90.525;

30 (c) Impose assessments for common expenses and specially  
31 allocated expenses on the unit owners as provided in RCW  
32 (~~64.90.080(1)~~) 64.90.480(1) and 64.90.525;

33 (d) Prepare financial statements as provided in RCW 64.90.530;  
34 and

35 (e) Deposit and maintain the funds of the association in accounts  
36 as provided in RCW 64.90.530.

37 (2) Except as provided otherwise in subsection (4) of this  
38 section and subject to the provisions of the declaration, the  
39 association may:

- 1 (a) Amend organizational documents and adopt and amend rules;
- 2 (b) Amend budgets under RCW 64.90.525;
- 3 (c) Hire and discharge managing agents and other employees,  
4 agents, and independent contractors;
- 5 (d) Institute, defend, or intervene in litigation or in  
6 arbitration, mediation, or administrative proceedings or any other  
7 legal proceeding in its own name on behalf of itself or two or more  
8 unit owners on matters affecting the common interest community;
- 9 (e) Make contracts and incur liabilities subject to subsection  
10 (4) of this section;
- 11 (f) Regulate the use, maintenance, repair, replacement, and  
12 modification of common elements;
- 13 (g) Cause additional improvements to be made as a part of the  
14 common elements;
- 15 (h) Acquire, hold, encumber, and convey in its own name any  
16 right, title, or interest to real estate or personal property, but:
- 17 (i) Common elements in a condominium, plat community, or  
18 miscellaneous community may be conveyed or subjected to a security  
19 interest pursuant to RCW 64.90.465 only; and
- 20 (ii) Part of a cooperative may be conveyed, or all or part of a  
21 cooperative may be subjected to a security interest pursuant to RCW  
22 64.90.465 only;
- 23 (i) Grant easements, leases, and licenses(~~(, and concessions)~~)  
24 through or over the common elements, but a grant to a unit owner that  
25 benefits the unit owner's unit is allowed only by reallocation under  
26 RCW 64.90.240(3) of the common elements to a limited common element,  
27 and petition for or consent to the vacation of streets and alleys;
- 28 (j) Impose and collect any reasonable payments, fees, or charges  
29 for:
- 30 (i) The use, rental, or operation of the common elements, other  
31 than limited common elements described in RCW 64.90.210 (1)(b) and  
32 (3);
- 33 (ii) Services provided to unit owners; and
- 34 (iii) Moving in, moving out, or transferring title to units to  
35 the extent provided for in the declaration;
- 36 (k) Collect assessments and impose and collect reasonable charges  
37 for late payment of assessments;
- 38 (l) Enforce the governing documents and, after notice and  
39 opportunity to be heard, impose and collect reasonable fines for  
40 violations of the governing documents in accordance with a previously

1 established schedule of fines adopted by the board of directors and  
2 furnished to the owners pursuant to the requirements for notice in  
3 RCW 64.90.505;

4 (m) Impose and collect reasonable charges for the preparation and  
5 recordation of amendments to the declaration, resale certificates  
6 required under RCW 64.90.640, lender questionnaires, or statements of  
7 unpaid assessments;

8 (n) Provide for the indemnification of its officers and board  
9 members, to the extent provided in RCW 23B.17.030;

10 (o) Maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance;

11 (p) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, assign its right  
12 to future income, including the right to receive assessments;

13 (q) Join in a petition for the establishment of a parking and  
14 business improvement area, participate in the ratepayers' board or  
15 other advisory body set up by the legislative authority for operation  
16 of a parking and business improvement area, and pay special  
17 assessments levied by the legislative authority on a parking and  
18 business improvement area encompassing the condominium property for  
19 activities and projects that benefit the condominium directly or  
20 indirectly;

21 (r) Establish and administer a reserve account as described in  
22 RCW 64.90.535;

23 (s) Prepare a reserve study as described in RCW 64.90.545;

24 (t) Exercise any other powers conferred by the declaration or  
25 organizational documents;

26 (u) Exercise all other powers that may be exercised in this state  
27 by the same type of entity as the association;

28 (v) Exercise any other powers necessary and proper for the  
29 governance and operation of the association;

30 (w) Require that disputes between the association and unit owners  
31 or between two or more unit owners regarding the common interest  
32 community, other than those governed by chapter 64.50 RCW, be  
33 submitted to nonbinding alternative dispute resolution as a  
34 prerequisite to commencement of a judicial proceeding; and

35 (x) Suspend any right or privilege of a unit owner who fails to  
36 pay an assessment which suspension may be imposed for a reasonable  
37 amount of time not to exceed one business day after the association  
38 receives full payment of the delinquent assessment and confirmation  
39 of cleared funds, but may not:

1 (i) Deny a unit owner or other occupant access to the owner's  
2 unit, or any limited common elements allocated only to that unit, or  
3 any common elements necessary to access the unit;

4 (ii) Suspend a unit owner's right to vote; or

5 (iii) Withhold services provided to a unit or a unit owner by the  
6 association if the effect of withholding the service would be to  
7 endanger the health, safety, or property of any person.

8 (3) The declaration may not limit the power of the association  
9 beyond the limit authorized in subsection (2)(w) of this section to:

10 (a) Deal with the declarant if the limit is more restrictive than  
11 the limit imposed on the power of the association to deal with other  
12 persons; or

13 (b) Institute litigation or an arbitration, mediation, or  
14 administrative proceeding against any person, subject to the  
15 following:

16 (i) The association must comply with chapter 64.50 RCW, if  
17 applicable, before instituting any proceeding described in chapter  
18 64.50 RCW in connection with construction defects; and

19 (ii) The board must promptly provide notice to the unit owners of  
20 any legal proceeding in which the association is a party other than  
21 proceedings involving enforcement of rules or to recover unpaid  
22 assessments or other sums due the association.

23 (4) Any borrowing by an association that is to be secured by an  
24 assignment of the association's right to receive future income  
25 pursuant to subsection (2)(e) and (p) of this section requires  
26 ratification by the unit owners as provided in this subsection.

27 (a) The board must provide notice of the intent to borrow to all  
28 unit owners. The notice must include the purpose and maximum amount  
29 of the loan, the estimated amount and term of any assessments  
30 required to repay the loan, a reasonably detailed projection of how  
31 the money will be expended, and the interest rate and term of the  
32 loan.

33 (b) In the notice, the board must set a date for a meeting of the  
34 unit owners, which must not be less than (~~fourteen~~) 14 and no more  
35 than (~~fifty~~) 50 days after mailing of the notice, to consider  
36 ratification of the borrowing.

37 (c) Unless at that meeting, whether or not a quorum is present,  
38 unit owners holding a majority of the votes in the association or any  
39 larger percentage specified in the declaration reject the proposal to

1 borrow funds, the association may proceed to borrow the funds in  
2 substantial accordance with the terms contained in the notice.

3 (5) If a tenant of a unit owner violates the governing documents,  
4 in addition to exercising any of its powers against the unit owner,  
5 the association may:

6 (a) Exercise directly against the tenant the powers described in  
7 subsection (2)(1) of this section;

8 (b) After giving notice to the tenant and the unit owner and an  
9 opportunity to be heard, levy reasonable fines against the tenant and  
10 unit owner for the violation; and

11 (c) Enforce any other rights against the tenant for the violation  
12 that the unit owner as the landlord could lawfully have exercised  
13 under the lease or that the association could lawfully have exercised  
14 directly against the unit owner, or both; but the association does  
15 not have the right to terminate a lease or evict a tenant unless  
16 permitted by the declaration. The rights referred to in this  
17 subsection (5)(c) may be exercised only if the tenant or unit owner  
18 fails to cure the violation within (~~ten~~) 10 days after the  
19 association notifies the tenant and unit owner of that violation.

20 (6) Unless a lease otherwise provides, this section does not:

21 (a) Affect rights that the unit owner has to enforce the lease or  
22 that the association has under other law; or

23 (b) Permit the association to enforce a lease to which it is not  
24 a party in the absence of a violation of the governing documents.

25 (7) The board may determine whether to take enforcement action by  
26 exercising the association's power to impose sanctions or commencing  
27 an action for a violation of the governing documents, including  
28 whether to compromise any claim for unpaid assessments or other claim  
29 made by or against it.

30 (8) The board does not have a duty to take enforcement action if  
31 it determines that, under the facts and circumstances presented:

32 (a) The association's legal position does not justify taking any  
33 or further enforcement action;

34 (b) The covenant, restriction, or rule being enforced is, or is  
35 likely to be construed as, inconsistent with law;

36 (c) Although a violation may exist or may have occurred, it is  
37 not so material as to be objectionable to a reasonable person or to  
38 justify expending the association's resources; or

39 (d) It is not in the association's best interests to pursue an  
40 enforcement action.

1 (9) The board's decision under subsections (7) and (8) of this  
2 section to not pursue enforcement under one set of circumstances does  
3 not prevent the board from taking enforcement action under another  
4 set of circumstances, but the board may not be arbitrary or  
5 capricious in taking enforcement action.

6 **Sec. 312.** RCW 64.90.410 and 2019 c 238 s 101 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (1)(a) Except as provided otherwise in the governing documents,  
9 subsection (4) of this section, or other provisions of this chapter,  
10 the board may act on behalf of the association.

11 (b) In the performance of their duties, officers and board  
12 members must exercise the degree of care and loyalty to the  
13 association required of an officer or director of a corporation  
14 organized, are subject to the conflict of interest rules governing  
15 directors and officers, and are entitled to the immunities from  
16 liability available to officers and directors under chapter 24.06  
17 RCW. The standards of care and loyalty, and conflict of interest  
18 rules and immunities described in this section apply regardless of  
19 the form in which the association is organized.

20 (2)(a) Except as provided otherwise in RCW 64.90.300(~~(+5)~~) (9),  
21 effective as of the transition meeting held in accordance with RCW  
22 64.90.415(4), the board must be comprised of at least three members,  
23 at least a majority of whom must be unit owners. However, the number  
24 of board members need not exceed the number of units then in the  
25 common interest community.

26 (b) Unless the declaration or organizational documents provide  
27 for the election of officers by the unit owners, the board must elect  
28 the officers.

29 (c) Unless provided otherwise in the declaration or  
30 organizational documents, board members and officers must take office  
31 upon adjournment of the meeting at which they were elected or  
32 appointed or, if not elected or appointed at a meeting, at the time  
33 of such election or appointment, and must serve until their successor  
34 takes office.

35 (d) In determining the qualifications of any officer or board  
36 member of the association, "unit owner" includes, unless the  
37 declaration or organizational documents provide otherwise, any board  
38 member, officer, member, partner, or trustee of any person, who is,

1 either alone or in conjunction with another person or persons, a unit  
2 owner.

3 (e) Any officer or board member of the association who would not  
4 be eligible to serve as such if he or she were not a board member,  
5 officer, partner in, or trustee of such a person is disqualified from  
6 continuing in office if he or she ceases to have any such affiliation  
7 with that person or that person would have been disqualified from  
8 continuing in such office as a natural person.

9 (3) Except when voting as a unit owner, the declarant may not  
10 appoint or elect any person or to serve itself as a voting, ex  
11 officio or nonvoting board member following the transition meeting.

12 (4) The board may not, without vote or agreement of the unit  
13 owners:

- 14 (a) Amend the declaration, except as provided in RCW 64.90.285;
- 15 (b) Amend the organizational documents of the association;
- 16 (c) Terminate the common interest community;
- 17 (d) Elect members of the board, but may fill vacancies in its  
18 membership not resulting from removal for the unexpired portion of  
19 any term or, if earlier, until the next regularly scheduled election  
20 of board members; or

21 (e) Determine the qualifications, powers, duties, or terms of  
22 office of board members.

23 (5) The board must adopt budgets as provided in RCW 64.90.525.

24 (6) Except for committees appointed by the declarant pursuant to  
25 special declarant rights, all committees of the association must be  
26 appointed by the board. Committees authorized to exercise any power  
27 reserved to the board must include at least two board members who  
28 have exclusive voting power for that committee. Committees that are  
29 not so composed may not exercise the authority of the board and are  
30 advisory only.

31 (7) A declaration may provide for the appointment of specified  
32 positions on the board by persons other than the declarant or an  
33 affiliate of the declarant during or after the period of declarant  
34 control. It also may provide a method for filling vacancies in those  
35 positions, other than by election by the unit owners. However, after  
36 the period of declarant control, appointed members:

37 (a) May not comprise more than one-third of the board; and

38 (b) Have no greater authority than any other board member.



1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 313.**    A new section is added to chapter 64.90  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        (1) Notwithstanding any contrary provision in the declaration or  
4    organizational documents, prior to an election of board members, the  
5    association must provide notice to all unit owners of the following:

- 6        (a) The number of board positions that may be filled;  
7        (b) The qualifications to be a board candidate, if any; and  
8        (c) The process, manner, and deadline for submitting nominations.

9        (2) If the board determines that any nominee is not a qualified  
10   candidate, the board shall notify the nominee of the basis for the  
11   disqualification,        and        the        procedure        for        appealing        the  
12   disqualification.

13        **Sec. 314.**    RCW 64.90.420 and 2018 c 277 s 305 are each amended to  
14    read as follows:

15        (1) No later than (~~thirty~~) 30 days following the date of the  
16    transition meeting held pursuant to RCW 64.90.415(4), the declarant  
17    must deliver or cause to be delivered to the board elected at the  
18    transition meeting all property of the unit owners and association as  
19    required by the declaration or this chapter including, but not  
20    limited to:

21        (a) The original or a copy of the recorded declaration and each  
22    amendment to the declaration;

23        (b) The organizational documents of the association;

24        (c) The minute books, including all minutes, and other books and  
25    records of the association;

26        (d) Current rules and regulations that have been adopted;

27        (e) Resignations of officers and members of the board who are  
28    required to resign because the declarant is required to relinquish  
29    control of the association;

30        (f) The financial records, including canceled checks, bank  
31    statements, and financial statements of the association, and source  
32    documents from the time of formation of the association through the  
33    date of transfer of control to the unit owners;

34        (g) Association funds or the control of the funds of the  
35    association;

36        (h) Originals or copies of any recorded instruments of conveyance  
37    for any common elements included within the common interest community  
38    but not appurtenant to the units;

39        (i) All tangible personal property of the association;

1 (j) Except for alterations to a unit done by a unit owner other  
2 than the declarant, a copy of the most recent plans and  
3 specifications used in the construction or remodeling of the common  
4 interest community, except for buildings containing fewer than three  
5 units;

6 (k) Originals or copies of insurance policies for the common  
7 interest community and association;

8 (l) Originals or copies of any certificates of occupancy that may  
9 have been issued for the common interest community;

10 (m) Originals or copies of any other permits obtained by or on  
11 behalf of the declarant and issued by governmental bodies applicable  
12 to the common interest community;

13 (n) Originals or copies of all written warranties that are still  
14 in effect for the common elements, or any other areas or facilities  
15 that the association has the responsibility to maintain and repair,  
16 from the contractor, subcontractors, suppliers, and manufacturers and  
17 all owners' manuals or instructions furnished to the declarant with  
18 respect to installed equipment or building systems;

19 (o) A roster of unit owners and eligible mortgagees and their  
20 addresses and telephone numbers, if known, as shown on the  
21 declarant's records and the date of closing of the first sale of each  
22 unit sold by the declarant;

23 (p) Originals or copies of any leases of the common elements and  
24 other leases to which the association is a party;

25 (q) Originals or photocopies of any employment contracts or  
26 service contracts in which the association is one of the contracting  
27 parties or service contracts in which the association or the unit  
28 owners have an obligation or a responsibility, directly or  
29 indirectly, to pay some or all of the fee or charge of the person  
30 performing the service;

31 (r) Originals or copies of any qualified warranty issued to the  
32 association as provided for in RCW 64.35.505; (~~and~~)

33 (s) Originals or copies of all other contracts to which the  
34 association is a party; and

35 (t) Originals or copies of the most recent reserve study prepared  
36 pursuant to RCW 64.90.545, if one exists.

37 (2) Within (~~sixty~~) 60 days of the transition meeting, the board  
38 must retain the services of a certified public accountant to audit  
39 the records of the association as the date of the transition meeting  
40 in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards unless the

1 unit owners, other than the declarant, to which a majority of the  
2 votes are allocated elect to waive the audit. The cost of the audit  
3 must be a common expense unless otherwise provided in the  
4 declaration. The accountant performing the audit must examine  
5 supporting documents and records, including the cash disbursements  
6 and related paid invoices, to determine if expenditures were for  
7 association purposes and the billings, cash receipts, and related  
8 records to determine if the declarant was charged for and paid the  
9 proper amount of assessments.

10 ~~((3) A declaration may provide for the appointment of specified~~  
11 ~~positions on the board by persons other than the declarant or an~~  
12 ~~affiliate of the declarant during or after the period of declarant~~  
13 ~~control. It also may provide a method for filling vacancies in those~~  
14 ~~positions, other than by election by the unit owners. However, after~~  
15 ~~the period of declarant control, appointed members:~~

- 16 ~~(a) May not comprise more than one-third of the board; and~~  
17 ~~(b) Have no greater authority than any other board member.))~~

18 **Sec. 315.** RCW 64.90.425 and 2018 c 277 s 306 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 ~~(1) ((Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a~~  
21 ~~special declarant right created or reserved under this chapter may be~~  
22 ~~transferred only by an instrument effecting the transfer and executed~~  
23 ~~by the transferor, to be recorded in every county in which any~~  
24 ~~portion of the common interest community is located. The transferee~~  
25 ~~must provide the association with a copy of the recorded instrument,~~  
26 ~~but the failure to furnish the copy does not invalidate the transfer.~~

27 ~~(2) Upon transfer of any special declarant right, the liability~~  
28 ~~of a transferor declarant is as follows:~~

29 ~~(a) A transferor is not relieved of any obligation or liability~~  
30 ~~arising before the transfer and remains liable for such warranty~~  
31 ~~obligations arising before the transfer imposed upon the transferor~~  
32 ~~under this chapter. Lack of privity does not deprive any unit owner~~  
33 ~~of standing to maintain an action to enforce any obligation of the~~  
34 ~~transferor.~~

35 ~~(b) If a successor to any special declarant right is an affiliate~~  
36 ~~of a declarant the transferor is jointly and severally liable with~~  
37 ~~the successor for any obligations or liabilities of the successor~~  
38 ~~relating to the common interest community.~~

1       ~~(c) If a transferor retains any special declarant rights, but~~  
2 ~~transfers other special declarant rights to a successor who is not an~~  
3 ~~affiliate of the declarant, the transferor is liable for any~~  
4 ~~obligations or liabilities imposed on a declarant under this chapter~~  
5 ~~or by the declaration relating to the retained special declarant~~  
6 ~~rights, whether arising before or after the transfer.~~

7       ~~(d) A transferor is not liable for any act or omission or any~~  
8 ~~breach of a contractual or warranty obligation by a successor~~  
9 ~~declarant who is not an affiliate of the transferor.~~

10       ~~(3) Upon foreclosure of a security interest, sale by a trustee~~  
11 ~~under an agreement creating a security interest, tax sale, judicial~~  
12 ~~sale, or sale under bankruptcy code or receivership proceedings of~~  
13 ~~any unit owned by a declarant or real property in a common interest~~  
14 ~~community that is subject to any special declarant rights, a person~~  
15 ~~acquiring title to the real property being foreclosed or sold~~  
16 ~~succeeds to all of the special declarant rights related to that real~~  
17 ~~property held by that declarant and to any rights reserved in the~~  
18 ~~declaration pursuant to RCW 64.90.275 and held by that declarant to~~  
19 ~~maintain models, sales offices, and signs except to the extent the~~  
20 ~~judgment or instrument effecting the transfer states otherwise.~~

21       ~~(4) Upon foreclosure of a security interest, sale by a trustee~~  
22 ~~under an agreement creating a security interest, tax sale, judicial~~  
23 ~~sale, or sale under bankruptcy code or receivership proceedings of~~  
24 ~~all interests in a common interest community owned by a declarant,~~  
25 ~~any special declarant rights that are not transferred as stated in~~  
26 ~~subsection (3) of this section terminate.~~

27       ~~(5) The liabilities and obligations of a person who succeeds to~~  
28 ~~special declarant rights are as follows:~~

29       ~~(a) A successor to any special declarant right who is an~~  
30 ~~affiliate of a declarant is subject to all obligations and~~  
31 ~~liabilities imposed on the transferor under this chapter or by the~~  
32 ~~declaration.~~

33       ~~(b) A successor to any special declarant right, other than a~~  
34 ~~successor who is an affiliate of a declarant, is subject to the~~  
35 ~~obligations and liabilities imposed under this chapter or the~~  
36 ~~declaration:~~

37       ~~(i) On a declarant that relate to the successor's exercise of~~  
38 ~~special declarant rights; and~~

39       ~~(ii) On the declarant's transferor, other than:~~

40       ~~(A) Misrepresentations by any previous declarant;~~

1 ~~(B) Any warranty obligations pursuant to RCW 64.90.670 (1)~~  
2 ~~through (3) on improvements made or contracted for, or units sold by,~~  
3 ~~a previous declarant or that were made before the common interest~~  
4 ~~community was created;~~

5 ~~(C) Breach of any fiduciary obligation by any previous declarant~~  
6 ~~or the previous declarant's appointees to the board; or~~

7 ~~(D) Any liability or obligation imposed on the transferor as a~~  
8 ~~result of the transferor's acts or omissions after the transfer.~~

9 ~~(e) A successor to only a right reserved in the declaration to~~  
10 ~~maintain models, sales offices, and signs may not exercise any other~~  
11 ~~special declarant right, and is not subject to any liability or~~  
12 ~~obligation as a declarant, except the obligation to provide a public~~  
13 ~~offering statement and any liability arising as a result of such~~  
14 ~~reserved rights.~~

15 ~~(6) This section does not subject any successor to a special~~  
16 ~~declarant right to any claims against or other obligations of a~~  
17 ~~transferor declarant, other than claims and obligations arising under~~  
18 ~~this chapter or the declaration.) The definitions in this subsection~~  
19 ~~apply throughout this section unless the context clearly requires~~  
20 ~~otherwise.~~

21 (a) "Involuntary transfer" means a transfer by foreclosure of a  
22 mortgage, deed in lieu of foreclosure, tax sale, judicial sale, or  
23 sale in a bankruptcy or receivership proceeding of real estate owned  
24 by a declarant.

25 (b) "Nonaffiliate successor" means a person that succeeds to a  
26 special declarant right and is not an affiliate of the declarant that  
27 transferred the special declarant right to the person.

28 (2) A special declarant right is an interest in real estate. The  
29 interest is appurtenant to:

30 (a) All units owned by the declarant; and

31 (b) Real estate that is subject to a development right.

32 (3) A declarant that no longer owns a unit or a development right  
33 ceases to have any special declarant rights.

34 (4) A declarant may voluntarily transfer part or all of a special  
35 declarant right only by an instrument that describes the special  
36 declarant right being transferred. The transfer becomes effective  
37 when recorded in every county in which any portion of the common  
38 interest community is located.

39 (5) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (8), (9), (11), or  
40 (12) of this section, a successor to a special declarant right is

1 subject to all obligations and liabilities imposed on the transferor  
2 by this chapter or the declaration.

3 (6) If a declarant transfers a special declarant right to an  
4 affiliate of the declarant, the transferor and the successor are  
5 jointly and severally liable for all obligations and liabilities  
6 imposed on either person by this chapter or the declaration. Lack of  
7 privity does not deprive a unit owner of standing to maintain an  
8 action to enforce any obligation or liability of the transferor or  
9 successor.

10 (7) A declarant that transfers a special declarant right to a  
11 nonaffiliate successor:

12 (a) Remains liable for an obligation or liability imposed by this  
13 chapter or the declaration, including a warranty obligation, that  
14 arose before the transfer; and

15 (b) Is not liable for an obligation or liability imposed on the  
16 successor by this chapter or the declaration that arose after the  
17 transfer.

18 (8) A nonaffiliate successor that succeeds to fewer than all  
19 special declarant rights held by the transferor is not subject to an  
20 obligation or liability that relates to a special declarant right not  
21 transferred to the successor.

22 (9) A nonaffiliate successor is not liable for an obligation or  
23 liability imposed by this chapter or the declaration that relates to:

24 (a) A misrepresentation by a previous declarant;

25 (b) A warranty obligation on an improvement made by a previous  
26 declarant or before the common interest community was created;

27 (c) Breach of a fiduciary obligation by a previous declarant or  
28 the previous declarant's appointees to the board; or

29 (d) An obligation or liability imposed on the transferor as a  
30 result of the transferor's act or omission after the transfer.

31 (10) If an involuntary transfer includes a special declarant  
32 right, the transferee may elect to acquire or reject the special  
33 declarant right. A transferee that elects to acquire the special  
34 declarant right is a successor declarant. The election is effective  
35 only if the judgment or instrument conveying title describes the  
36 special declarant right.

37 (11) A successor to a special declarant right by an involuntary  
38 transfer may declare in a recorded instrument the successor's intent  
39 to hold the right solely for transfer to another person. After  
40 recording the instrument, the successor may not exercise a special

1 declarant right, other than a right under RCW 64.90.415(1)(a) to  
2 control the board, and an attempt to exercise a special declarant  
3 right in violation of this subsection is void. A successor that  
4 complies with this subsection is not liable for an obligation or  
5 liability imposed by this chapter or the declaration other than  
6 liability for the successor's act or omission under RCW  
7 64.90.415(1)(a).

8 (12) This section does not subject a successor to a special  
9 declarant right to a claim against or obligation of a transferor,  
10 other than a claim or obligation imposed by this chapter or the  
11 declaration.

12 **Sec. 316.** RCW 64.90.445 and 2021 c 227 s 13 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 (1) The following requirements apply to unit owner meetings:

15 (a) A meeting of the association must be held at least once each  
16 year. Failure to hold an annual meeting does not cause a forfeiture  
17 or give cause for dissolution of the association and does not affect  
18 otherwise valid association acts.

19 (b) (i) An association must hold a special meeting of unit owners  
20 to address any matter affecting the common interest community or the  
21 association if its president, a majority of the board, or unit owners  
22 having at least ~~((twenty))~~ 20 percent, or any lower percentage  
23 specified in the organizational documents, of the votes in the  
24 association request that the secretary call the meeting.

25 (ii) If the association does not provide notice to unit owners of  
26 a special meeting within ~~((thirty))~~ 30 days after the requisite  
27 number or percentage of unit owners request the secretary to do so,  
28 the requesting members may directly provide notice to all the unit  
29 owners of the meeting. ~~((Only matters described in the meeting notice~~  
30 ~~required in (c) of this subsection may be considered at a special~~  
31 ~~meeting.))~~ The unit owners may discuss at a special meeting a matter  
32 not described in the notice under (c) of this subsection but may not  
33 take action on the matter without the consent of all unit owners.

34 (c) An association must provide notice to unit owners of the  
35 time, date, and place of each annual and special unit owners meeting  
36 not less than ~~((fourteen))~~ 14 days and not more than ~~((fifty))~~ 50  
37 days before the meeting date. Notice may be by any means described in  
38 RCW 64.90.515. The notice of any meeting must state the time, date,  
39 and place of the meeting and the items on the agenda, including:

1 (i) The text of any proposed amendment to the declaration or  
2 organizational documents;

3 (ii) Any changes in the previously approved budget that result in  
4 a change in the assessment obligations; and

5 (iii) Any proposal to remove a board member or officer.

6 ~~(d) ((The minimum time to provide notice required in (c) of this  
7 subsection may be reduced or waived for a meeting called to deal with  
8 an emergency.~~

9 ~~(e))~~ Unit owners must be given a reasonable opportunity at any  
10 meeting to comment regarding any matter affecting the common interest  
11 community or the association.

12 ~~((f) Except as otherwise restricted by the declaration or  
13 organizational documents, meetings of unit owners may be conducted by  
14 telephonic, video, or other conferencing process, if the process is  
15 consistent with subsection (2)(i) of this section.))~~

16 (e) A meeting of unit owners is not required to be held at a  
17 physical location if:

18 (i) The meeting is conducted by a means of communication that  
19 enables owners in different locations to communicate in real time to  
20 the same extent as if they were physically present in the same  
21 location, provided that such means of communication must have an  
22 option for owners to communicate by telephone; and

23 (ii) The declaration or organizational documents do not require  
24 that the owners meet at a physical location.

25 (f) In the notice for a meeting held at a physical location, the  
26 board may notify all unit owners that they may participate remotely  
27 in the meeting by a means of communication described in (e) of this  
28 subsection.

29 (2) The following requirements apply to meetings of the board and  
30 committees authorized to act for the board:

31 (a) Meetings must be open to the unit owners except during  
32 executive sessions, but the board may expel or prohibit attendance by  
33 any person who, after warning by the chair of the meeting, disrupts  
34 the meeting. The board and those committees may hold an executive  
35 session only during a regular or special meeting of the board or a  
36 committee. A final vote or action may not be taken during an  
37 executive session.

38 (b) An executive session may be held only to:

39 (i) Consult with the association's attorney concerning legal  
40 matters;



1 (ii) Discuss existing or potential litigation or mediation,  
2 arbitration, or administrative proceedings;

3 (iii) Discuss labor or personnel matters;

4 (iv) Discuss contracts, leases, and other commercial transactions  
5 to purchase or provide goods or services currently being negotiated,  
6 including the review of bids or proposals, if premature general  
7 knowledge of those matters would place the association at a  
8 disadvantage; or

9 (v) Prevent public knowledge of the matter to be discussed if the  
10 board or committee determines that public knowledge would violate the  
11 privacy of any person.

12 (c) For purposes of this subsection, a gathering of members of  
13 the board or committees at which the board or committee members do  
14 not conduct association business is not a meeting of the board or  
15 committee. Board members and committee members may not use incidental  
16 or social gatherings to evade the open meeting requirements of this  
17 subsection.

18 (d) During the period of declarant control, the board must meet  
19 at least four times a year. At least one of those meetings must be  
20 held at the common interest community or at a place convenient to the  
21 community. After the transition meeting, all board meetings must be  
22 at the common interest community or at a place convenient to the  
23 common interest community unless the unit owners amend the bylaws to  
24 vary the location of those meetings.

25 (e) At each board meeting, the board must provide a reasonable  
26 opportunity for unit owners to comment regarding matters affecting  
27 the common interest community and the association.

28 (f) Unless the meeting is included in a schedule given to the  
29 unit owners (~~(or the meeting is called to deal with an emergency)~~),  
30 the secretary or other officer specified in the organizational  
31 documents must provide notice of each board meeting to each board  
32 member and to the unit owners. The notice must be given at least  
33 (~~(fourteen)~~) 14 days before the meeting and must state the time,  
34 date, place, and agenda of the meeting.

35 (g) If any materials are distributed to the board before the  
36 meeting, the board must make copies of those materials reasonably  
37 available to the unit owners, except that the board need not make  
38 available copies of unapproved minutes or materials that are to be  
39 considered in executive session.

1 (h) Unless the organizational documents provide otherwise, fewer  
2 than all board members may participate in a regular or special  
3 meeting by or conduct a meeting through the use of any means of  
4 communication by which all board members participating can hear each  
5 other during the meeting. A board member participating in a meeting  
6 by these means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

7 (i) Unless the organizational documents provide otherwise, the  
8 board may meet by participation of all board members by telephonic,  
9 video, or other conferencing process if:

10 (i) The meeting notice states the conferencing process to be used  
11 and provides information explaining how unit owners may participate  
12 in the conference directly or by meeting at a central location or  
13 conference connection; and

14 (ii) The process provides all unit owners the opportunity to hear  
15 or perceive the discussion and to comment as provided in (e) of this  
16 subsection.

17 (j) After the transition meeting, unit owners may amend the  
18 organizational documents to vary the procedures for meetings  
19 described in (i) of this subsection.

20 (k) (~~Instead of~~) Prior to the transition meeting, without a  
21 meeting, the board may act by unanimous consent as documented in a  
22 record by all its members. Actions taken by unanimous consent must be  
23 kept as a record of the association with the meeting minutes. After  
24 the transition meeting, the board may act by unanimous consent only  
25 to undertake ministerial actions, actions subject to ratification by  
26 the unit owners, or to implement actions previously taken at a  
27 meeting of the board.

28 (l) A board member who is present at a board meeting at which any  
29 action is taken is presumed to have assented to the action taken  
30 unless the board member's dissent or abstention to such action is  
31 lodged with the person acting as the secretary of the meeting before  
32 adjournment of the meeting or provided in a record to the secretary  
33 of the association immediately after adjournment of the meeting. The  
34 right to dissent or abstain does not apply to a board member who  
35 voted in favor of such action at the meeting.

36 (m) A board member may not vote by proxy or absentee ballot.

37 (n) Even if an action by the board is not in compliance with this  
38 section, it is valid unless set aside by a court. (~~A challenge to~~  
39 ~~the validity of an action of the board for failure~~) An action  
40 seeking relief for failure of the board to comply with this section

1 may not be brought more than (~~ninety~~) 90 days after the minutes of  
2 the board of the meeting at which the action was taken are approved  
3 or the record of that action is distributed to unit owners, whichever  
4 is later.

5 (3) Minutes of all unit owner meetings and board meetings,  
6 excluding executive sessions, must be maintained in a record. The  
7 decision on each matter voted upon at a board meeting or unit owner  
8 meeting must be recorded in the minutes.

9 **Sec. 317.** RCW 64.90.455 and 2018 c 277 s 312 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 (~~Unit owners may vote at a meeting in person, by absentee~~  
12 ~~ballot pursuant to subsection (3)(d) of this section, or by a proxy~~  
13 ~~pursuant to subsection (5) of this section.)) Unit owners may vote at  
14 a meeting under subsection (2) or (3) of this section or, when a vote  
15 is conducted without a meeting, by ballot in the manner provided in  
16 subsection (4) of this section.~~

17 (~~When a vote is conducted without a meeting, unit owners may~~  
18 ~~vote by ballot pursuant to subsection (6) of this section.~~

19 ~~(3))~~ At a meeting of unit owners the following requirements  
20 apply:

21 (~~Unit owners or their proxies who are present in person))~~  
22 Unless the declaration or bylaws otherwise provide, and except as  
23 provided in subsection (9) of this section, unit owners or their  
24 proxy holders may vote by voice vote, show of hands, standing,  
25 written ballot, or any other method (~~for determining the votes of~~  
26 unit owners, as designated by the person presiding)) authorized at  
27 the meeting.

28 (~~If only one of several unit owners of a unit is present,~~  
29 ~~that unit owner is entitled to cast all the votes allocated to that~~  
30 ~~unit. If more than one of the unit owners are present, the votes~~  
31 ~~allocated to that unit may be cast only in accordance with the~~  
32 ~~agreement of a majority in interest of the unit owners, unless the~~  
33 ~~declaration expressly provides otherwise. There is a majority~~  
34 ~~agreement if any one of the unit owners casts the votes allocated to~~  
35 ~~the unit without protest being made promptly to the person presiding~~  
36 ~~over the meeting by any of the other unit owners of the unit.)) If  
37 unit owners attend the meeting by a means of communication under RCW  
38 64.90.445(1) (e) or (f), the association shall implement reasonable~~

1 measures to verify the identity of each unit owner attending  
2 remotely.

3 ~~(c) ((Unless a greater number or fraction of the votes in the~~  
4 ~~association is required under this chapter or the declaration or~~  
5 ~~organizational documents, a majority of the votes cast determines the~~  
6 ~~outcome of any action of the association.~~

7 ~~(d))~~ Whenever proposals or board members are to be voted upon at  
8 a meeting, a unit owner may vote by duly executed absentee ballot if:

9 (i) The name of each candidate and the text of each proposal to  
10 be voted upon are set forth in a writing accompanying or contained in  
11 the notice of meeting; and

12 (ii) A ballot is provided by the association for such purpose.

13 ~~((4))~~ (d) When a unit owner votes by absentee ballot under (c)  
14 of this subsection, the association must be able to verify that the  
15 ballot is cast by the unit owner having the right to do so.

16 ~~((5) Except as provided otherwise in))~~ (3) Unless the  
17 declaration or organizational documents otherwise provide, unit  
18 owners may vote by proxy subject to the following requirements  
19 ((apply with respect to proxy voting)):

20 (a) Votes allocated to a unit may be cast pursuant to a directed  
21 or undirected proxy duly executed by a unit owner in the same manner  
22 as provided in RCW 24.06.110.

23 ~~(b) ((If a unit is owned by more than one person, each unit owner~~  
24 ~~of the unit may vote or register protest to the casting of votes by~~  
25 ~~the other unit owners of the unit through a duly executed proxy.))~~  
26 When a unit owner votes by proxy, the association shall implement  
27 reasonable measures to verify the identity of the unit owner and the  
28 proxy holder.

29 (c) A unit owner may revoke a proxy given pursuant to this  
30 section only by actual notice of revocation to the secretary or the  
31 person presiding over a meeting of the association or by delivery of  
32 a subsequent proxy. The death or disability of a unit owner does not  
33 revoke a proxy given by the unit owner unless the person presiding  
34 over the meeting has actual notice of the death or disability.

35 (d) A proxy is void if it is not dated or purports to be  
36 revocable without notice.

37 (e) Unless stated otherwise in the proxy, a proxy terminates  
38 ~~((eleven))~~ 11 months after its date of issuance.

39 ~~((6))~~ (4) Unless ~~((prohibited or limited by))~~ the declaration  
40 or organizational documents otherwise provide, an association may

1 conduct a vote without a meeting. (~~In that event, the~~) The  
2 following requirements apply:

3 (a) The association must notify the unit owners that the vote  
4 will be taken by ballot without a meeting.

5 (b) The notice under (a) of this subsection must state:

6 (i) The time and date by which a ballot must be delivered to the  
7 association to be counted, which may not be fewer than (~~fourteen~~)  
8 14 days after the date of the notice, and which deadline may be  
9 extended in accordance with (g) of this subsection;

10 (ii) (~~The percent of votes necessary to meet the quorum~~  
11 ~~requirements;~~

12 ~~(iii))~~) The percent of votes necessary to approve each matter  
13 other than election of board members; and

14 (~~(iv))~~) (iii) The time, date, and manner by which unit owners  
15 wishing to deliver information to all unit owners regarding the  
16 subject of the vote may do so.

17 (c) The association must deliver (~~a ballot to every unit owner~~)  
18 with the notice under (a) of this subsection:

19 (i) Instructions for casting a ballot;

20 (ii) A ballot in a tangible medium to every unit owner except a  
21 unit owner that has consented in a record to electronic voting; and

22 (iii) If the association allows electronic voting, instructions  
23 for electronic voting.

24 (d) The ballot must set forth each proposed action and provide an  
25 opportunity to vote for or against the action.

26 (e) A unit owner may revoke a ballot cast pursuant to this  
27 section (~~may be revoked~~) before the date and time under (b) of this  
28 subsection by which the ballot must be delivered to the association  
29 only by actual notice to the association of revocation. The death or  
30 disability of a unit owner does not revoke a ballot unless the  
31 association has actual notice of the death or disability prior to the  
32 date set forth in (b)(i) of this subsection.

33 (f) Approval by ballot pursuant to this subsection is valid only  
34 if the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum  
35 required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action.

36 (g) If the association does not receive a sufficient number of  
37 votes to constitute a quorum or to approve the proposal by the date  
38 and time established for return of ballots, the board may extend the  
39 deadline for a reasonable period not to exceed (~~eleven~~) 11 months  
40 upon further notice to all members in accordance with (b) of this

1 subsection. In that event, all votes previously cast on the proposal  
2 must be counted unless subsequently revoked as provided in this  
3 section.

4 (h) A ballot or revocation is not effective until received by the  
5 association.

6 (i) The association must give notice to unit owners of any action  
7 taken pursuant to this subsection within a reasonable time after the  
8 action is taken.

9 (j) When an action is taken pursuant to this subsection, a record  
10 of the action, including the ballots or a report of the persons  
11 appointed to tabulate such ballots, must be kept with the minutes of  
12 meetings of the association.

13 ~~((7))~~ (k) The association shall implement reasonable measures  
14 to verify that each ballot in a tangible medium and electronic ballot  
15 is cast by the unit owner having a right to do so.

16 (l) A unit owner consents to electronic voting by delivering to  
17 the association a record indicating such consent or by casting an  
18 electronic ballot.

19 (m) An association that allows electronic ballots shall create a  
20 record of electronic votes capable of retention, retrieval, and  
21 review.

22 (5) If the governing documents require that votes on specified  
23 matters affecting the common interest community be cast by lessees  
24 rather than unit owners of leased units:

25 (a) This section applies to lessees as if they were unit owners;

26 (b) Unit owners that have leased their units to other persons may  
27 not cast votes on those specified matters; and

28 (c) Lessees are entitled to notice of meetings, access to  
29 records, and other rights respecting those matters as if they were  
30 unit owners.

31 ~~((8))~~ (6) Unit owners must also be given notice~~(, in the~~  
32 ~~manner provided in RCW 64.90.515,)~~ of all meetings at which lessees  
33 may be entitled to vote.

34 ~~((9))~~ (7) In any vote of the unit owners, votes allocated to a  
35 unit owned by the association must be cast in the same proportion as  
36 the votes cast on the matter by unit owners other than the  
37 association.

38 (8) (a) Unless a different number or fraction of the votes in an  
39 association is required by this chapter or the declaration, a

1 majority of the votes cast determines the outcome of a vote taken at  
2 a meeting or without a meeting.

3 (b) If a unit is owned by more than one person and:

4 (i) Only one owner casts a vote, that vote must be counted as  
5 casting all votes allocated to the unit by the declaration; and

6 (ii) More than one owner casts a vote for the unit, no vote from  
7 any owner of the unit may be counted unless the declaration provides  
8 a manner for allocating votes cast by multiple owners of a unit.

9 (9) Notwithstanding any other law or provision of the governing  
10 documents, the following votes of unit owners shall be conducted by  
11 secret ballot: (a) Election of board members; (b) removal of board  
12 members or officers; (c) amendments to the declaration or governing  
13 documents; or (d) unit owner approval of an amendment to the  
14 declaration for the reallocation of a common element as a limited  
15 common element for the exclusive use of an owner's unit pursuant to  
16 RCW 64.90.240.

17 **Sec. 318.** RCW 64.90.485 and 2023 c 214 s 7 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 (1) The association has a statutory lien on each unit for any  
20 unpaid assessment against the unit from the time such assessment is  
21 due.

22 (2) A lien under this section has priority over all other liens  
23 and encumbrances on a unit except:

24 (a) Liens and encumbrances recorded before the recordation of the  
25 declaration and, in a cooperative, liens and encumbrances that the  
26 association creates, assumes, or takes subject to;

27 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this  
28 section, a security interest on the unit recorded before the date on  
29 which the unpaid assessment became due or, in a cooperative, a  
30 security interest encumbering only the unit owner's interest and  
31 perfected before the date on which the unpaid assessment became due;  
32 and

33 (c) Liens for real estate taxes and other state or local  
34 governmental assessments or charges against the unit or cooperative.

35 (3)(a) A lien under this section also has priority over the  
36 security interests described in subsection (2)(b) of this section to  
37 the extent of an amount equal to the following:

38 (i) The common expense assessments, excluding any amounts for  
39 capital improvements, based on the periodic budget adopted by the

1 association pursuant to RCW 64.90.480(1), along with any specially  
2 allocated assessments that are properly assessable against the unit  
3 under such periodic budget, which would have become due in the  
4 absence of acceleration during the six months immediately preceding  
5 the institution of proceedings to foreclose either the association's  
6 lien or a security interest described in subsection (2)(b) of this  
7 section;

8 (ii) The association's actual costs and reasonable attorneys'  
9 fees incurred in foreclosing its lien but incurred after the giving  
10 of the notice described in (a)(iii) of this subsection; provided,  
11 however, that the costs and reasonable attorneys' fees that will have  
12 priority under this subsection (3)(a)(ii) shall not exceed \$2,000 or  
13 an amount equal to the amounts described in (a)(i) of this  
14 subsection, whichever is less;

15 (iii) The amounts described in (a)(ii) of this subsection shall  
16 be prior only to the security interest of the holder of a security  
17 interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the unpaid  
18 assessment became due and only if the association has given that  
19 holder not less than 60 days' prior written notice that the owner of  
20 the unit is in default in payment of an assessment. The notice shall  
21 contain:

- 22 (A) Name of the borrower;
- 23 (B) Recording date of the trust deed or mortgage;
- 24 (C) Recording information;
- 25 (D) Name of condominium, unit owner, and unit designation stated  
26 in the declaration or applicable supplemental declaration;
- 27 (E) Amount of unpaid assessment; and
- 28 (F) A statement that failure to, within 60 days of the written  
29 notice, submit the association payment of six months of assessments  
30 as described in (a)(i) of this subsection will result in the priority  
31 of the amounts described in (a)(ii) of this subsection; and

32 (iv) Upon payment of the amounts described in (a)(i) and (ii) of  
33 this subsection by the holder of a security interest, the  
34 association's lien described in this subsection (3)(a) shall  
35 thereafter be fully subordinated to the lien of such holder's  
36 security interest on the unit.

37 (b) For the purposes of this subsection:

38 (i) "Institution of proceedings" means either:

- 39 (A) The date of recording of a notice of trustee's sale by a deed  
40 of trust beneficiary;



1 (B) The date of commencement, pursuant to applicable court rules,  
2 of an action for judicial foreclosure either by the association or by  
3 the holder of a recorded security interest; or

4 (C) The date of recording of a notice of intention to forfeit in  
5 a real estate contract forfeiture proceeding by the vendor under a  
6 real estate contract.

7 (ii) "Capital improvements" does not include making, in the  
8 ordinary course of management, repairs to common elements or  
9 replacements of the common elements with substantially similar items,  
10 subject to: (A) Availability of materials and products, (B)  
11 prevailing law, or (C) sound engineering and construction standards  
12 then prevailing.

13 (c) The adoption of a periodic budget that purports to allocate  
14 to a unit any fines, late charges, interest, attorneys' fees and  
15 costs incurred for services unrelated to the foreclosure of the  
16 association's lien, other collection charges, or specially allocated  
17 assessments assessed under RCW 64.90.480 (6) or (7) does not cause  
18 any such items to be included in the priority amount affecting such  
19 unit.

20 (4) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not affect the  
21 priority of mechanics' or material suppliers' liens to the extent  
22 that law of this state other than chapter 277, Laws of 2018 gives  
23 priority to such liens, or the priority of liens for other  
24 assessments made by the association.

25 (5) A lien under this section is not subject to chapter 6.13 RCW.

26 (6) If the association forecloses its lien under this section  
27 nonjudicially pursuant to chapter 61.24 RCW, as provided under  
28 subsection (13) of this section, the association is not entitled to  
29 the lien priority provided for under subsection (3) of this section,  
30 and is subject to the limitations on deficiency judgments as provided  
31 in chapter 61.24 RCW.

32 (7) Unless the declaration provides otherwise, if two or more  
33 associations have liens for assessments created at any time on the  
34 same property, those liens have equal priority as to each other, and  
35 any foreclosure of one such lien shall not affect the lien of the  
36 other.

37 (8) Recording of the declaration constitutes record notice and  
38 perfection of the statutory lien created under this section. Further  
39 notice or recordation of any claim of lien for assessment under this  
40 section is not required, but is not prohibited.

1 (9) A lien for unpaid assessments and the personal liability for  
2 payment of those assessments are extinguished unless proceedings to  
3 enforce the lien or collect the debt are instituted within six years  
4 after the full amount of the assessments sought to be recovered  
5 becomes due.

6 (10) This section does not prohibit actions against unit owners  
7 to recover sums for which subsection (1) of this section creates a  
8 lien or prohibit an association from taking a deed in lieu of  
9 foreclosure.

10 (11) The association upon written request must furnish to a unit  
11 owner or a mortgagee a statement signed by an officer or authorized  
12 agent of the association setting forth the amount of unpaid  
13 assessments or the priority amount against that unit, or both. The  
14 statement must be furnished within 15 days after receipt of the  
15 request and is binding on the association, the board, and every unit  
16 owner unless, and to the extent, known by the recipient to be false.  
17 The liability of a recipient who reasonably relies upon the statement  
18 must not exceed the amount set forth in any statement furnished  
19 pursuant to this section or RCW 64.90.640(1)(b).

20 (12) In a cooperative, upon nonpayment of an assessment on a  
21 unit, the unit owner may be evicted in the same manner as provided by  
22 law in the case of an unlawful holdover by a commercial tenant, and  
23 the lien may be foreclosed as provided under this section.

24 (13) The association's lien may be foreclosed in accordance with  
25 (a) and (b) of this subsection.

26 (a) In a common interest community other than a cooperative, the  
27 association's lien may be foreclosed judicially in accordance with  
28 chapter 61.12 RCW, subject to any rights of redemption under chapter  
29 6.23 RCW.

30 (b) The lien may be enforced nonjudicially in the manner set  
31 forth in chapter 61.24 RCW for nonjudicial foreclosure of deeds of  
32 trust if the declaration: Contains a grant of the common interest  
33 community in trust to a trustee qualified under RCW 61.24.010 to  
34 secure the obligations of the unit owners to the association for the  
35 payment of assessments, contains a power of sale, provides in its  
36 terms that the units are not used principally for agricultural  
37 purposes, and provides that the power of sale is operative in the  
38 case of a default in the obligation to pay assessments. The  
39 association or its authorized representative may purchase the unit at  
40 the foreclosure sale and acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, or convey

1 the unit. Upon an express waiver in the complaint of any right to a  
2 deficiency judgment in a judicial foreclosure action, the period of  
3 redemption is eight months.

4 (c) In a cooperative in which the unit owners' interests in the  
5 units are real estate, the association's lien must be foreclosed in  
6 like manner as a mortgage on real estate or by power of sale under  
7 (b) of this subsection.

8 (d) In a cooperative in which the unit owners' interests in the  
9 units are personal property, the association's lien must be  
10 foreclosed in like manner as a security interest under chapter 62A.9A  
11 RCW.

12 (e) No member of the association's board, or their immediate  
13 family members or affiliates, are eligible to bid for or purchase,  
14 directly or indirectly, any interest in a unit at a foreclosure of  
15 the association's lien. For the purposes of this subsection,  
16 "immediate family member" includes spouses, domestic partners,  
17 children, siblings, parents, parents-in-law, and stepfamily members;  
18 and "affiliate" of a board member includes any person controlled by  
19 the board member, including any entity in which the board member is a  
20 general partner, managing member, majority member, officer, or  
21 director. Nothing in this subsection prohibits an association from  
22 bidding for or purchasing interest in a unit at a foreclosure of the  
23 association's lien.

24 (14) If the unit owner's interest in a unit in a cooperative is  
25 real estate, the following requirements apply:

26 (a) The association, upon nonpayment of assessments and  
27 compliance with this subsection, may sell that unit at a public sale  
28 or by private negotiation, and at any time and place. The association  
29 must give to the unit owner and any lessee of the unit owner  
30 reasonable notice in a record of the time, date, and place of any  
31 public sale or, if a private sale is intended, of the intention of  
32 entering into a contract to sell and of the time and date after which  
33 a private conveyance may be made. Such notice must also be sent to  
34 any other person that has a recorded interest in the unit that would  
35 be cut off by the sale, but only if the recorded interest was on  
36 record seven weeks before the date specified in the notice as the  
37 date of any public sale or seven weeks before the date specified in  
38 the notice as the date after which a private sale may be made. The  
39 notices required under this subsection may be sent to any address  
40 reasonable in the circumstances. A sale may not be held until five

1 weeks after the sending of the notice. The association may buy at any  
2 public sale and, if the sale is conducted by a fiduciary or other  
3 person not related to the association, at a private sale.

4 (b) Unless otherwise agreed to or as stated in this section, the  
5 unit owner is liable for any deficiency in a foreclosure sale.

6 (c) The proceeds of a foreclosure sale must be applied in the  
7 following order:

8 (i) The reasonable expenses of sale;

9 (ii) The reasonable expenses of securing possession before sale;  
10 the reasonable expenses of holding, maintaining, and preparing the  
11 unit for sale, including payment of taxes and other governmental  
12 charges and premiums on insurance; and, to the extent provided for by  
13 agreement between the association and the unit owner, reasonable  
14 attorneys' fees, costs, and other legal expenses incurred by the  
15 association;

16 (iii) Satisfaction of the association's lien;

17 (iv) Satisfaction in the order of priority of any subordinate  
18 claim of record; and

19 (v) Remittance of any excess to the unit owner.

20 (d) A good-faith purchaser for value acquires the unit free of  
21 the association's debt that gave rise to the lien under which the  
22 foreclosure sale occurred and any subordinate interest, even though  
23 the association or other person conducting the sale failed to comply  
24 with this section. The person conducting the sale must execute a  
25 conveyance to the purchaser sufficient to convey the unit and stating  
26 that it is executed by the person after a foreclosure of the  
27 association's lien by power of sale and that the person was empowered  
28 to make the sale. Signature and title or authority of the person  
29 signing the conveyance as grantor and a recital of the facts of  
30 nonpayment of the assessment and of the giving of the notices  
31 required under this subsection are sufficient proof of the facts  
32 recited and of the authority to sign. Further proof of authority is  
33 not required even though the association is named as grantee in the  
34 conveyance.

35 (e) At any time before the association has conveyed a unit in a  
36 cooperative or entered into a contract for its conveyance under the  
37 power of sale, the unit owners or the holder of any subordinate  
38 security interest may cure the unit owner's default and prevent sale  
39 or other conveyance by tendering the performance due under the  
40 security agreement, including any amounts due because of exercise of

1 a right to accelerate, plus the reasonable expenses of proceeding to  
2 foreclosure incurred to the time of tender, including reasonable  
3 attorneys' fees and costs of the creditor.

4 (15) In an action by an association to collect assessments or to  
5 foreclose a lien on a unit under this section, the court may appoint  
6 a receiver to collect all sums alleged to be due and owing to a unit  
7 owner before commencement or during pendency of the action. The  
8 receivership is governed under chapter 7.60 RCW. During pendency of  
9 the action, the court may order the receiver to pay sums held by the  
10 receiver to the association for any assessments against the unit. The  
11 exercise of rights under this subsection by the association does not  
12 affect the priority of preexisting liens on the unit.

13 (16) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the  
14 holder of a mortgage or other purchaser of a unit who obtains the  
15 right of possession of the unit through foreclosure is not liable for  
16 assessments or installments of assessments that became due prior to  
17 such right of possession. Such unpaid assessments are deemed to be  
18 common expenses collectible from all the unit owners, including such  
19 mortgagee or other purchaser of the unit. Foreclosure of a mortgage  
20 does not relieve the prior unit owner of personal liability for  
21 assessments accruing against the unit prior to the date of such sale  
22 as provided in this subsection.

23 (17) In addition to constituting a lien on the unit, each  
24 assessment is the joint and several obligation of the unit owner of  
25 the unit to which the same are assessed as of the time the assessment  
26 is due. A unit owner may not exempt himself or herself from liability  
27 for assessments. In a voluntary conveyance other than by foreclosure,  
28 the grantee of a unit is jointly and severally liable with the  
29 grantor for all unpaid assessments against the grantor up to the time  
30 of the grantor's conveyance, without prejudice to the grantee's right  
31 to recover from the grantor the amounts paid by the grantee. Suit to  
32 recover a personal judgment for any delinquent assessment is  
33 maintainable in any court of competent jurisdiction without  
34 foreclosing or waiving the lien securing such sums.

35 (18) The association may from time to time establish reasonable  
36 late charges and a rate of interest to be charged, not to exceed the  
37 maximum rate calculated under RCW 19.52.020, on all subsequent  
38 delinquent assessments or installments of assessments. If the  
39 association does not establish such a rate, delinquent assessments  
40 bear interest from the date of delinquency at the maximum rate

1 calculated under RCW 19.52.020 on the date on which the assessments  
2 became delinquent.

3 (19) The association is entitled to recover any costs and  
4 reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection  
5 of delinquent assessments, whether or not such collection activities  
6 result in a suit being commenced or prosecuted to judgment. The  
7 prevailing party is also entitled to recover costs and reasonable  
8 attorneys' fees in such suits, including any appeals, if it prevails  
9 on appeal and in the enforcement of a judgment.

10 (20) To the extent not inconsistent with this section, the  
11 declaration may provide for such additional remedies for collection  
12 of assessments as may be permitted by law.

13 (21)(a) When the association mails to the unit owner by first-  
14 class mail the first notice of delinquency for past due assessments  
15 to the unit address and to any other address that the owner has  
16 provided to the association, the association shall include a first  
17 preforeclosure notice that states as follows:

18 **THIS IS A NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY FOR PAST DUE ASSESSMENTS**  
19 **FROM THE UNIT OWNERS ASSOCIATION TO WHICH YOUR HOME BELONGS.**  
20 **THIS NOTICE IS ONE STEP IN A PROCESS THAT COULD RESULT IN YOUR LOSING**  
21 **YOUR HOME.**  
22 **CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW**  
23 to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you might  
24 benefit. **DO NOT DELAY.**  
25 **BE CAREFUL** of people who claim they can help you. There are many  
26 individuals and businesses that prey upon borrowers in distress.  
27 **REFER TO THE CONTACTS BELOW** for sources of assistance.

28 **SEEKING ASSISTANCE**

29 Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at  
30 little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining  
31 your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the  
32 following:

33 The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to  
34 housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission

35 Telephone: . . . . . Website: . . . . .

36 The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

37 Telephone: . . . . . Website: . . . . .

38 The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and  
39 referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys

1 Telephone: . . . . . Website: . . . . .

2 The association shall obtain the toll-free numbers and website  
3 information from the department of commerce for inclusion in the  
4 notice.

5 (b) If, when a delinquent account is referred to an association's  
6 attorney, the first preforeclosure notice required under (a) of this  
7 subsection has not yet been mailed to the unit owner, the association  
8 or the association's attorney shall mail the first preforeclosure  
9 notice to the unit owner in order to satisfy the requirement in (a)  
10 of this subsection.

11 (c) Mailing the first preforeclosure notice pursuant to (a) of  
12 this subsection does not satisfy the requirement in subsection  
13 (22)(b) of this section to mail a second preforeclosure notice at or  
14 after the date that assessments have become past due for at least 90  
15 days. The second preforeclosure notice may not be mailed sooner than  
16 60 days after the first preforeclosure notice is mailed.

17 (22) An association may not commence an action to foreclose a  
18 lien on a unit under this section unless:

19 (a) The unit owner, at the time the action is commenced, owes at  
20 least a sum equal to the greater of:

21 (i) Three months or more of assessments, not including fines,  
22 late charges, interest, attorneys' fees, or costs incurred by the  
23 association in connection with the collection of a delinquent owner's  
24 account; or

25 (ii) \$2,000 of assessments, not including fines, late charges,  
26 interest, attorneys' fees, or costs incurred by the association in  
27 connection with the collection of a delinquent owner's account;

28 (b) At or after the date that assessments have become past due  
29 for at least 90 days, but no sooner than 60 days after the first  
30 preforeclosure notice required in subsection (21)(a) of this section  
31 is mailed, the association has mailed, by first-class mail, to the  
32 owner, at the unit address and to any other address which the owner  
33 has provided to the association, a second notice of delinquency,  
34 which must include a second preforeclosure notice that contains the  
35 same information as the first preforeclosure notice provided to the  
36 owner pursuant to subsection (21)(a) of this section. The second  
37 preforeclosure notice may not be mailed sooner than 60 days after the  
38 first preforeclosure notice required in subsection (21)(a) of this  
39 section is mailed;

1 (c) At least 180 days have elapsed from the date the minimum  
2 amount required in (a) of this subsection has accrued; and

3 (d) The board approves commencement of a foreclosure action  
4 specifically against that unit.

5 (23) Every aspect of a collection, foreclosure, sale, or other  
6 conveyance under this section, including the method, advertising,  
7 time, date, place, and terms, must be commercially reasonable.

8 **Sec. 319.** RCW 64.90.485 and 2023 c 214 s 8 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (1) The association has a statutory lien on each unit for any  
11 unpaid assessment against the unit from the time such assessment is  
12 due.

13 (2) A lien under this section has priority over all other liens  
14 and encumbrances on a unit except:

15 (a) Liens and encumbrances recorded before the recordation of the  
16 declaration and, in a cooperative, liens and encumbrances that the  
17 association creates, assumes, or takes subject to;

18 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this  
19 section, a security interest on the unit recorded before the date on  
20 which the unpaid assessment became due or, in a cooperative, a  
21 security interest encumbering only the unit owner's interest and  
22 perfected before the date on which the unpaid assessment became due;  
23 and

24 (c) Liens for real estate taxes and other state or local  
25 governmental assessments or charges against the unit or cooperative.

26 (3)(a) A lien under this section also has priority over the  
27 security interests described in subsection (2)(b) of this section to  
28 the extent of an amount equal to the following:

29 (i) The common expense assessments, excluding any amounts for  
30 capital improvements, based on the periodic budget adopted by the  
31 association pursuant to RCW 64.90.480(1), along with any specially  
32 allocated assessments that are properly assessable against the unit  
33 under such periodic budget, which would have become due in the  
34 absence of acceleration during the six months immediately preceding  
35 the institution of proceedings to foreclose either the association's  
36 lien or a security interest described in subsection (2)(b) of this  
37 section;

38 (ii) The association's actual costs and reasonable attorneys'  
39 fees incurred in foreclosing its lien but incurred after the giving



1 of the notice described in (a)(iii) of this subsection; provided,  
2 however, that the costs and reasonable attorneys' fees that will have  
3 priority under this subsection (3)(a)(ii) shall not exceed \$2,000 or  
4 an amount equal to the amounts described in (a)(i) of this  
5 subsection, whichever is less;

6 (iii) The amounts described in (a)(ii) of this subsection shall  
7 be prior only to the security interest of the holder of a security  
8 interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the unpaid  
9 assessment became due and only if the association has given that  
10 holder not less than 60 days' prior written notice that the owner of  
11 the unit is in default in payment of an assessment. The notice shall  
12 contain:

- 13 (A) Name of the borrower;
- 14 (B) Recording date of the trust deed or mortgage;
- 15 (C) Recording information;
- 16 (D) Name of condominium, unit owner, and unit designation stated  
17 in the declaration or applicable supplemental declaration;
- 18 (E) Amount of unpaid assessment; and
- 19 (F) A statement that failure to, within 60 days of the written  
20 notice, submit the association payment of six months of assessments  
21 as described in (a)(i) of this subsection will result in the priority  
22 of the amounts described in (a)(ii) of this subsection; and

23 (iv) Upon payment of the amounts described in (a)(i) and (ii) of  
24 this subsection by the holder of a security interest, the  
25 association's lien described in this subsection (3)(a) shall  
26 thereafter be fully subordinated to the lien of such holder's  
27 security interest on the unit.

28 (b) For the purposes of this subsection:

- 29 (i) "Institution of proceedings" means either:
  - 30 (A) The date of recording of a notice of trustee's sale by a deed  
31 of trust beneficiary;
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33 of an action for judicial foreclosure either by the association or by  
34 the holder of a recorded security interest; or
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36 a real estate contract forfeiture proceeding by the vendor under a  
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7 association's lien, other collection charges, or specially allocated  
8 assessments assessed under RCW 64.90.480 (6) or (7) does not cause  
9 any such items to be included in the priority amount affecting such  
10 unit.

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12 priority of mechanics' or material suppliers' liens to the extent  
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15 assessments made by the association.

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18 nonjudicially pursuant to chapter 61.24 RCW, as provided under  
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20 the lien priority provided for under subsection (3) of this section,  
21 and is subject to the limitations on deficiency judgments as provided  
22 in chapter 61.24 RCW.

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24 associations have liens for assessments created at any time on the  
25 same property, those liens have equal priority as to each other, and  
26 any foreclosure of one such lien shall not affect the lien of the  
27 other.

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29 perfection of the statutory lien created under this section. Further  
30 notice or recordation of any claim of lien for assessment under this  
31 section is not required, but is not prohibited.

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33 payment of those assessments are extinguished unless proceedings to  
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8 The liability of a recipient who reasonably relies upon the statement  
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12 unit, the unit owner may be evicted in the same manner as provided by  
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18 association's lien may be foreclosed judicially in accordance with  
19 chapter 61.12 RCW, subject to any rights of redemption under chapter  
20 6.23 RCW.

21 (b) The lien may be enforced nonjudicially in the manner set  
22 forth in chapter 61.24 RCW for nonjudicial foreclosure of deeds of  
23 trust if the declaration: Contains a grant of the common interest  
24 community in trust to a trustee qualified under RCW 61.24.010 to  
25 secure the obligations of the unit owners to the association for the  
26 payment of assessments, contains a power of sale, provides in its  
27 terms that the units are not used principally for agricultural  
28 purposes, and provides that the power of sale is operative in the  
29 case of a default in the obligation to pay assessments. The  
30 association or its authorized representative may purchase the unit at  
31 the foreclosure sale and acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, or convey  
32 the unit. Upon an express waiver in the complaint of any right to a  
33 deficiency judgment in a judicial foreclosure action, the period of  
34 redemption is eight months.

35 (c) In a cooperative in which the unit owners' interests in the  
36 units are real estate, the association's lien must be foreclosed in  
37 like manner as a mortgage on real estate or by power of sale under  
38 (b) of this subsection.

39 (d) In a cooperative in which the unit owners' interests in the  
40 units are personal property, the association's lien must be

1 foreclosed in like manner as a security interest under chapter 62A.9A  
2 RCW.

3 (e) No member of the association's board, or their immediate  
4 family members or affiliates, are eligible to bid for or purchase,  
5 directly or indirectly, any interest in a unit at a foreclosure of  
6 the association's lien. For the purposes of this subsection,  
7 "immediate family member" includes spouses, domestic partners,  
8 children, siblings, parents, parents-in-law, and stepfamily members;  
9 and "affiliate" of a board member includes any person controlled by  
10 the board member, including any entity in which the board member is a  
11 general partner, managing member, majority member, officer, or  
12 director. Nothing in this subsection prohibits an association from  
13 bidding for or purchasing interest in a unit at a foreclosure of the  
14 association's lien.

15 (14) If the unit owner's interest in a unit in a cooperative is  
16 real estate, the following requirements apply:

17 (a) The association, upon nonpayment of assessments and  
18 compliance with this subsection, may sell that unit at a public sale  
19 or by private negotiation, and at any time and place. The association  
20 must give to the unit owner and any lessee of the unit owner  
21 reasonable notice in a record of the time, date, and place of any  
22 public sale or, if a private sale is intended, of the intention of  
23 entering into a contract to sell and of the time and date after which  
24 a private conveyance may be made. Such notice must also be sent to  
25 any other person that has a recorded interest in the unit that would  
26 be cut off by the sale, but only if the recorded interest was on  
27 record seven weeks before the date specified in the notice as the  
28 date of any public sale or seven weeks before the date specified in  
29 the notice as the date after which a private sale may be made. The  
30 notices required under this subsection may be sent to any address  
31 reasonable in the circumstances. A sale may not be held until five  
32 weeks after the sending of the notice. The association may buy at any  
33 public sale and, if the sale is conducted by a fiduciary or other  
34 person not related to the association, at a private sale.

35 (b) Unless otherwise agreed to or as stated in this section, the  
36 unit owner is liable for any deficiency in a foreclosure sale.

37 (c) The proceeds of a foreclosure sale must be applied in the  
38 following order:

39 (i) The reasonable expenses of sale;

1 (ii) The reasonable expenses of securing possession before sale;  
2 the reasonable expenses of holding, maintaining, and preparing the  
3 unit for sale, including payment of taxes and other governmental  
4 charges and premiums on insurance; and, to the extent provided for by  
5 agreement between the association and the unit owner, reasonable  
6 attorneys' fees, costs, and other legal expenses incurred by the  
7 association;

8 (iii) Satisfaction of the association's lien;

9 (iv) Satisfaction in the order of priority of any subordinate  
10 claim of record; and

11 (v) Remittance of any excess to the unit owner.

12 (d) A good-faith purchaser for value acquires the unit free of  
13 the association's debt that gave rise to the lien under which the  
14 foreclosure sale occurred and any subordinate interest, even though  
15 the association or other person conducting the sale failed to comply  
16 with this section. The person conducting the sale must execute a  
17 conveyance to the purchaser sufficient to convey the unit and stating  
18 that it is executed by the person after a foreclosure of the  
19 association's lien by power of sale and that the person was empowered  
20 to make the sale. Signature and title or authority of the person  
21 signing the conveyance as grantor and a recital of the facts of  
22 nonpayment of the assessment and of the giving of the notices  
23 required under this subsection are sufficient proof of the facts  
24 recited and of the authority to sign. Further proof of authority is  
25 not required even though the association is named as grantee in the  
26 conveyance.

27 (e) At any time before the association has conveyed a unit in a  
28 cooperative or entered into a contract for its conveyance under the  
29 power of sale, the unit owners or the holder of any subordinate  
30 security interest may cure the unit owner's default and prevent sale  
31 or other conveyance by tendering the performance due under the  
32 security agreement, including any amounts due because of exercise of  
33 a right to accelerate, plus the reasonable expenses of proceeding to  
34 foreclosure incurred to the time of tender, including reasonable  
35 attorneys' fees and costs of the creditor.

36 (15) In an action by an association to collect assessments or to  
37 foreclose a lien on a unit under this section, the court may appoint  
38 a receiver to collect all sums alleged to be due and owing to a unit  
39 owner before commencement or during pendency of the action. The  
40 receivership is governed under chapter 7.60 RCW. During pendency of

1 the action, the court may order the receiver to pay sums held by the  
2 receiver to the association for any assessments against the unit. The  
3 exercise of rights under this subsection by the association does not  
4 affect the priority of preexisting liens on the unit.

5 (16) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the  
6 holder of a mortgage or other purchaser of a unit who obtains the  
7 right of possession of the unit through foreclosure is not liable for  
8 assessments or installments of assessments that became due prior to  
9 such right of possession. Such unpaid assessments are deemed to be  
10 common expenses collectible from all the unit owners, including such  
11 mortgagee or other purchaser of the unit. Foreclosure of a mortgage  
12 does not relieve the prior unit owner of personal liability for  
13 assessments accruing against the unit prior to the date of such sale  
14 as provided in this subsection.

15 (17) In addition to constituting a lien on the unit, each  
16 assessment is the joint and several obligation of the unit owner of  
17 the unit to which the same are assessed as of the time the assessment  
18 is due. A unit owner may not exempt himself or herself from liability  
19 for assessments. In a voluntary conveyance other than by foreclosure,  
20 the grantee of a unit is jointly and severally liable with the  
21 grantor for all unpaid assessments against the grantor up to the time  
22 of the grantor's conveyance, without prejudice to the grantee's right  
23 to recover from the grantor the amounts paid by the grantee. Suit to  
24 recover a personal judgment for any delinquent assessment is  
25 maintainable in any court of competent jurisdiction without  
26 foreclosing or waiving the lien securing such sums.

27 (18) The association may from time to time establish reasonable  
28 late charges and a rate of interest to be charged, not to exceed the  
29 maximum rate calculated under RCW 19.52.020, on all subsequent  
30 delinquent assessments or installments of assessments. If the  
31 association does not establish such a rate, delinquent assessments  
32 bear interest from the date of delinquency at the maximum rate  
33 calculated under RCW 19.52.020 on the date on which the assessments  
34 became delinquent.

35 (19) The association is entitled to recover any costs and  
36 reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection  
37 of delinquent assessments, whether or not such collection activities  
38 result in a suit being commenced or prosecuted to judgment. The  
39 prevailing party is also entitled to recover costs and reasonable

1 attorneys' fees in such suits, including any appeals, if it prevails  
2 on appeal and in the enforcement of a judgment.

3 (20) To the extent not inconsistent with this section, the  
4 declaration may provide for such additional remedies for collection  
5 of assessments as may be permitted by law.

6 (21)(a) When the association mails to the unit owner by first-  
7 class mail the first notice of delinquency for past due assessments  
8 to the unit address and to any other address that the owner has  
9 provided to the association, the association shall include a first  
10 preforeclosure notice that states as follows:

11 **THIS IS A NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY FOR PAST DUE ASSESSMENTS**  
12 **FROM THE UNIT OWNERS ASSOCIATION TO WHICH YOUR HOME BELONGS.**  
13 **THIS NOTICE IS ONE STEP IN A PROCESS THAT COULD RESULT IN YOUR LOSING**  
14 **YOUR HOME.**  
15 **CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW**  
16 to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you might  
17 benefit. **DO NOT DELAY.**  
18 **BE CAREFUL** of people who claim they can help you. There are many  
19 individuals and businesses that prey upon borrowers in distress.  
20 **REFER TO THE CONTACTS BELOW** for sources of assistance.

21 **SEEKING ASSISTANCE**

22 Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at  
23 little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining  
24 your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the  
25 following:

26 The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to  
27 housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission

28 Telephone: . . . . . Website: . . . . .

29 The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

30 Telephone: . . . . . Website: . . . . .

31 The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and  
32 referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys

33 Telephone: . . . . . Website: . . . . .

34 The association shall obtain the toll-free numbers and website  
35 information from the department of commerce for inclusion in the  
36 notice.

37 (b) If, when a delinquent account is referred to an association's  
38 attorney, the first preforeclosure notice required under (a) of this  
39 subsection has not yet been mailed to the unit owner, the association

1 or the association's attorney shall mail the first preforeclosure  
2 notice to the unit owner in order to satisfy the requirement in (a)  
3 of this subsection.

4 (c) Mailing the first preforeclosure notice pursuant to (a) of  
5 this subsection does not satisfy the requirement in subsection  
6 (22)(b) of this section to mail a second preforeclosure notice at or  
7 after the date that assessments have become past due for at least 90  
8 days. The second preforeclosure notice may not be mailed sooner than  
9 60 days after the first preforeclosure notice is mailed.

10 (22) An association may not commence an action to foreclose a  
11 lien on a unit under this section unless:

12 (a) The unit owner, at the time the action is commenced, owes at  
13 least a sum equal to the greater of:

14 (i) Three months or more of assessments, not including fines,  
15 late charges, interest, attorneys' fees, or costs incurred by the  
16 association in connection with the collection of a delinquent owner's  
17 account; or

18 (ii) \$2,000 of assessments, not including fines, late charges,  
19 interest, attorneys' fees, or costs incurred by the association in  
20 connection with the collection of a delinquent owner's account;

21 (b) At or after the date that assessments have become past due  
22 for at least 90 days, but no sooner than 60 days after the first  
23 preforeclosure notice required in subsection (21)(a) of this section  
24 is mailed, the association has mailed, by first-class mail, to the  
25 owner, at the unit address and to any other address which the owner  
26 has provided to the association, a second notice of delinquency,  
27 which must include a second preforeclosure notice that contains the  
28 same information as the first preforeclosure notice provided to the  
29 owner pursuant to subsection (21)(a) of this section. The second  
30 preforeclosure notice may not be mailed sooner than 60 days after the  
31 first preforeclosure notice required in subsection (21)(a) of this  
32 section is mailed;

33 (c) At least 90 days have elapsed from the date the minimum  
34 amount required in (a) of this subsection has accrued; and

35 (d) The board approves commencement of a foreclosure action  
36 specifically against that unit.

37 (23) Every aspect of a collection, foreclosure, sale, or other  
38 conveyance under this section, including the method, advertising,  
39 time, date, place, and terms, must be commercially reasonable.



1       **Sec. 320.** RCW 64.90.495 and 2023 c 409 s 4 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) An association must retain the following:

4       (a) The current budget, detailed records of receipts and  
5 expenditures affecting the operation and administration of the  
6 association, and other appropriate accounting records within the last  
7 seven years;

8       (b) Minutes of all meetings of its unit owners and board other  
9 than executive sessions, a record of all actions taken by the unit  
10 owners or board without a meeting, and a record of all actions taken  
11 by a committee in place of the board on behalf of the association;

12       (c) The names of current unit owners, addresses used by the  
13 association to communicate with them, and the number of votes  
14 allocated to each unit;

15       (d) Its original or restated declaration, organizational  
16 documents, all amendments to the declaration and organizational  
17 documents, and all rules currently in effect;

18       (e) All financial statements and tax returns of the association  
19 for the past seven years;

20       (f) A list of the names and addresses of its current board  
21 members and officers;

22       (g) Its most recent annual report delivered to the secretary of  
23 state, if any;

24       (h) Financial and other records sufficiently detailed to enable  
25 the association to comply with RCW 64.90.640;

26       (i) Copies of contracts to which it is or was a party within the  
27 last seven years;

28       (j) Materials relied upon by the board or any committee to  
29 approve or deny any requests for design or architectural approval for  
30 a period of seven years after the decision is made;

31       (k) Materials relied upon by the board or any committee  
32 concerning a decision to enforce the governing documents for a period  
33 of seven years after the decision is made;

34       (l) Copies of insurance policies under which the association is a  
35 named insured;

36       (m) Any current warranties provided to the association;

37       (n) Copies of all notices provided to unit owners or the  
38 association in accordance with this chapter or the governing  
39 documents; (~~and~~)

1 (o) Ballots, proxies, absentee ballots, and other records related  
2 to voting by unit owners for one year after the election, action, or  
3 vote to which they relate;

4 (p) Originals or copies of any plans and specifications delivered  
5 by the declarant pursuant to RCW 64.90.420(1);

6 (q) Originals or copies of any instruments of conveyance for any  
7 common elements included within the common interest community but not  
8 appurtenant to the units delivered by the declarant pursuant to RCW  
9 64.90.420(1); and

10 (r) Originals or copies of any permits or certificates of  
11 occupancy for the common elements in the common interest community  
12 delivered by the declarant pursuant to RCW 64.90.420(1).

13 (2) (a) Subject to subsections (3) through (5) of this section,  
14 and except as provided in (b) of this subsection, all records  
15 required to be retained by an association must be made available for  
16 examination and copying by all unit owners, holders of mortgages on  
17 the units, and their respective authorized agents as follows, unless  
18 agreed otherwise:

19 (i) During reasonable business hours or at a mutually convenient  
20 time and location; and

21 (ii) At the offices of the association or its managing agent.

22 (b) The list of unit owners required to be retained by an  
23 association under subsection (1)(c) of this section is not required  
24 to ~~(be)~~:

25 (i) Be made available for examination and copying by holders of  
26 mortgages on the units; or

27 (ii) Contain the electronic addresses of unit owners who have  
28 elected to keep such addresses confidential pursuant to RCW  
29 64.90.515(3)(a).

30 (3) Records retained by an association must have the following  
31 information redacted or otherwise removed prior to disclosure:

32 (a) Personnel and medical records relating to specific  
33 individuals;

34 (b) Contracts, leases, and other commercial transactions to  
35 purchase or provide goods or services currently being negotiated;

36 (c) Existing or potential litigation or mediation, arbitration,  
37 or administrative proceedings;

38 (d) Existing or potential matters involving federal, state, or  
39 local administrative or other formal proceedings before a  
40 governmental tribunal for enforcement of the governing documents;

1 (e) Legal advice or communications that are otherwise protected  
2 by the attorney-client privilege or the attorney work product  
3 doctrine, including communications with the managing agent or other  
4 agent of the association;

5 (f) Information the disclosure of which would violate a court  
6 order or law;

7 (g) Records of an executive session of the board;

8 (h) Individual unit files other than those of the requesting unit  
9 owner;

10 (i) Unlisted telephone number or electronic address of any unit  
11 owner or resident;

12 (j) Security access information provided to the association for  
13 emergency purposes; ((~~or~~))

14 (k) Agreements that for good cause prohibit disclosure to the  
15 members; or

16 (l) Any information which would compromise the secrecy of a  
17 ballot cast under RCW 64.90.455(9).

18 (4) In addition to the requirements in subsection (3) of this  
19 section, an association must, prior to disclosure of the list of unit  
20 owners required to be retained by an association under subsection  
21 (1)(c) of this section, redact or otherwise remove the address of any  
22 unit owner or resident who is known to the association to be a  
23 participant in the address confidentiality program described in  
24 chapter 40.24 RCW or any similar program established by law.

25 (5)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, an  
26 association may charge a reasonable fee for producing and providing  
27 copies of any records under this section and for supervising the unit  
28 owner's inspection.

29 (b) A unit owner is entitled to receive a free annual electronic  
30 or ((~~paper~~)) written copy of the list retained under subsection  
31 (1)(c) of this section from the association.

32 (6) A right to copy records under this section includes the right  
33 to receive copies by photocopying or other means, including through  
34 an electronic transmission if available upon request by the unit  
35 owner.

36 (7) An association is not obligated to compile or synthesize  
37 information.

38 (8) Information provided pursuant to this section may not be used  
39 for commercial purposes.

1 (9) An association's managing agent must deliver all of the  
2 association's original books and records to the association  
3 (~~immediately~~) upon termination of its management relationship with  
4 the association, or upon such other demand as is made by the board.  
5 Electronic records must be provided within five business days of  
6 termination or the board's demand and written records must be  
7 provided within 10 business days of termination or the board's  
8 demand. An association managing agent may keep copies of the  
9 association records at its own expense.

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 321. A new section is added to chapter 64.90  
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 (1) In this section, "emergency" means an event or condition or a  
13 state of emergency declared by a government for an area that includes  
14 the common interest community that constitutes an imminent:

15 (a) Threat to the health or safety of the public or residents of  
16 the common interest community;

17 (b) Threat to the habitability of units; or

18 (c) Risk of substantial economic loss to the association.

19 (2) In an emergency, this section governs the authority of a  
20 board to respond to the emergency. If another provision of this  
21 chapter is inconsistent with this section, this section prevails.

22 (3) The board may call a unit owner's meeting to respond to an  
23 emergency by giving notice to the unit owners in a manner that is  
24 practicable and appropriate under the circumstances.

25 (4) The board may call a board meeting to respond to an emergency  
26 by giving notice to the unit owners and board members in a manner  
27 that is practicable and appropriate under the circumstances. A quorum  
28 is not required for a meeting under this subsection. After giving  
29 notice under this subsection, the board may take action by vote  
30 without a meeting.

31 (5) In an emergency, the board may, without regard to limitations  
32 in the governing documents, take action it considers necessary to  
33 protect the interests of the unit owners and other persons holding  
34 interests in the common interest community, acting in a manner  
35 reasonable under the circumstances.

36 (6) If, under subsection (5) of this section, the board  
37 determines by a two-thirds vote that a special assessment is  
38 necessary:

1 (a) The assessment becomes effective immediately or in accordance  
2 with the terms of the vote; and

3 (b) The board may spend funds paid on the assessment only in  
4 accordance with the action taken by the board.

5 (7) The board may use funds of the association, including  
6 reserves, to pay the reasonable costs of an action under subsection  
7 (5) of this section.

8 (8) After taking an action under this section, the board shall  
9 promptly notify the unit owners of the action in a manner that is  
10 practicable and appropriate under the circumstances.

11 **Sec. 322.** RCW 64.90.510 and 2018 c 277 s 323 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (1) (a) An association may not prohibit display of the flag of the  
14 United States, or the flag of Washington state, on or within a unit  
15 or a limited common element, except that an association may adopt  
16 reasonable restrictions pertaining to the time, place, or manner of  
17 displaying the flag of the United States necessary to protect a  
18 substantial interest of the association.

19 (b) In a plat community, the governing documents may not prohibit  
20 the installation of a flagpole for the display of the flag of the  
21 United States. The governing documents may include reasonable rules  
22 and regulations regarding the location and the size of the flagpole.

23 (c) For purposes of this section, "flag of the United States"  
24 means the flag of the United States as described in 4 U.S.C. Sec. 1  
25 et seq. that is made of fabric, cloth, or paper. "Flag of the United  
26 States" does not mean a flag, depiction, or emblem made of lights,  
27 paint, roofing, siding, paving materials, flora, or balloons, or of  
28 any similar building, landscaping, or decorative components.

29 (2) The association may not prohibit display of signs, including  
30 outdoor signs, regarding candidates for public or association office,  
31 or ballot issues, on or within a unit or limited common element, but  
32 the association may adopt reasonable rules governing the (~~time,~~  
33 ~~place, size, number,~~) placement and manner of those displays.

34 (3) The association may not prohibit the installation of a solar  
35 energy panel on or within a unit so long as the solar panel:

36 (a) Meets applicable health and safety standards and requirements  
37 imposed by state and local permitting authorities;

38 (b) If used to heat water, is certified by the solar rating  
39 certification corporation or another nationally recognized

1 certification agency. Certification must be for the solar energy  
2 panel and for installation; and

3 (c) If used to produce electricity, meets all applicable safety  
4 and performance standards established by the national electric code,  
5 the institute of electrical and electronics engineers, accredited  
6 testing laboratories, such as underwriters laboratories, and, where  
7 applicable, rules of the utilities and transportation commission  
8 regarding safety and reliability.

9 (4) The association may not prohibit a unit owner from storing  
10 containers for municipal or private collection, such as compost,  
11 garbage, and recycling receptacles, in any private garage, side yard,  
12 or backyard reserved for the exclusive use of a unit. However, the  
13 association may adopt and enforce rules requiring that such  
14 receptacles be screened from view and establishing acceptable dates  
15 and times that such receptacles may be presented for collection.

16 (5) The governing documents may:

17 (a) Prohibit the visibility of any part of a roof-mounted solar  
18 energy panel above the roof line;

19 (b) Permit the attachment of a solar energy panel to the slope of  
20 a roof facing a street only if:

21 (i) The solar energy panel conforms to the slope of the roof; and

22 (ii) The top edge of the solar energy panel is parallel to the  
23 roof ridge; and

24 (c) Require:

25 (i) A solar energy panel frame, a support bracket, or any visible  
26 piping or wiring to be painted to coordinate with the roofing  
27 material;

28 (ii) A unit owner or resident to shield a ground-mounted solar  
29 energy panel if shielding the panel does not prohibit economic  
30 installation of the solar energy panel or degrade the operational  
31 performance quality of the solar energy panel by more than ((~~ten~~)) 10  
32 percent; and

33 (iii) Unit owners or residents who install solar energy panels to  
34 indemnify or reimburse the association or its members for loss or  
35 damage caused by the installation, maintenance, or use of a solar  
36 energy panel.

37 ((+5)) (6) The governing documents may include other reasonable  
38 rules regarding the placement and manner of a solar energy panel.

39 ((+6)) (7) For purposes of this section, "solar energy panel"  
40 means a panel device or system or combination of panel devices or

1 systems that relies on direct sunlight as an energy source, including  
2 a panel device or system or combination of panel devices or systems  
3 that collects sunlight for use in:

- 4 (a) The heating or cooling of a structure or building;
- 5 (b) The heating or pumping of water;
- 6 (c) Industrial, commercial, or agricultural processes; or
- 7 (d) The generation of electricity.

8 ~~((7))~~ (8) This section must not be construed to permit  
9 installation by a unit owner of a solar panel on or in common  
10 elements without approval of the board.

11 ~~((8))~~ (9) Unit owners may peacefully assemble on the common  
12 elements to consider matters related to the common interest  
13 community, but the association may adopt rules governing the time,  
14 place, and manner of those assemblies.

15 ~~((9))~~ (10) An association may adopt rules that affect the use  
16 or occupancy of or behavior in units that may be used for residential  
17 purposes, only to:

- 18 (a) Implement a provision of the declaration;
- 19 (b) Regulate any behavior in or occupancy of a unit that violates  
20 the declaration or adversely affects the use and enjoyment of other  
21 units or the common elements by other occupants; and
- 22 (c) Restrict the leasing of residential units to the extent those  
23 rules are reasonably designed to meet underwriting requirements of  
24 institutional lenders that regularly make loans secured by first  
25 mortgages on units in comparable common interest communities or that  
26 regularly purchase those mortgages.

27 **Sec. 323.** RCW 64.90.515 and 2018 c 277 s 324 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (1) Notice to the association, board, or any owner or occupant of  
30 a unit under this chapter must be provided in the form of a record.

31 (2) Notice provided in a tangible medium may be transmitted by  
32 mail, private carrier, or personal delivery; telegraph or teletype;  
33 or telephone, wire, or wireless equipment that transmits a facsimile  
34 of the notice.

35 (a) Notice in a tangible medium to an association may be  
36 addressed to the association's registered agent at its registered  
37 office, to the association at its principal office shown in its most  
38 recent annual report or provided by notice to the unit owners, or to  
39 the president or secretary of the association at the address shown in

1 the association's most recent annual report or provided by notice to  
2 the unit owners.

3 (b) Notice in a tangible medium to a unit owner or occupant must  
4 be addressed to the unit address unless the unit owner or occupant  
5 has requested, in a record delivered to the association, that notices  
6 be sent to an alternate address or by other method allowed by this  
7 section and the governing documents.

8 (3) Notice may be provided in an electronic transmission as  
9 follows:

10 (a) Notice to unit owners or board members by electronic  
11 transmission is effective only upon unit owners and board members who  
12 have consented, in the form of a record, to receive electronically  
13 transmitted notices under this chapter and have designated in the  
14 consent the address, location, or system to which such notices may be  
15 electronically transmitted, provided that such notice otherwise  
16 complies with any other requirements of this chapter and applicable  
17 law. An owner's consent under this subsection (3)(a), and any other  
18 notice in the form of a record delivered to the association from time  
19 to time, may indicate whether the owner elects to keep the owner's  
20 electronic address confidential and exempt from disclosure by the  
21 association pursuant to RCW 64.90.495(2). Failure to deliver such  
22 notice permits disclosure by the association.

23 (b) Notice to unit owners or board members under this subsection  
24 includes material that this chapter or the governing documents  
25 requires or permits to accompany the notice.

26 (c) A unit owner or board member who has consented to receipt of  
27 electronically transmitted notices may revoke this consent by  
28 delivering a revocation to the association in the form of a record.

29 (d) The consent of any unit owner or board member is revoked if:  
30 The association is unable to electronically transmit two consecutive  
31 notices given by the association in accordance with the consent, and  
32 this inability becomes known to the secretary of the association or  
33 any other person responsible for giving the notice. The inadvertent  
34 failure by the association to treat this inability as a revocation  
35 does not invalidate any meeting or other action.

36 (e) Notice to unit owners or board members who have consented to  
37 receipt of electronically transmitted notices may be provided by  
38 posting the notice on an electronic network and delivering to the  
39 unit owner or board member a separate record of the posting, together



1 with comprehensible instructions regarding how to obtain access to  
2 the posting on the electronic network.

3 (f) Notice to an association in an electronic transmission is  
4 effective only with respect to an association that has designated in  
5 a record an address, location, or system to which the notices may be  
6 electronically transmitted.

7 (4) Notice may be given by any other method reasonably calculated  
8 to provide notice to the recipient.

9 (5) Notice is effective as follows:

10 (a) Notice provided in a tangible medium is effective as of the  
11 date of hand delivery, deposit with the carrier, or when sent by fax.

12 (b) Notice provided in an electronic transmission is effective as  
13 of the date it:

14 (i) Is electronically transmitted to an address, location, or  
15 system designated by the recipient for that purpose; or

16 (ii) Has been posted on an electronic network and a separate  
17 record of the posting has been sent to the recipient containing  
18 instructions regarding how to obtain access to the posting on the  
19 electronic network.

20 (6) The ineffectiveness of a good faith effort to deliver notice  
21 by an authorized means does not invalidate action taken at or without  
22 a meeting.

23 (7) If this chapter prescribes different or additional notice  
24 requirements for particular circumstances, those requirements govern.

25 **Sec. 324.** RCW 64.90.570 and 2023 c 203 s 4 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 (1) A unit owners association may not adopt or enforce a  
28 restriction, covenant, condition, bylaw, rule, (~~(regulation,~~)  
29 provision of a governing document, or master deed provision that  
30 effectively prohibits(~~(,)~~) or unreasonably restricts(~~(, or limits,~~  
31 ~~directly or indirectly,~~) the use of a unit as a licensed family home  
32 child care operated by a family day care provider or as a licensed  
33 child day care center, except as provided in subsection (2) of this  
34 section.

35 (2)(a) Nothing in this section prohibits a unit owners  
36 association from imposing reasonable (~~(regulations)~~) rules on a  
37 family home child care or a child day care center including, but not  
38 limited to, architectural standards, as long as those (~~(regulations)~~)  
39 rules are identical to those applied to all other units (~~(within the~~

1 ~~same association))~~ restricted to similar uses within the same common  
2 interest community as the family home child care or the child day  
3 care center.

4 (b) An association may require that only a unit with direct  
5 access may be used as a family home child care or child day care  
6 center. (~~Direct access must be either from the outside of the~~  
7 ~~building if the common interest community is in a building,~~) A unit  
8 has direct access if it is accessible from public property or through  
9 publicly accessible common elements.

10 (c) An association may adopt or enforce a restriction, covenant,  
11 condition, bylaw, rule, (~~regulation,~~) provision of a governing  
12 document, or master deed provision that requires a family home child  
13 care or a child day care center operating out of a unit within the  
14 association to:

15 (i) Be licensed under chapter 43.216 RCW;

16 (ii) Indemnify and hold harmless the association against all  
17 claims, whether brought by judicial or administrative action,  
18 relating to the operation of the family home child care or the child  
19 day care center, excluding claims arising (~~in~~) from the condition  
20 of a common element(~~s~~) that the association is solely responsible  
21 for maintaining (~~under the governing documents~~);

22 (iii) Obtain a signed waiver of liability releasing the  
23 association from legal claims directly related to the operation of  
24 the family home child care or the child day care center from the  
25 parent, guardian, or caretaker of each child being cared for by the  
26 family home child care or the child day care center. However, an  
27 association may not require that a waiver of liability under this  
28 subsection be notarized; (~~and~~)

29 (iv) Obtain day care insurance as defined in RCW 48.88.020 or  
30 provide self-insurance pursuant to chapter 48.90 RCW, consistent with  
31 the requirements in RCW 43.216.700; and

32 (v) Pay any costs or expenses, including insurance costs, arising  
33 from the operation of the facility.

34 (3) A unit owners association that willfully violates this  
35 section is liable to the family day care provider or the child day  
36 care center for actual damages, and shall pay a civil penalty to the  
37 family day care provider or the child day care center in an amount  
38 not to exceed \$1,000.

1 (4) For the purposes of this section, the terms "family day care  
2 provider" and "child day care center" have the same meanings as in  
3 RCW 43.216.010.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 325.** A new section is added to chapter 64.90  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) A unit owners association may not adopt or enforce a  
7 restriction, covenant, condition, bylaw, rule, provision of a  
8 governing document, or master deed provision that effectively  
9 prohibits or unreasonably restricts the use of a unit as an adult  
10 family home, except as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

11 (2)(a) Nothing in this section prohibits a unit owners  
12 association from imposing reasonable rules on an adult family home  
13 including, but not limited to, architectural standards, as long as  
14 those rules are identical to those applied to all other units  
15 restricted to similar uses within the same common interest community  
16 as an adult family home.

17 (b) An association may require that only a unit with direct  
18 access may be used as an adult family home. A unit has direct access  
19 if it is accessible from public property or through publicly  
20 accessible common elements.

21 (c) An association may adopt or enforce a restriction, covenant,  
22 condition, bylaw, rule, provision of a governing document, or master  
23 deed provision that requires an adult family home operating out of a  
24 unit within the association to:

25 (i) Be licensed under chapter 70.128 RCW;

26 (ii) Indemnify and hold harmless the association against all  
27 claims, whether brought by judicial or administrative action,  
28 relating to the operation of the adult family home, excluding claims  
29 arising from the condition of a common element that the association  
30 is solely responsible for maintaining;

31 (iii) Obtain a signed waiver of liability releasing the  
32 association from legal claims directly related to the operation of an  
33 adult family home from each resident, or resident's guardian, being  
34 cared for by the adult family home. However, an association may not  
35 require that a waiver of liability under this subsection be  
36 notarized;

37 (iv) Obtain liability insurance as required by rule of the  
38 department of social and health services; and

1 (v) Pay any costs or expenses, including insurance costs, arising  
2 from the operation of the facility.

3 (3) A unit owners association that willfully violates this  
4 section is liable to the adult family home for actual damages, and  
5 shall pay a civil penalty to the adult family home in an amount not  
6 to exceed \$1,000.

7 (4) For the purposes of this section, "adult family home" has the  
8 same meaning as in RCW 70.128.010.

9 **Sec. 326.** RCW 64.90.605 and 2023 c 337 s 7 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 (1) Except as (~~provided~~) otherwise provided in subsection (2)  
12 of this section, a declarant (~~required to deliver a public offering~~  
13 ~~statement pursuant to subsection (3) of this section must~~), before  
14 offering any interest in a unit to the public, shall prepare a public  
15 offering statement conforming to the requirements of RCW 64.90.610,  
16 64.90.615, and 64.90.620.

17 (2) A declarant may transfer responsibility for preparation of  
18 all or a part of the public offering statement to a successor  
19 declarant or to a dealer who intends to offer units in the common  
20 interest community. In the event of any such transfer the transferor  
21 shall provide the transferee with any information necessary to enable  
22 the transferee to fulfill the requirements of subsection (1) of this  
23 section.

24 (3) (a) Any declarant or dealer who offers (~~to convey~~) a unit  
25 (~~for the person's own account~~) to a purchaser (~~must provide the~~  
26 ~~purchaser of the unit with a copy of~~) shall deliver a public  
27 offering statement (~~and all material amendments to the public~~  
28 ~~offering statement before conveyance of that unit~~) in the manner  
29 prescribed in RCW 64.90.635.

30 (b) Any agent, attorney, or other person assisting the declarant  
31 or dealer in preparing the public offering statement may rely upon  
32 information provided by the declarant or dealer without independent  
33 investigation. The agent, attorney, or other person is not liable for  
34 any material misrepresentation in or omissions of material facts from  
35 the public offering statement unless the person had actual knowledge  
36 of the misrepresentation or omission at the time the public offering  
37 statement was prepared.

38 (c) The declarant or dealer who prepared all or part of the  
39 public offering statement is liable for any misrepresentation

1 contained in the public offering statement or for any omission of  
2 material fact from the public offering statement if the declarant or  
3 dealer had actual knowledge of the misrepresentation or omission or,  
4 in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known of the  
5 misrepresentation or omission.

6 (4) If a unit is part of a common interest community and is part  
7 of any other real estate regime in connection with the sale of which  
8 the delivery of a public offering statement is required under the  
9 laws of this state, a single public offering statement conforming to  
10 the requirements of RCW 64.90.610, 64.90.615, and 64.90.620 as those  
11 requirements relate to each regime in which the unit is located, and  
12 to any other requirements imposed under the laws of this state, may  
13 be prepared and delivered in lieu of providing two or more public  
14 offering statements.

15 (5) A declarant or dealer is not required to (~~prepare and~~)  
16 deliver a public offering statement in connection with the sale of  
17 any unit (~~owned by the declarant~~), or to obtain for or provide to  
18 the purchaser a report or statement required under RCW  
19 64.90.610(1)(oo), 64.90.620(1), or 64.90.655, upon the later of:

20 (a) The termination or expiration of all special declarant  
21 rights;

22 (b) The expiration of all periods within which claims or actions  
23 for a breach of warranty arising from defects involving the common  
24 elements under RCW 64.90.680 must be filed or commenced,  
25 respectively, by the association against the declarant; or

26 (c) The time when the declarant or dealer ceases to meet the  
27 definition of a dealer under RCW 64.90.010.

28 (6) After the last to occur of any of the events described in  
29 subsection (5) of this section, a declarant or dealer must deliver to  
30 the purchaser of a unit (~~owned by the declarant~~) a resale  
31 certificate under RCW 64.90.640(2) together with:

32 (a) The identification of any real property not in the common  
33 interest community that unit owners have a right to use and a  
34 description of the terms of such use;

35 (b) A brief description or a copy of any express construction  
36 warranties to be provided to the purchaser;

37 (c) A statement of any litigation brought by an owners(~~l~~)  
38 association, unit owner, or governmental entity in which the  
39 declarant or dealer or any affiliate of the declarant or dealer has  
40 been a defendant arising out of the construction, sale, or

1 administration of any common interest community within the state of  
2 Washington within the previous five years, together with the results  
3 of the litigation, if known;

4 (d) Whether timesharing is permitted or prohibited, and, if  
5 permitted, a statement that the purchaser of a timeshare unit is  
6 entitled to receive the disclosure document required under chapter  
7 64.36 RCW; and

8 (e) Any other information and cross-references that the declarant  
9 or dealer believes will be helpful in describing the common interest  
10 community to the purchaser, all of which may be included or not  
11 included at the option of the declarant or dealer.

12 (7) A declarant or dealer is not liable to a purchaser for the  
13 failure or delay of the association to provide the resale certificate  
14 in a timely manner, but the purchase contract is voidable by the  
15 purchaser of a unit sold by the declarant or dealer until the resale  
16 certificate required under RCW 64.90.640(2) and the information  
17 required under subsection (6) of this section have been provided and  
18 for five days thereafter or until conveyance, whichever occurs first.

19 **Sec. 327.** RCW 64.90.610 and 2019 c 238 s 212 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 (1) A public offering statement must contain the following  
22 information:

23 (a) The name and address of the declarant;

24 (b) The name and address or location of the management company,  
25 if any;

26 (c) The relationship of the management company to the declarant,  
27 if any;

28 (d) The name and address of the common interest community;

29 (e) A statement whether the common interest community is a  
30 condominium, cooperative, plat community, or miscellaneous community;

31 (f) A list, current as of the date the public offering statement  
32 is prepared, of up to the five most recent common interest  
33 communities in which at least one unit was sold by the declarant or  
34 an affiliate of the declarant within the past five years, including  
35 the names of the common interest communities and their addresses;

36 (g) The nature of the interest being offered for sale;

37 (h) A general description of the common interest community,  
38 including to the extent known to the declarant, the types and number  
39 of buildings that the declarant anticipates including in the common

1 interest community and the declarant's schedule of commencement and  
2 completion of such buildings and principal common amenities;

3 (i) The status of construction of the units and common elements,  
4 including estimated dates of completion if not completed;

5 (j) The number of existing units in the common interest  
6 community;

7 (k) Brief descriptions of (i) the existing principal common  
8 amenities, (ii) those amenities that will be added to the common  
9 interest community, and (iii) those amenities that may be added to  
10 the common interest community;

11 (l) A brief description of the limited common elements, other  
12 than those described in RCW 64.90.210 (1)(b) and (3), that may be  
13 allocated to the units being offered for sale;

14 (m) The identification of any rights of persons other than unit  
15 owners to use any of the common elements, and a description of the  
16 terms of such use;

17 (n) The identification of any real property not in the common  
18 interest community that unit owners have a right to use and a  
19 description of the terms of such use;

20 (o) Any services the declarant provides or expenses that the  
21 declarant pays that are not reflected in the budget, but that the  
22 declarant expects may become at any subsequent time a common expense  
23 of the association, and the projected common expense attributable to  
24 each of those services or expenses;

25 (p) An estimate of any assessment or payment required by the  
26 declaration to be paid by the purchaser of a unit at closing;

27 (q) A brief description of any liens or monetary encumbrances on  
28 the title to the common elements that will not be discharged at  
29 closing;

30 (r) A brief description or a copy of any express construction  
31 warranties to be provided to the purchaser;

32 (s) A statement, as required under RCW 64.35.210, as to whether  
33 the units or common elements of the common interest community are  
34 covered by a qualified warranty;

35 (t) If applicable to the common interest community, a statement  
36 whether the common interest community contains any multiunit  
37 residential building subject to chapter 64.55 RCW and, if so,  
38 whether:

39 (i) The building enclosure has been designed and inspected to the  
40 extent required under RCW 64.55.010 through 64.55.090; and

1 (ii) Any repairs required under RCW 64.55.090 have been made;

2 (u) A statement of any unsatisfied judgments or pending suits  
3 against the association and the status of any pending suits material  
4 to the common interest community of which the declarant has actual  
5 knowledge;

6 (v) A statement of any litigation brought by an owners((~~L~~))  
7 association, unit owner, or governmental entity in which the  
8 declarant or any affiliate of the declarant has been a defendant  
9 arising out of the construction, sale, or administration of any  
10 common interest community within the previous five years, together  
11 with the results of the litigation, if known;

12 (w) A brief description of:

13 (i) Any restrictions on use or occupancy of the units contained  
14 in the governing documents;

15 (ii) Any restrictions on the renting or leasing of units by the  
16 declarant or other unit owners contained in the governing documents;

17 (iii) Any rights of first refusal to lease or purchase any unit  
18 or any of the common elements contained in the governing documents;  
19 and

20 (iv) Any restriction on the amount for which a unit may be sold  
21 or on the amount that may be received by a unit owner on sale;

22 (x) A description of the insurance coverage provided for the  
23 benefit of unit owners;

24 (y) Any current or expected fees or charges not included in the  
25 common expenses to be paid by unit owners for the use of the common  
26 elements and other facilities related to the common interest  
27 community, together with any fees or charges not included in the  
28 common expenses to be paid by unit owners to any master or other  
29 association;

30 (z) The extent, if any, to which bonds or other assurances from  
31 third parties have been provided for completion of all improvements  
32 that the declarant is obligated to build pursuant to RCW 64.90.695;

33 (aa) In a cooperative, a statement whether the unit owners are  
34 entitled, for federal, state, and local income tax purposes, to a  
35 pass-through of any deductions for payments made by the association  
36 for real estate taxes and interest paid to the holder of a security  
37 interest encumbering the cooperative;

38 (bb) In a cooperative, a statement as to the effect on every unit  
39 owner's interest in the cooperative if the association fails to pay



1 real estate taxes or payments due to the holder of a security  
2 interest encumbering the cooperative;

3 (cc) In a leasehold common interest community, a statement  
4 whether the expiration or termination of any lease may terminate the  
5 common interest community or reduce its size, the recording number of  
6 any such lease or a statement of where the complete lease may be  
7 inspected, the date on which such lease is scheduled to expire, a  
8 description of the real estate subject to such lease, a statement  
9 whether the unit owners have a right to redeem the reversion, a  
10 statement whether the unit owners have a right to remove any  
11 improvements at the expiration or termination of such lease, a  
12 statement of any rights of the unit owners to renew such lease, and a  
13 reference to the sections of the declaration where such information  
14 may be found;

15 (dd) A summary of, and information on how to obtain a full copy  
16 of, any reserve study and a statement as to whether or not it was  
17 prepared in accordance with RCW 64.90.545 and 64.90.550 or the  
18 governing documents;

19 (ee) A brief description of any arrangement described in RCW  
20 64.90.110 binding the association;

21 (ff) The estimated current common expense liability for the units  
22 being offered;

23 (gg) Except for real property taxes, real property assessments  
24 and utility liens, any assessments, fees, or other charges known to  
25 the declarant and which, if not paid, may constitute a lien against  
26 any unit or common elements in favor of any governmental agency;

27 (hh) A brief description of any parts of the common interest  
28 community, other than the owner's unit, which any owner must  
29 maintain;

30 (ii) Whether timesharing is permitted or prohibited, and, if  
31 permitted, a statement that the purchaser of a timeshare unit is  
32 entitled to receive the disclosure document required under chapter  
33 64.36 RCW;

34 (jj) If the common interest community is subject to any special  
35 declarant rights, the information required under RCW 64.90.615;

36 (kk) Any liens on real estate to be conveyed to the association  
37 required to be disclosed pursuant to RCW 64.90.650(3)(b);

38 (ll) A list of any physical hazards known to the declarant that  
39 particularly affect the common interest community or the immediate

1 vicinity in which the common interest community is located and which  
2 are not readily ascertainable by the purchaser;

3 (mm) Any building code violation of which the declarant has  
4 actual knowledge and which has not been corrected;

5 (nn) If the common interest community contains one or more  
6 conversion buildings, the information required under RCW 64.90.620  
7 and 64.90.655(6) (a);

8 (oo) If the public offering statement is related to conveyance of  
9 a unit in a multiunit residential building as defined in RCW  
10 64.55.010, for which the final certificate of occupancy was issued  
11 more than (~~sixty~~) 60 calendar months prior to the preparation of  
12 the public offering statement either: A copy of a report prepared by  
13 an independent, licensed architect or engineer or a statement by the  
14 declarant based on such report that describes, to the extent  
15 reasonably ascertainable, the present condition of all structural  
16 components and mechanical and electrical installations of the  
17 conversion buildings material to the use and enjoyment of the  
18 conversion buildings;

19 (pp) Any other information and cross-references that the  
20 declarant believes will be helpful in describing the common interest  
21 community to the recipients of the public offering statement, all of  
22 which may be included or not included at the option of the declarant;  
23 (~~and~~)

24 (qq) A description of any age-related occupancy restrictions  
25 affecting the common interest community; and

26 (rr) In a condominium, plat community, or miscellaneous community  
27 containing a unit not having horizontal boundaries described in the  
28 declaration, a statement whether the unit may be sold without consent  
29 of all the unit owners after termination of the common interest  
30 community under RCW 64.90.290.

31 (2) The public offering statement must begin with notices  
32 substantially in the following forms and in conspicuous type:

33 (a) "RIGHT TO CANCEL. (1) You are entitled to receive a copy of  
34 this public offering statement and all material amendments to this  
35 public offering statement before conveyance of your unit. Under RCW  
36 64.90.635, you have the right to cancel your contract for the  
37 purchase of your unit within seven days after first receiving this  
38 public offering statement. If this public offering statement is first  
39 provided to you more than seven days before you sign your contract  
40 for the purchase of your unit, you have no right to cancel your

1 contract. If this public offering statement is first provided to you  
2 seven days or less before you sign your contract for the purchase of  
3 your unit, you have the right to cancel, before conveyance of the  
4 unit, the executed contract by delivering, no later than the seventh  
5 day after first receiving this public offering statement, a notice of  
6 cancellation pursuant to section (3) of this notice. If this public  
7 offering statement is first provided to you less than seven days  
8 before the closing date for the conveyance of your unit, you may,  
9 before conveyance of your unit to you, extend the closing date to a  
10 date not more than seven days after you first received this public  
11 offering statement, so that you may have seven days to cancel your  
12 contract for the purchase of your unit.

13 (2) You have no right to cancel your contract upon receipt of an  
14 amendment to this public offering statement; however, this does not  
15 eliminate any right to rescind your contract, due to the disclosure  
16 of the information in the amendment, that is otherwise available to  
17 you under generally applicable contract law.

18 (3) If you elect to cancel your contract pursuant to this notice,  
19 you may do so by hand-delivering notice of cancellation, or by  
20 mailing notice of cancellation by prepaid United States mail, to the  
21 seller at the address set forth in this public offering statement or  
22 at the address of the seller's registered agent for service of  
23 process. The date of such notice is the date of receipt, if hand-  
24 delivered, or the date of deposit in the United States mail, if  
25 mailed. Cancellation is without penalty, and all payments made to the  
26 seller by you before cancellation must be refunded promptly."

27 (b) "OTHER DOCUMENTS CREATING BINDING LEGAL OBLIGATIONS. This  
28 public offering statement is a summary of some of the significant  
29 aspects of purchasing a unit in this common interest community. The  
30 governing documents and the purchase agreement are complex, contain  
31 other important information, and create binding legal obligations.  
32 You should consider seeking the assistance of legal counsel."

33 (c) "OTHER REPRESENTATIONS. You may not rely on any statement,  
34 promise, model, depiction, or description unless it is (1) contained  
35 in the public offering statement delivered to you or (2) made in  
36 writing signed by the declarant or dealer or the declarant's or  
37 dealer's agent identified in the public offering statement. A  
38 statement of opinion, or a commendation of the real estate, its  
39 quality, or its value, does not create a warranty, and a statement,  
40 promise, model, depiction, or description does not create a warranty

1 if it discloses that it is only proposed, is not representative, or  
2 is subject to change."

3 (d) "MODEL UNITS. Model units are intended to provide you with a  
4 general idea of what a finished unit might look like. Units being  
5 offered for sale may vary from the model unit in terms of floor plan,  
6 fixtures, finishes, and equipment. You are advised to obtain specific  
7 information about the unit you are considering purchasing."

8 (e) "RESERVE STUDY. The association [does] [does not] have a  
9 current reserve study. Any reserve study should be reviewed  
10 carefully. It may not include all reserve components that will  
11 require major maintenance, repair, or replacement in future years,  
12 and may not include regular contributions to a reserve account for  
13 the cost of such maintenance, repair, or replacement. You may  
14 encounter certain risks, including being required to pay as a special  
15 assessment your share of expenses for the cost of major maintenance,  
16 repair, or replacement of a reserve component, as a result of the  
17 failure to: (1) Have a current reserve study or fully funded  
18 reserves, (2) include a component in a reserve study, or (3) provide  
19 any or sufficient contributions to a reserve account for a  
20 component."

21 (f) "DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS. Only earnest money and reservation  
22 deposits are required to be placed in an escrow or trust account. Any  
23 other payments you make to the seller of a unit are at risk and may  
24 be lost if the seller defaults."

25 (g) "CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIMS. Chapter 64.50 RCW contains  
26 important requirements you must follow before you may file a lawsuit  
27 for defective construction against the seller or builder of your  
28 home. Forty-five days before you file your lawsuit, you must deliver  
29 to the seller or builder a written notice of any construction  
30 conditions you allege are defective and provide your seller or  
31 builder the opportunity to make an offer to repair or pay for the  
32 defects. You are not obligated to accept any offer made by the  
33 builder or seller. There are strict deadlines and procedures under  
34 state law, and failure to follow them may affect your ability to file  
35 a lawsuit."

36 (h) "ASSOCIATION INSURANCE. The extent to which association  
37 insurance provides coverage for the benefit of unit owners (including  
38 furnishings, fixtures, and equipment in a unit) is determined by the  
39 provisions of the declaration and the association's insurance policy,  
40 which may be modified from time to time. You and your personal

1 insurance agent should read the declaration and the association's  
2 policy prior to closing to determine what insurance is required of  
3 the association and unit owners, unit owners' rights and duties, what  
4 is and is not covered by the association's policy, and what  
5 additional insurance you should obtain."

6 (i) "QUALIFIED WARRANTY. Your unit [is] [is not] covered by a  
7 qualified warranty under chapter 64.35 RCW."

8 (j) "THIS UNIT IS LOCATED WITHIN A COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY AND  
9 IS SUBJECT TO THE DECLARATION, BYLAWS, RULES, AND OTHER WRITTEN  
10 INSTRUMENTS GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE ASSOCIATION AS ADOPTED (THE  
11 "GOVERNING DOCUMENTS").

12 THE PURCHASER OF THIS UNIT WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE  
13 ASSOCIATION AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS.

14 THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS WILL IMPOSE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UPON  
15 THE OWNER OF THE UNIT, INCLUDING AN OBLIGATION TO PAY ASSESSMENTS TO  
16 THE ASSOCIATION WHICH MAY INCLUDE REGULAR AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS,  
17 FINES, FEES, INTEREST, LATE CHARGES, AND COSTS OF COLLECTION,  
18 INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES.

19 THE ASSOCIATION HAS A STATUTORY LIEN ON EACH INDIVIDUAL UNIT FOR  
20 ANY UNPAID ASSESSMENT FROM THE TIME IT IS DUE. FAILURE TO PAY  
21 ASSESSMENTS COULD RESULT IN THE FILING OF A LIEN ON THE UNIT AND LOSS  
22 OF THE UNIT THROUGH FORECLOSURE.

23 THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS MAY PROHIBIT OWNERS FROM MAKING CHANGES  
24 TO THE UNIT WITHOUT REVIEW AND THE APPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND  
25 MAY ALSO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF UNIT, DISPLAY OF SIGNS,  
26 CERTAIN BEHAVIORS, AND OTHER ITEMS.

27 PURCHASERS OF THIS UNIT SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE FINANCIAL  
28 OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE CURRENT STATE OF THE  
29 ASSOCIATION'S FINANCES, THE CURRENT RESERVE STUDY, IF ANY, THE  
30 GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, AND THE OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE  
31 RESALE CERTIFICATE. THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS CONTAIN IMPORTANT  
32 INFORMATION AND CREATE BINDING LEGAL OBLIGATIONS. YOU SHOULD CONSIDER  
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34 (3) The public offering statement must include copies of each of  
35 the following documents: The declaration; the map; the organizational  
36 documents; the rules, if any; the current or proposed budget for the  
37 association; a dated balance sheet of the association; any inspection  
38 and repair report or reports prepared in accordance with the  
39 requirements of RCW 64.55.090; and any qualified warranty provided to  
40 a purchaser by a declarant together with a history of claims under

1 the qualified warranty. If any of these documents are not in final  
2 form, the documents must be marked "draft" and, before closing the  
3 sale of a unit, the purchaser must be given notice of any material  
4 changes to the draft documents.

5 (4) A declarant must promptly amend the public offering statement  
6 to reflect any material change in the information required under this  
7 section.

8 **Sec. 328.** RCW 64.90.635 and 2018 c 277 s 408 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (1) A person required to deliver a public offering statement  
11 pursuant to 64.90.605(3)(a) shall provide a purchaser with a copy of  
12 the public offering statement and all amendments thereto before  
13 conveyance of the unit, and not later than the date of any contract  
14 of sale. The purchaser may cancel a contract for the purchase of the  
15 unit within seven days after first receiving the public offering  
16 statement. If the public offering statement is first provided to a  
17 purchaser more than seven days before execution of a contract for the  
18 purchase of a unit, the purchaser does not have the right under this  
19 section to cancel the executed contract. If the public offering  
20 statement is first provided to a purchaser seven days or less before  
21 the purchaser signs a contract for the purchase of a unit, the  
22 purchaser, before conveyance of the unit to the purchaser, may cancel  
23 the contract by delivering, no later than the seventh day after first  
24 receiving the public offering statement, a notice of cancellation,  
25 delivered pursuant to subsection (3) of this section. If the public  
26 offering statement is first provided to a purchaser less than seven  
27 days before the closing date for the conveyance of that unit, the  
28 purchaser may, before conveyance of the unit to the purchaser, extend  
29 the closing date to a date not more than seven days after the  
30 purchaser first received the public offering statement.

31 (2) A purchaser does not have the right under this section to  
32 cancel a contract upon receipt of an amendment to a public offering  
33 statement. This subsection (~~(must not be construed to)~~) does not  
34 eliminate any right that is otherwise available to the purchaser  
35 under generally applicable contract law to rescind the contract due  
36 to (~~(the disclosure of)~~) a material change in the information  
37 disclosed in the amendment.

38 (3) If a purchaser elects to cancel a contract under subsection  
39 (1) of this section, the purchaser may do so by hand-delivering

1 notice of cancellation, or by mailing notice of cancellation by  
2 prepaid United States mail, to the declarant at the address set forth  
3 in the public offering statement or at the address of the declarant's  
4 registered agent for service of process. The date of such notice is  
5 the date of receipt of delivery, if hand-delivered, or the date of  
6 deposit in the United States mail, if mailed. Cancellation is without  
7 penalty, and all payments made to the seller by the purchaser before  
8 cancellation must be refunded promptly. There is no liability for  
9 failure to deliver any amendment unless such failure would have  
10 entitled the purchaser under generally applicable legal principles to  
11 cancel the contract for the purchase of the unit had the undisclosed  
12 information been evident to the purchaser before the closing of the  
13 purchase.

14 (4) The language of the notice required under RCW 64.90.610(2)(a)  
15 must not be construed to modify the rights set forth in this section.

16 **Sec. 329.** RCW 64.90.640 and 2022 c 27 s 6 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (1) Except in the case of a sale when delivery of a public  
19 offering statement is required, or unless exempt under RCW  
20 64.90.600(2), a unit owner must furnish to a purchaser before  
21 execution of any contract for sale of a unit, or otherwise before  
22 conveyance, a resale certificate, signed by an officer or authorized  
23 agent of the association and based on the books and records of the  
24 association and the actual knowledge of the person signing the  
25 certificate, containing:

26 (a) A statement disclosing any right of first refusal or other  
27 restraint on the free alienability of the unit contained in the  
28 declaration;

29 (b) With respect to the selling unit owner's unit, a statement  
30 setting forth the amount of any assessment currently due, any  
31 delinquent assessments, and a statement of any special assessments  
32 that have been levied and have not been paid even though not yet due;

33 (c) A statement, which must be current to within 45 days, of any  
34 assessments against any unit in the condominium that are past due  
35 over 30 days;

36 (d) A statement, which must be current to within 45 days, of any  
37 monetary obligation of the association that is past due over 30 days;

38 (e) A statement of any other fees payable to the association by  
39 unit owners;

1 (f) A statement of any expenditure or anticipated repair or  
2 replacement cost reasonably anticipated to be in excess of five  
3 percent of the board-approved annual budget of the association,  
4 regardless of whether the unit owners are entitled to approve such  
5 cost;

6 (g) A statement whether the association does or does not have a  
7 reserve study prepared in accordance with RCW 64.90.545 and  
8 64.90.550;

9 (h) The annual financial statement of the association, including  
10 the audit report if it has been prepared, for the year immediately  
11 preceding the current year;

12 (i) The most recent balance sheet and revenue and expense  
13 statement, if any, of the association;

14 (j) The current operating budget of the association;

15 (k) A statement of any unsatisfied judgments against the  
16 association and the status of any legal actions in which the  
17 association is a party or a claimant as defined in RCW 64.50.010;

18 (l) A statement describing any insurance coverage carried by the  
19 association and contact information for the association's insurance  
20 broker or agent;

21 (m) A statement as to whether the board has given or received  
22 notice in a record that any existing uses, occupancies, alterations,  
23 or improvements in or to the seller's unit or to the limited common  
24 elements allocated to the unit violate any provision of the governing  
25 documents;

26 (n) A statement of the number of units, if any, still owned by  
27 the declarant, whether the declarant has transferred control of the  
28 association to the unit owners, and the date of such transfer;

29 (o) A statement as to whether the board has received notice in a  
30 record from a governmental agency of any violation of environmental,  
31 health, or building codes with respect to the seller's unit, the  
32 limited common elements allocated to that unit, or any other portion  
33 of the common interest community that has not been cured;

34 (p) A statement of the remaining term of any leasehold estate  
35 affecting the common interest community and the provisions governing  
36 any extension or renewal of the leasehold estate;

37 (q) A statement of any restrictions in the declaration affecting  
38 the amount that may be received by a unit owner upon sale;

39 (r) In a cooperative, an accountant's statement, if any was  
40 prepared, as to the deductibility for federal income tax purposes by



1 the unit owner of real estate taxes and interest paid by the  
2 association;

3 (s) A statement describing any pending sale or encumbrance of  
4 common elements;

5 (t) A statement disclosing the effect on the unit to be conveyed  
6 of any restriction((s)) on the ((owner's)) right to use or occupy the  
7 unit ((or to)), including a restriction on a lease or other rental of  
8 the unit ((to another person));

9 (u) A copy of the declaration, the organizational documents, the  
10 rules or regulations of the association, the minutes of board  
11 meetings and association meetings, except for any information exempt  
12 from disclosure under RCW 64.90.495(3), for the last 12 months, a  
13 summary of the current reserve study for the association, and any  
14 other information reasonably requested by mortgagees of prospective  
15 purchasers of units. Information requested generally by the federal  
16 national mortgage association, the federal home loan bank board, the  
17 government national mortgage association, the veterans  
18 administration, or the department of housing and urban development is  
19 deemed reasonable if the information is reasonably available to the  
20 association;

21 (v) A statement whether the units or common elements of the  
22 common interest community are covered by a qualified warranty under  
23 chapter 64.35 RCW and, if so, a history of claims known to the  
24 association as having been made under any such warranty;

25 (w) A description of any age-related occupancy restrictions  
26 affecting the common interest community;

27 (x) A statement describing any requirements related to electric  
28 vehicle charging stations located in the unit or the limited common  
29 elements allocated to the unit, including application status,  
30 insurance information, maintenance responsibilities, and any  
31 associated costs; ((and))

32 (y) If the association does not have a reserve study that has  
33 been prepared in accordance with RCW 64.90.545 and 64.90.550 or its  
34 governing documents, the following disclosure:

35 "This association does not have a current reserve study. The lack  
36 of a current reserve study poses certain risks to you, the purchaser.  
37 Insufficient reserves may, under some circumstances, require you to  
38 pay on demand as a special assessment your share of common expenses  
39 for the cost of major maintenance, repair, or replacement of a common  
40 element."; and

1       (z) The resale certificate must include a notice in substantially  
2 the following form and in conspicuous type:

3       "THIS UNIT IS LOCATED WITHIN A COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY  
4 AND IS SUBJECT TO THE DECLARATION, BYLAWS, RULES, AND  
5 OTHER WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE  
6 ASSOCIATION AS ADOPTED (THE "GOVERNING DOCUMENTS").

7       THE PURCHASER OF THIS UNIT WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE A  
8 MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE  
9 GOVERNING DOCUMENTS.

10       THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS WILL IMPOSE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS  
11 UPON THE OWNER OF THE UNIT, INCLUDING AN OBLIGATION TO  
12 PAY ASSESSMENTS TO THE ASSOCIATION WHICH MAY INCLUDE  
13 REGULAR AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, FINES, FEES, INTEREST,  
14 LATE CHARGES, AND COSTS OF COLLECTION, INCLUDING  
15 REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES.

16       THE ASSOCIATION HAS A STATUTORY LIEN ON EACH INDIVIDUAL  
17 UNIT FOR ANY UNPAID ASSESSMENT FROM THE TIME IT IS DUE.  
18 FAILURE TO PAY ASSESSMENTS COULD RESULT IN THE FILING OF  
19 A LIEN ON THE UNIT AND LOSS OF THE UNIT THROUGH  
20 FORECLOSURE.

21       THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS MAY PROHIBIT OWNERS FROM MAKING  
22 CHANGES TO THE UNIT WITHOUT REVIEW AND THE APPROVAL OF  
23 THE ASSOCIATION, AND MAY ALSO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON THE  
24 USE OF UNIT, DISPLAY OF SIGNS, CERTAIN BEHAVIORS, AND  
25 OTHER ITEMS.

26       PURCHASERS OF THIS UNIT SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE  
27 FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE  
28 CURRENT STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S FINANCES, THE CURRENT  
29 RESERVE STUDY, IF ANY, THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, AND THE  
30 OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE RESALE CERTIFICATE.  
31 THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND  
32 CREATE BINDING LEGAL OBLIGATIONS. YOU SHOULD CONSIDER  
33 SEEKING THE ASSISTANCE OF LEGAL COUNSEL."

34       (2) The association, within 10 days after a request by a unit  
35 owner, and subject to the payment of any fees imposed pursuant to RCW  
36 64.90.405(2)(m), must furnish a resale certificate signed by an  
37 officer or authorized agent of the association and containing the  
38 information necessary to enable the unit owner to comply with this  
39 section. For the purposes of this chapter, a reasonable charge for  
40 the preparation of a resale certificate may not exceed \$275. The

1 association may charge a unit owner a nominal fee not to exceed \$100  
2 for updating a resale certificate within six months of the unit  
3 owner's request. A unit owner is not liable to the purchaser for any  
4 erroneous information provided by the association and included in the  
5 certificate.

6 (3) (a) A purchaser is not liable for any unpaid assessment or fee  
7 greater than the amount set forth in the certificate prepared by the  
8 association.

9 (b) A unit owner is not liable to a purchaser for the failure or  
10 delay of the association to provide the certificate in a timely  
11 manner, but the purchase contract is voidable by the purchaser until  
12 the certificate has been provided and for five days thereafter or  
13 until conveyance, whichever occurs first.

14 **PART IV**  
15 **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS**

16 **Sec. 401.** RCW 7.60.025 and 2021 c 176 s 5201 and 2021 c 65 s 6  
17 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

18 (1) A receiver may be appointed by the superior court of this  
19 state in the following instances, but except in any case in which a  
20 receiver's appointment is expressly required by statute, or any case  
21 in which a receiver's appointment is sought by a state agent whose  
22 authority to seek the appointment of a receiver is expressly  
23 conferred by statute, or any case in which a receiver's appointment  
24 with respect to real property is sought under (b)(ii) of this  
25 subsection, a receiver shall be appointed only if the court  
26 additionally determines that the appointment of a receiver is  
27 reasonably necessary and that other available remedies either are not  
28 available or are inadequate:

29 (a) On application of any party, when the party is determined to  
30 have a probable right to or interest in property that is a subject of  
31 the action and in the possession of an adverse party, or when the  
32 property or its revenue-producing potential is in danger of being  
33 lost or materially injured or impaired. A receiver may be appointed  
34 under this subsection (1)(a) whether or not the application for  
35 appointment of a receiver is combined with, or is ancillary to, an  
36 action seeking a money judgment or other relief;

37 (b) Provisionally, after commencement of any judicial action or  
38 nonjudicial proceeding to foreclose upon any lien against or for

1 forfeiture of any interest in real or personal property, on  
2 application of any person, when the interest in the property that is  
3 the subject of such an action or proceeding of the person seeking the  
4 receiver's appointment is determined to be probable and either:

5 (i) The property or its revenue-producing potential is in danger  
6 of being lost or materially injured or impaired; or

7 (ii) The appointment of a receiver with respect to the real or  
8 personal property that is the subject of the action or proceeding is  
9 provided for by agreement or is reasonably necessary to effectuate or  
10 enforce an assignment of rents or other revenues from the property.  
11 For purposes of this subsection (1)(b), a judicial action is  
12 commenced as provided in superior court civil rule 3(a), a  
13 nonjudicial proceeding is commenced under chapter 61.24 RCW upon the  
14 service of notice of default described in RCW 61.24.030(8), and a  
15 proceeding for forfeiture is commenced under chapter 61.30 RCW upon  
16 the recording of the notice of intent to forfeit described in RCW  
17 61.30.060;

18 (c) After judgment, in order to give effect to the judgment;

19 (d) To dispose of property according to provisions of a judgment  
20 dealing with its disposition;

21 (e) To the extent that property is not exempt from execution, at  
22 the instance of a judgment creditor either before or after the  
23 issuance of any execution, to preserve or protect it, or prevent its  
24 transfer;

25 (f) If and to the extent that property is subject to execution to  
26 satisfy a judgment, to preserve the property during the pendency of  
27 an appeal, or when an execution has been returned unsatisfied, or  
28 when an order requiring a judgment debtor to appear for proceedings  
29 supplemental to judgment has been issued and the judgment debtor  
30 fails to submit to examination as ordered;

31 (g) Upon an attachment of real or personal property when the  
32 property attached is of a perishable nature or is otherwise in danger  
33 of waste, impairment, or destruction, or where the abandoned  
34 property's owner has absconded with, secreted, or abandoned the  
35 property, and it is necessary to collect, conserve, manage, control,  
36 or protect it, or to dispose of it promptly, or when the court  
37 determines that the nature of the property or the exigency of the  
38 case otherwise provides cause for the appointment of a receiver;

1 (h) In an action by a transferor of real or personal property to  
2 avoid or rescind the transfer on the basis of fraud, or in an action  
3 to subject property or a fund to the payment of a debt;

4 (i) In an action against any person who is not an individual if  
5 the object of the action is the dissolution of that person, or if  
6 that person has been dissolved, or if that person is insolvent or is  
7 not generally paying the person's debts as those debts become due  
8 unless they are the subject of bona fide dispute, or if that person  
9 is in imminent danger of insolvency;

10 (j) In accordance with RCW 7.08.030 (4) and (6), in cases in  
11 which a general assignment for the benefit of creditors has been  
12 made;

13 (k) In quo warranto proceedings under chapter 7.56 RCW;

14 (l) As provided under RCW 11.64.022;

15 (m) In an action by the department of licensing under RCW  
16 18.35.220(3) with respect to persons engaged in the business of  
17 dispensing of hearing aids, RCW 18.85.430 in the case of persons  
18 engaged in the business of a real estate broker, associate real  
19 estate broker, or real estate salesperson, or RCW 19.105.470 with  
20 respect to persons engaged in the business of camping resorts;

21 (n) In an action under RCW 18.44.470 or 18.44.490 in the case of  
22 persons engaged in the business of escrow agents;

23 (o) Upon a petition with respect to a nursing home in accordance  
24 with and subject to receivership provisions under chapter 18.51 RCW;

25 (p) In connection with a proceeding for relief with respect to a  
26 voidable transfer as to a present or future creditor under RCW  
27 19.40.041 or a present creditor under RCW 19.40.051;

28 (q) Under RCW 19.100.210(1), in an action by the attorney general  
29 or director of financial institutions to restrain any actual or  
30 threatened violation of the franchise investment protection act;

31 (r) In an action by the attorney general or by a prosecuting  
32 attorney under RCW 19.110.160 with respect to a seller of business  
33 opportunities;

34 (s) In an action by the director of financial institutions under  
35 RCW 21.20.390 in cases involving actual or threatened violations of  
36 the securities act of Washington or under RCW 21.30.120 in cases  
37 involving actual or threatened violations of chapter 21.30 RCW with  
38 respect to certain businesses and transactions involving commodities;

39 (t) In an action for or relating to dissolution of a business  
40 corporation under RCW 23B.14.065, 23B.14.300, 23B.14.310, or

1 23B.14.320, for dissolution of a nonprofit corporation under RCW  
2 24.03A.936, for dissolution of a mutual corporation under RCW  
3 24.06.305, or in any other action for the dissolution or winding up  
4 of any other entity provided for by Title 23, 23B, 24, or 25 RCW;

5 (u) In any action in which the dissolution of any public or  
6 private entity is sought, in any action involving any dispute with  
7 respect to the ownership or governance of such an entity, or upon the  
8 application of a person having an interest in such an entity when the  
9 appointment is reasonably necessary to protect the property of the  
10 entity or its business or other interests;

11 (v) Under RCW 25.05.215, in aid of a charging order with respect  
12 to a partner's interest in a partnership;

13 (w) Under and subject to RCW 30A.44.100, 30A.44.270, and  
14 30A.56.030, in the case of a state commercial bank, RCW 30B.44B.100,  
15 in the case of a state trust company, RCW 32.24.070, 32.24.073,  
16 32.24.080, and 32.24.090, in the case of a state savings bank;

17 (x) Under and subject to RCW 31.12.637 and 31.12.671 through  
18 31.12.724, in the case of credit unions;

19 (y) Upon the application of the director of financial  
20 institutions under RCW 31.35.090 in actions to enforce chapter 31.35  
21 RCW applicable to agricultural lenders, under RCW 31.40.120 in  
22 actions to enforce chapter 31.40 RCW applicable to entities engaged  
23 in federally guaranteed small business loans, under RCW 31.45.160 in  
24 actions to enforce chapter 31.45 RCW applicable to persons licensed  
25 as check cashers or check sellers, or under RCW 19.230.230 in actions  
26 to enforce chapter 19.230 RCW applicable to persons licensed under  
27 the uniform money services act;

28 (z) Under RCW 35.82.090 or 35.82.180, with respect to a housing  
29 project;

30 (aa) Under RCW 39.84.160 or 43.180.360, in proceedings to enforce  
31 rights under any revenue bonds issued for the purpose of financing  
32 industrial development facilities or bonds of the Washington state  
33 housing finance commission, or any financing document securing any  
34 such bonds;

35 (bb) Under and subject to RCW 43.70.195, in an action by the  
36 secretary of health or by a local health officer with respect to a  
37 public water system;

38 (cc) As contemplated by RCW 61.24.030, with respect to real  
39 property that is the subject of nonjudicial foreclosure proceedings  
40 under chapter 61.24 RCW;

1 (dd) As contemplated by RCW 61.30.030(3), with respect to real  
2 property that is the subject of judicial or nonjudicial forfeiture  
3 proceedings under chapter 61.30 RCW;

4 ~~((Under RCW 64.32.200(2), in an action or proceeding  
5 commenced under chapter 61.12 or 61.24 RCW to foreclose upon a lien  
6 for common expenses against a dwelling unit subject to the horizontal  
7 property regimes act, chapter 64.32 RCW. For purposes of this  
8 subsection (1)(ee), a judicial action is commenced as provided in  
9 superior court civil rule 3(a) and a nonjudicial proceeding is  
10 commenced under chapter 61.24 RCW upon the service of notice of  
11 default described in RCW 61.24.030(8);~~

12 ~~((ff) Under RCW 64.34.364(10), in an action or proceeding  
13 commenced under chapter 61.12 or 61.24 RCW by a unit owners'  
14 association to foreclose a lien for nonpayment of delinquent  
15 assessments against condominium units. For purposes of this  
16 subsection (1)(ff), a judicial action is commenced as provided in  
17 superior court civil rule (3)(a) and a nonjudicial proceeding is  
18 commenced under chapter 61.24 RCW upon the service of notice of  
19 default described in RCW 61.24.030(8);~~

20 ~~((gg)) Under RCW 64.90.485(15), in an action by an association to  
21 collect assessments or to foreclose a lien on a unit;~~

22 ((ff) Upon application of the attorney general under RCW  
23 64.36.220(3), in aid of any writ or order restraining or enjoining  
24 violations of chapter 64.36 RCW applicable to timeshares;

25 ~~((hh))~~ ((gg) Under RCW 70A.210.070(3), in aid of the enforcement  
26 of payment or performance of municipal bonds issued with respect to  
27 facilities used to abate, control, or prevent pollution;

28 ~~((ii))~~ ((hh) Upon the application of the department of social  
29 and health services under RCW 74.42.580, in cases involving nursing  
30 homes;

31 ~~((jj))~~ ((ii) Upon the application of the utilities and  
32 transportation commission under RCW 80.28.040, with respect to a  
33 water company or wastewater company that has failed to comply with an  
34 order of such commission within the time deadline specified therein;

35 ~~((kk))~~ ((jj) Under RCW 87.56.065, in connection with the  
36 dissolution of an irrigation district;

37 ~~((ll))~~ ((kk) Upon application of the attorney general or the  
38 department of licensing, in any proceeding that either of them are  
39 authorized by statute to bring to enforce Title 18 or 19 RCW; the  
40 securities act of Washington, chapter 21.20 RCW; the Washington

1 commodities act, chapter 21.30 RCW; the land development act, chapter  
2 58.19 RCW; or under chapter 64.36 RCW relating to the regulation of  
3 timeshares;

4 (~~(mm)~~) (ll) Upon application of the director of financial  
5 institutions in any proceeding that the director of financial  
6 institutions is authorized to bring to enforce chapters 31.35, 31.40,  
7 and 31.45 RCW; or

8 (~~(nn)~~) (mm) In such other cases as may be provided for by law,  
9 or when, in the discretion of the court, it may be necessary to  
10 secure ample justice to the parties.

11 (2) The superior courts of this state shall appoint as receiver  
12 of property located in this state a person who has been appointed by  
13 a federal or state court located elsewhere as receiver with respect  
14 to the property specifically or with respect to the owner's property  
15 generally, upon the application of the person or of any party to that  
16 foreign proceeding, and following the appointment shall give effect  
17 to orders, judgments, and decrees of the foreign court affecting the  
18 property in this state held by the receiver, unless the court  
19 determines that to do so would be manifestly unjust or inequitable.  
20 The venue of such a proceeding may be any county in which the person  
21 resides or maintains any office, or any county in which any property  
22 over which the receiver is to be appointed is located at the time the  
23 proceeding is commenced.

24 (3) At least seven days' notice of any application for the  
25 appointment of a receiver must be given to the owner of property to  
26 be subject thereto and to all other parties in the action, and to  
27 other parties in interest as the court may require. If any execution  
28 by a judgment creditor under Title 6 RCW or any application by a  
29 judgment creditor for the appointment of a receiver, with respect to  
30 property over which the receiver's appointment is sought, is pending  
31 in any other action at the time the application is made, then notice  
32 of the application for the receiver's appointment also must be given  
33 to the judgment creditor in the other action. The court may shorten  
34 or expand the period for notice of an application for the appointment  
35 of a receiver upon good cause shown.

36 (4) The order appointing a receiver in all cases must reasonably  
37 describe the property over which the receiver is to take charge, by  
38 category, individual items, or both if the receiver is to take charge  
39 of less than all of the owner's property. If the order appointing a  
40 receiver does not expressly limit the receiver's authority to



1 designated property or categories of property of the owner, the  
2 receiver is a general receiver with the authority to take charge over  
3 all of the owner's property, wherever located.

4 (5) The court may condition the appointment of a receiver upon  
5 the giving of security by the person seeking the receiver's  
6 appointment, in such amount as the court may specify, for the payment  
7 of costs and damages incurred or suffered by any person should it  
8 later be determined that the appointment of the receiver was  
9 wrongfully obtained.

10 **Sec. 402.** RCW 7.60.110 and 2011 c 34 s 4 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (1) Except as otherwise ordered by the court, the entry of an  
13 order appointing a general receiver or a custodial receiver with  
14 respect to all of a person's property shall operate as a stay,  
15 applicable to all persons, of:

16 (a) The commencement or continuation, including the issuance or  
17 employment of process, of a judicial, administrative, or other action  
18 or proceeding against the person over whose property the receiver is  
19 appointed that was or could have been commenced before the entry of  
20 the order of appointment, or to recover a claim against the person  
21 that arose before the entry of the order of appointment;

22 (b) The enforcement, against the person over whose property the  
23 receiver is appointed or any estate property, of a judgment obtained  
24 before the order of appointment;

25 (c) Any act to obtain possession of estate property from the  
26 receiver, or to interfere with, or exercise control over, estate  
27 property;

28 (d) Any act to create, perfect, or enforce any lien or claim  
29 against estate property except by exercise of a right of setoff, to  
30 the extent that the lien secures a claim against the person that  
31 arose before the entry of the order of appointment; or

32 (e) Any act to collect, assess, or recover a claim against the  
33 person that arose before the entry of the order of appointment.

34 (2) The stay shall automatically expire as to the acts specified  
35 in subsection (1)(a), (b), and (e) of this section sixty days after  
36 the entry of the order of appointment unless before the expiration of  
37 the sixty-day period the receiver, for good cause shown, obtains an  
38 order of the court extending the stay, after notice and a hearing. A  
39 person whose action or proceeding is stayed by motion to the court

1 may seek relief from the stay for good cause shown. Any judgment  
2 obtained against the person over whose property the receiver is  
3 appointed or estate property following the entry of the order of  
4 appointment is not a lien against estate property unless the  
5 receivership is terminated prior to a conveyance of the property  
6 against which the judgment would otherwise constitute a lien.

7 (3) The entry of an order appointing a receiver does not operate  
8 as a stay of:

9 (a) The continuation of a judicial action or nonjudicial  
10 proceeding of the type described in RCW 7.60.025(1) (b) ~~((r))~~ or (ee)  
11 ~~((r-or(ff)))~~, if the action or proceeding was initiated by the party  
12 seeking the receiver's appointment;

13 (b) The commencement or continuation of a criminal proceeding  
14 against the person over whose property the receiver is appointed;

15 (c) The commencement or continuation of an action or proceeding  
16 to establish paternity, or to establish or modify an order for  
17 alimony, maintenance, or support, or to collect alimony, maintenance,  
18 or support under any order of a court;

19 (d) Any act to perfect, or to maintain or continue the perfection  
20 of, an interest in estate property if the interest perfected would be  
21 effective against a creditor of the person over whose property the  
22 receiver is appointed holding at the time of the entry of the order  
23 of appointment either a perfected nonpurchase money security interest  
24 under chapter 62A.9A RCW against the property involved, or a lien by  
25 attachment, levy, or the like, whether or not such a creditor exists.  
26 If perfection of an interest would require seizure of the property  
27 involved or the commencement of an action, the perfection shall  
28 instead be accomplished by filing, and by serving upon the receiver,  
29 or receiver's counsel, if any, notice of the interest within the time  
30 fixed by law for seizure or commencement;

31 (e) The commencement or continuation of an action or proceeding  
32 by a governmental unit to enforce its police or regulatory power;

33 (f) The enforcement of a judgment, other than a money judgment,  
34 obtained in an action or proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce  
35 its police or regulatory power, or with respect to any licensure of  
36 the person over whose property the receiver is appointed;

37 (g) The exercise of a right of setoff, including but not limited  
38 to (i) any right of a commodity broker, forward contract merchant,  
39 stockbroker, financial institution, or securities clearing agency to  
40 set off a claim for a margin payment or settlement payment arising

1 out of a commodity contract, forward contract, or securities contract  
2 against cash, securities, or other property held or due from the  
3 commodity broker, forward contract merchant, stockbroker, financial  
4 institution, or securities clearing agency to margin, guarantee,  
5 secure, or settle the commodity contract, forward contract, or  
6 securities contract, and (ii) any right of a swap participant to set  
7 off a claim for a payment due to the swap participant under or in  
8 connection with a swap agreement against any payment due from the  
9 swap participant under or in connection with the swap agreement or  
10 against cash, securities, or other property of the debtor held by or  
11 due from the swap participant to guarantee, secure, or settle the  
12 swap agreement; or

13 (h) The establishment by a governmental unit of any tax liability  
14 and any appeal thereof.

15 **Sec. 403.** RCW 18.85.151 and 2012 c 126 s 1 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 This chapter shall not apply to:

18 (1) Any person who purchases or disposes of property and/or a  
19 business opportunity for that individual's own account, or that of a  
20 group of which the person is a member, and their employees;

21 (2) Any duly authorized attorney-in-fact acting under a power of  
22 attorney without compensation;

23 (3) An attorney-at-law in the performance of the practice of law;

24 (4) Any receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, executor, administrator,  
25 guardian, personal representative, or any person acting under the  
26 order of any court, selling under a deed of trust, or acting as  
27 trustee under a trust;

28 (5) Any secretary, bookkeeper, accountant, or other office  
29 personnel who does not engage in any conduct or activity specified in  
30 any of the definitions under RCW 18.85.011;

31 (6) Employees of towns, cities, counties, or governmental  
32 entities involved in an acquisition of property for right-of-way,  
33 eminent domain, or threat of eminent domain;

34 (7) Only with respect to the rental or lease of individual  
35 storage space, any person who owns or manages a self-service storage  
36 facility as defined under chapter 19.150 RCW;

37 (8) Any person providing referrals to licensees who is not  
38 involved in the negotiation, execution of documents, or related real

1 estate brokerage services, and compensation is not contingent upon  
2 receipt of compensation by the licensee or the real estate firm;

3 (9) Certified public accountants if they do not promote the  
4 purchase, listing, sale, exchange, optioning, leasing, or renting of  
5 a specific real property interest;

6 (10) Any natural persons or entities including title or escrow  
7 companies, escrow agents, attorneys, or financial institutions acting  
8 as escrow agents if they do not promote the purchase, listing, sale,  
9 exchange, optioning, leasing, or renting of a specific real property  
10 interest;

11 (11) Investment counselors if they do not promote the purchase,  
12 listing, sale, exchange, optioning, leasing, or renting of a specific  
13 real property interest;

14 (12) Common interest community managers who, in an advisory  
15 capacity and for compensation or in expectation of compensation,  
16 provide management or financial services, negotiate agreements to  
17 provide management or financial services, or represent themselves as  
18 providing management or financial services to an association governed  
19 by chapter (~~64.32, 64.34, or 64.38~~) 64.90 RCW, if they do not  
20 promote the purchase, listing, sale, exchange, optioning, leasing, or  
21 renting of a specific real property interest. This subsection (12)  
22 applies regardless of whether a common interest community manager  
23 acts as an independent contractor to, employee of, general manager or  
24 executive director of, or agent of an association governed by chapter  
25 (~~64.32, 64.34, or 64.38~~) 64.90 RCW; and

26 (13) Any person employed or retained by, for, or on behalf of the  
27 owner or on behalf of a designated or managing broker if the person  
28 is limited in property management to any of the following activities:

29 (a) Delivering a lease application, a lease, or any amendment  
30 thereof to any person;

31 (b) Receiving a lease application, lease, or amendment thereof, a  
32 security deposit, rental payment, or any related payment for delivery  
33 to and made payable to the real estate firm or owner;

34 (c) Showing a rental unit to any person, or executing leases or  
35 rental agreements, and the employee or retaine is acting under the  
36 direct instruction of the owner or designated or managing broker;

37 (d) Providing information about a rental unit, a lease, an  
38 application for lease, or a security deposit and rental amounts to  
39 any prospective tenant; or

1 (e) Assisting in the performance of property management functions  
2 by carrying out administrative, clerical, financial, or maintenance  
3 tasks.

4 **Sec. 404.** RCW 36.70A.699 and 2020 c 217 s 5 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Nothing in chapter 217, Laws of 2020 modifies or limits any  
7 rights or interests legally recorded in the governing documents of  
8 associations subject to chapter ((64.32, 64.34, 64.38, or)) 64.90  
9 RCW.

10 **Sec. 405.** RCW 43.185B.020 and 2023 c 275 s 25 are each amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) The department shall establish the affordable housing  
13 advisory board to consist of 25 members.

14 (a) The following 22 members shall be appointed by the governor:

15 (i) Two representatives of the residential construction industry;

16 (ii) Two representatives of the home mortgage lending profession;

17 (iii) One representative of the real estate sales profession;

18 (iv) One representative of the apartment management and operation  
19 industry;

20 (v) One representative of the for-profit housing development  
21 industry;

22 (vi) One representative of for-profit rental housing owners;

23 (vii) One representative of the nonprofit housing development  
24 industry;

25 (viii) One representative of homeless shelter operators;

26 (ix) One representative of lower-income persons;

27 (x) One representative of special needs populations;

28 (xi) One representative of public housing authorities as created  
29 under chapter 35.82 RCW;

30 (xii) Two representatives of the Washington association of  
31 counties, one representative shall be from a county that is located  
32 east of the crest of the Cascade mountains;

33 (xiii) Two representatives of the association of Washington  
34 cities, one representative shall be from a city that is located east  
35 of the crest of the Cascade mountains;

36 (xiv) One representative to serve as chair of the affordable  
37 housing advisory board;

1 (xv) One representative of organizations that operate site-based  
2 permanent supportive housing and deliver on-site supportive housing  
3 services;

4 (xvi) One representative at large;

5 (xvii) One representative from a unit owners(~~(L)~~) association as  
6 defined in RCW (~~(64.34.020 or)~~) 64.90.010; and

7 (xviii) One representative from an interlocal housing  
8 collaboration as established under chapter 39.34 RCW.

9 (b) The following three members shall serve as ex officio,  
10 nonvoting members:

11 (i) The director or the director's designee;

12 (ii) The executive director of the Washington state housing  
13 finance commission or the executive director's designee; and

14 (iii) The secretary of social and health services or the  
15 secretary's designee.

16 (2) (a) The members of the affordable housing advisory board  
17 appointed by the governor shall be appointed for four-year terms,  
18 except that the chair shall be appointed to serve a two-year term.  
19 The terms of five of the initial appointees shall be for two years  
20 from the date of appointment and the terms of six of the initial  
21 appointees shall be for three years from the date of appointment. The  
22 governor shall designate the appointees who will serve the two-year  
23 and three-year terms. The members of the advisory board shall serve  
24 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as  
25 provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

26 (b) The governor, when making appointments to the affordable  
27 housing advisory board, shall make appointments that reflect the  
28 cultural diversity of the state of Washington.

29 (3) The affordable housing advisory board shall serve as the  
30 department's principal advisory body on housing and housing-related  
31 issues, and replaces the department's existing boards and task forces  
32 on housing and housing-related issues.

33 (4) The affordable housing advisory board shall meet regularly  
34 and may appoint technical advisory committees, which may include  
35 members of the affordable housing advisory board, as needed to  
36 address specific issues and concerns.

37 (5) The department, in conjunction with the Washington state  
38 housing finance commission and the department of social and health  
39 services, shall supply such information and assistance as are deemed

1 necessary for the advisory board to carry out its duties under this  
2 section.

3 (6) The department shall provide administrative and clerical  
4 assistance to the affordable housing advisory board.

5 **Sec. 406.** RCW 46.61.419 and 2013 c 269 s 1 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 State, local, or county law enforcement personnel may enforce  
8 speeding violations under RCW 46.61.400 on private roads within a  
9 community organized under chapter (~~64.34, 64.32, or 64.38~~) 64.90  
10 RCW if:

11 (1) A majority of the (~~homeowner's association's, association of~~  
12 ~~apartment owners', or condominium~~) unit owners association's board  
13 of directors votes to authorize the issuance of speeding infractions  
14 on its private roads, and declares a speed limit not lower than  
15 twenty miles per hour;

16 (2) A written agreement regarding the speeding enforcement is  
17 signed by the (~~homeowner's association, association of apartment~~  
18 ~~owners, or condominium~~) unit owners association president and the  
19 chief law enforcement official of the city or county within whose  
20 jurisdiction the private road is located;

21 (3) The (~~homeowner's association, association of apartment~~  
22 ~~owners, or condominium~~) unit owners association has provided written  
23 notice to all of the (~~homeowners, apartment owners, or~~) unit owners  
24 describing the new authority to issue speeding infractions; and

25 (4) Signs have been posted declaring the speed limit at all  
26 vehicle entrances to the common interest community.

27 **Sec. 407.** RCW 58.17.040 and 2019 c 352 s 2 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

30 (1) Cemeteries and other burial plots while used for that  
31 purpose;

32 (2) Divisions of land into lots or tracts each of which is one-  
33 one hundred twenty-eighth of a section of land or larger, or five  
34 acres or larger if the land is not capable of description as a  
35 fraction of a section of land, unless the governing authority of the  
36 city, town, or county in which the land is situated shall have  
37 adopted a subdivision ordinance requiring plat approval of such  
38 divisions: PROVIDED, That for purposes of computing the size of any

1 lot under this item which borders on a street or road, the lot size  
2 shall be expanded to include that area which would be bounded by the  
3 center line of the road or street and the side lot lines of the lot  
4 running perpendicular to such center line;

5 (3) Divisions made by testamentary provisions, or the laws of  
6 descent;

7 (4) Divisions of land into lots or tracts classified for  
8 industrial or commercial use when the city, town, or county has  
9 approved a binding site plan for the use of the land in accordance  
10 with local regulations;

11 (5) A division for the purpose of lease when no residential  
12 structure other than mobile homes, tiny houses or tiny houses with  
13 wheels as defined in RCW 35.21.686, or travel trailers are permitted  
14 to be placed upon the land when the city, town, or county has  
15 approved a binding site plan for the use of the land in accordance  
16 with local regulations;

17 (6) A division made for the purpose of alteration by adjusting  
18 boundary lines, between platted or unplatted lots or both, which does  
19 not create any additional lot, tract, parcel, site, or division nor  
20 create any lot, tract, parcel, site, or division which contains  
21 insufficient area and dimension to meet minimum requirements for  
22 width and area for a building site;

23 (7) Divisions of land into lots or tracts if: (a) Such division  
24 is the result of subjecting a portion of a parcel or tract of land to  
25 (~~either~~) chapter (~~64.32 or 64.34~~) 64.90 RCW subsequent to the  
26 recording of a binding site plan for all such land; (b) the  
27 improvements constructed or to be constructed thereon are required by  
28 the provisions of the binding site plan to be included in one or more  
29 condominiums, cooperatives, or owned by an association or other legal  
30 entity in which the owners of units therein or their owners(~~(-)~~)  
31 associations have a membership or other legal or beneficial interest;  
32 (c) a city, town, or county has approved the binding site plan for  
33 all such land; (d) such approved binding site plan is recorded in the  
34 county or counties in which such land is located; and (e) the binding  
35 site plan contains thereon the following statement: "All development  
36 and use of the land described herein shall be in accordance with this  
37 binding site plan, as it may be amended with the approval of the  
38 city, town, or county having jurisdiction over the development of  
39 such land, and in accordance with such other governmental permits,  
40 approvals, regulations, requirements, and restrictions that may be



1 imposed upon such land and the development and use thereof. Upon  
2 completion, the improvements on the land shall be included in one or  
3 more condominiums, cooperatives, or owned by an association or other  
4 legal entity in which the owners of units therein or their  
5 owners((~~L~~)) associations have a membership or other legal or  
6 beneficial interest. This binding site plan shall be binding upon all  
7 now or hereafter having any interest in the land described herein."  
8 The binding site plan may, but need not, depict or describe the  
9 boundaries of the lots or tracts resulting from subjecting a portion  
10 of the land to ((~~either~~)) chapter ((~~64.32 or 64.34~~)) 64.90 RCW. A  
11 site plan shall be deemed to have been approved if the site plan was  
12 approved by a city, town, or county: (i) In connection with the final  
13 approval of a subdivision plat or planned unit development with  
14 respect to all of such land; or (ii) in connection with the issuance  
15 of building permits or final certificates of occupancy with respect  
16 to all of such land; or (iii) if not approved pursuant to (i) and  
17 (ii) of this subsection (7)(e), then pursuant to such other  
18 procedures as such city, town, or county may have established for the  
19 approval of a binding site plan;

20 (8) A division for the purpose of leasing land for facilities  
21 providing personal wireless services while used for that purpose.  
22 "Personal wireless services" means any federally licensed personal  
23 wireless service. "Facilities" means unstaffed facilities that are  
24 used for the transmission or reception, or both, of wireless  
25 communication services including, but not necessarily limited to,  
26 antenna arrays, transmission cables, equipment shelters, and support  
27 structures; and

28 (9) A division of land into lots or tracts of less than three  
29 acres that is recorded in accordance with chapter 58.09 RCW and is  
30 used or to be used for the purpose of establishing a site for  
31 construction and operation of consumer-owned or investor-owned  
32 electric utility facilities. For purposes of this subsection,  
33 "electric utility facilities" means unstaffed facilities, except for  
34 the presence of security personnel, that are used for or in  
35 connection with or to facilitate the transmission, distribution,  
36 sale, or furnishing of electricity including, but not limited to,  
37 electric power substations. This subsection does not exempt a  
38 division of land from the zoning and permitting laws and regulations  
39 of cities, towns, counties, and municipal corporations. Furthermore,  
40 this subsection only applies to electric utility facilities that will

1 be placed into service to meet the electrical needs of a utility's  
2 existing and new customers. New customers are defined as electric  
3 service locations not already in existence as of the date that  
4 electric utility facilities subject to the provisions of this  
5 subsection are planned and constructed.

6 **Sec. 408.** RCW 59.18.200 and 2021 c 212 s 3 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (1)(a) When premises are rented for an indefinite time, with  
9 monthly or other periodic rent reserved, such tenancy shall be  
10 construed to be a tenancy from month to month, or from period to  
11 period on which rent is payable, and shall end by written notice of  
12 20 days or more, preceding the end of any of the months or periods of  
13 tenancy, given by the tenant to the landlord.

14 (b) Any tenant who is a member of the armed forces, including the  
15 national guard and armed forces reserves, or that tenant's spouse or  
16 dependent, may end a rental agreement with less than 20 days' written  
17 notice if the tenant receives permanent change of station or  
18 deployment orders that do not allow a 20-day written notice.

19 (2)(a) Whenever a landlord plans to change to a policy of  
20 excluding children, the landlord shall give a written notice to a  
21 tenant at least 90 days before the tenancy ends to effectuate such  
22 change in policy. Such 90-day notice shall be in lieu of the notice  
23 required by subsection (1) of this section. However, if after giving  
24 the 90-day notice the change in policy is delayed, the notice  
25 requirements of subsection (1) of this section shall apply unless  
26 waived by the tenant.

27 (b) Whenever a landlord plans to change any apartment or  
28 apartments to a condominium form of ownership, the landlord shall  
29 provide a written notice to a tenant at least 120 days before the  
30 tenancy ends, in compliance with RCW (~~(64.34.440(1))~~) 64.90.655, to  
31 effectuate such change. The 120-day notice is in lieu of the notice  
32 required in subsection (1) of this section. However, if after  
33 providing the 120-day notice the change to a condominium form of  
34 ownership is delayed, the notice requirements in subsection (1) of  
35 this section apply unless waived by the tenant.

36 (c)(i) Whenever a landlord plans to demolish or substantially  
37 rehabilitate premises or plans a change of use of premises, the  
38 landlord shall provide a written notice to a tenant at least 120 days  
39 before the tenancy ends. This subsection (2)(c)(i) does not apply to

1 jurisdictions that have created a relocation assistance program under  
2 RCW 59.18.440 and otherwise provide 120 days' notice.

3 (ii) For purposes of this subsection (2)(c):

4 (A) "Assisted housing development" means a multifamily rental  
5 housing development that either receives government assistance and is  
6 defined as federally assisted housing in RCW 59.28.020, or that  
7 receives other federal, state, or local government assistance and is  
8 subject to use restrictions.

9 (B) "Change of use" means: (I) Conversion of any premises from a  
10 residential use to a nonresidential use that results in the  
11 displacement of an existing tenant; (II) conversion from one type of  
12 residential use to another type of residential use that results in  
13 the displacement of an existing tenant, such as conversion to a  
14 retirement home, emergency shelter, or transient hotel; or (III)  
15 conversion following removal of use restrictions from an assisted  
16 housing development that results in the displacement of an existing  
17 tenant: PROVIDED, That displacement of an existing tenant in order  
18 that the owner or a member of the owner's immediate family may occupy  
19 the premises does not constitute a change of use.

20 (C) "Demolish" means the destruction of premises or the  
21 relocation of premises to another site that results in the  
22 displacement of an existing tenant.

23 (D) "Substantially rehabilitate" means extensive structural  
24 repair or extensive remodeling of premises that requires a permit  
25 such as a building, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical permit, and  
26 that results in the displacement of an existing tenant.

27 **Sec. 409.** RCW 59.18.650 and 2021 c 212 s 2 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (1)(a) A landlord may not evict a tenant, refuse to continue a  
30 tenancy, or end a periodic tenancy except for the causes enumerated  
31 in subsection (2) of this section and as otherwise provided in this  
32 subsection.

33 (b) If a landlord and tenant enter into a rental agreement that  
34 provides for the tenancy to continue for an indefinite period on a  
35 month-to-month or periodic basis after the agreement expires, the  
36 landlord may not end the tenancy except for the causes enumerated in  
37 subsection (2) of this section; however, a landlord may end such a  
38 tenancy at the end of the initial period of the rental agreement  
39 without cause only if:

1 (i) At the inception of the tenancy, the landlord and tenant  
2 entered into a rental agreement between six and 12 months; and

3 (ii) The landlord has provided the tenant before the end of the  
4 initial lease period at least 60 days' advance written notice ending  
5 the tenancy, served in a manner consistent with RCW 59.12.040.

6 (c) If a landlord and tenant enter into a rental agreement for a  
7 specified period in which the tenancy by the terms of the rental  
8 agreement does not continue for an indefinite period on a month-to-  
9 month or periodic basis after the end of the specified period, the  
10 landlord may end such a tenancy without cause upon expiration of the  
11 specified period only if:

12 (i) At the inception of the tenancy, the landlord and tenant  
13 entered into a rental agreement of 12 months or more for a specified  
14 period, or the landlord and tenant have continuously and without  
15 interruption entered into successive rental agreements of six months  
16 or more for a specified period since the inception of the tenancy;

17 (ii) The landlord has provided the tenant before the end of the  
18 specified period at least 60 days' advance written notice that the  
19 tenancy will be deemed expired at the end of such specified period,  
20 served in a manner consistent with RCW 59.12.040; and

21 (iii) The tenancy has not been for an indefinite period on a  
22 month-to-month or periodic basis at any point since the inception of  
23 the tenancy. However, for any tenancy of an indefinite period in  
24 existence as of May 10, 2021, if the landlord and tenant enter into a  
25 rental agreement between May 10, 2021, and three months following the  
26 expiration of the governor's proclamation 20-19.6 or any extensions  
27 thereof, the landlord may exercise rights under this subsection  
28 (1)(c) as if the rental agreement was entered into at the inception  
29 of the tenancy provided that the rental agreement is otherwise in  
30 accordance with this subsection (1)(c).

31 (d) For all other tenancies of a specified period not covered  
32 under (b) or (c) of this subsection, and for tenancies of an  
33 indefinite period on a month-to-month or periodic basis, a landlord  
34 may not end the tenancy except for the causes enumerated in  
35 subsection (2) of this section. Upon the end date of the tenancy of a  
36 specified period, the tenancy becomes a month-to-month tenancy.

37 (e) Nothing prohibits a landlord and tenant from entering into  
38 subsequent lease agreements that are in compliance with the  
39 requirements in subsection (2) of this section.

1 (f) A tenant may end a tenancy for a specified time by providing  
2 notice in writing not less than 20 days prior to the ending date of  
3 the specified time.

4 (2) The following reasons listed in this subsection constitute  
5 cause pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:

6 (a) The tenant continues in possession in person or by subtenant  
7 after a default in the payment of rent, and after written notice  
8 requiring, in the alternative, the payment of the rent or the  
9 surrender of the detained premises has remained uncomplied with for  
10 the period set forth in RCW 59.12.030(3) for tenants subject to this  
11 chapter. The written notice may be served at any time after the rent  
12 becomes due;

13 (b) The tenant continues in possession after substantial breach  
14 of a material program requirement of subsidized housing, material  
15 term subscribed to by the tenant within the lease or rental  
16 agreement, or a tenant obligation imposed by law, other than one for  
17 monetary damages, and after the landlord has served written notice  
18 specifying the acts or omissions constituting the breach and  
19 requiring, in the alternative, that the breach be remedied or the  
20 rental agreement will end, and the breach has not been adequately  
21 remedied by the date specified in the notice, which date must be at  
22 least 10 days after service of the notice;

23 (c) The tenant continues in possession after having received at  
24 least three days' advance written notice to quit after he or she  
25 commits or permits waste or nuisance upon the premises, unlawful  
26 activity that affects the use and enjoyment of the premises, or other  
27 substantial or repeated and unreasonable interference with the use  
28 and enjoyment of the premises by the landlord or neighbors of the  
29 tenant;

30 (d) The tenant continues in possession after the landlord of a  
31 dwelling unit in good faith seeks possession so that the owner or his  
32 or her immediate family may occupy the unit as that person's  
33 principal residence and no substantially equivalent unit is vacant  
34 and available to house the owner or his or her immediate family in  
35 the same building, and the owner has provided at least 90 days'  
36 advance written notice of the date the tenant's possession is to end.  
37 There is a rebuttable presumption that the owner did not act in good  
38 faith if the owner or immediate family fails to occupy the unit as a  
39 principal residence for at least 60 consecutive days during the 90  
40 days immediately after the tenant vacated the unit pursuant to a

1 notice to vacate using this subsection (2)(d) as the cause for the  
2 lease ending;

3 (e) The tenant continues in possession after the owner elects to  
4 sell a single-family residence and the landlord has provided at least  
5 90 days' advance written notice of the date the tenant's possession  
6 is to end. For the purposes of this subsection (2)(e), an owner  
7 "elects to sell" when the owner makes reasonable attempts to sell the  
8 dwelling within 30 days after the tenant has vacated, including, at a  
9 minimum, listing it for sale at a reasonable price with a realty  
10 agency or advertising it for sale at a reasonable price by listing it  
11 on the real estate multiple listing service. There shall be a  
12 rebuttable presumption that the owner did not intend to sell the unit  
13 if:

14 (i) Within 30 days after the tenant has vacated, the owner does  
15 not list the single-family dwelling unit for sale at a reasonable  
16 price with a realty agency or advertise it for sale at a reasonable  
17 price by listing it on the real estate multiple listing service; or

18 (ii) Within 90 days after the date the tenant vacated or the date  
19 the property was listed for sale, whichever is later, the owner  
20 withdraws the rental unit from the market, the landlord rents the  
21 unit to someone other than the former tenant, or the landlord  
22 otherwise indicates that the owner does not intend to sell the unit;

23 (f) The tenant continues in possession of the premises after the  
24 landlord serves the tenant with advance written notice pursuant to  
25 RCW 59.18.200(2)(c);

26 (g) The tenant continues in possession after the owner elects to  
27 withdraw the premises to pursue a conversion pursuant to RCW  
28 (~~(64.34.440 or)~~) 64.90.655;

29 (h) The tenant continues in possession, after the landlord has  
30 provided at least 30 days' advance written notice to vacate that: (i)  
31 The premises has been certified or condemned as uninhabitable by a  
32 local agency charged with the authority to issue such an order; and  
33 (ii) continued habitation of the premises would subject the landlord  
34 to civil or criminal penalties. However, if the terms of the local  
35 agency's order do not allow the landlord to provide at least 30 days'  
36 advance written notice, the landlord must provide as much advance  
37 written notice as is possible and still comply with the order;

38 (i) The tenant continues in possession after an owner or lessor,  
39 with whom the tenant shares the dwelling unit or access to a common  
40 kitchen or bathroom area, has served at least 20 days' advance

1 written notice to vacate prior to the end of the rental term or, if a  
2 periodic tenancy, the end of the rental period;

3 (j) The tenant continues in possession of a dwelling unit in  
4 transitional housing after having received at least 30 days' advance  
5 written notice to vacate in advance of the expiration of the  
6 transitional housing program, the tenant has aged out of the  
7 transitional housing program, or the tenant has completed an  
8 educational or training or service program and is no longer eligible  
9 to participate in the transitional housing program. Nothing in this  
10 subsection (2)(j) prohibits the ending of a tenancy in transitional  
11 housing for any of the other causes specified in this subsection;

12 (k) The tenant continues in possession of a dwelling unit after  
13 the expiration of a rental agreement without signing a proposed new  
14 rental agreement proffered by the landlord; provided, that the  
15 landlord proffered the proposed new rental agreement at least 30 days  
16 prior to the expiration of the current rental agreement and that any  
17 new terms and conditions of the proposed new rental agreement are  
18 reasonable. This subsection (2)(k) does not apply to tenants whose  
19 tenancies are or have become periodic;

20 (l) The tenant continues in possession after having received at  
21 least 30 days' advance written notice to vacate due to intentional,  
22 knowing, and material misrepresentations or omissions made on the  
23 tenant's application at the inception of the tenancy that, had these  
24 misrepresentations or omissions not been made, would have resulted in  
25 the landlord requesting additional information or taking an adverse  
26 action;

27 (m) The tenant continues in possession after having received at  
28 least 60 days' advance written notice to vacate for other good cause  
29 prior to the end of the period or rental agreement and such cause  
30 constitutes a legitimate economic or business reason not covered or  
31 related to a basis for ending the lease as enumerated under this  
32 subsection (2). When the landlord relies on this basis for ending the  
33 tenancy, the court may stay any writ of restitution for up to 60  
34 additional days for good cause shown, including difficulty procuring  
35 alternative housing. The court must condition such a stay upon the  
36 tenant's continued payment of rent during the stay period. Upon  
37 granting such a stay, the court must award court costs and fees as  
38 allowed under this chapter;

39 (n)(i) The tenant continues in possession after having received  
40 at least 60 days' written notice to vacate prior to the end of the

1 period or rental agreement and the tenant has committed four or more  
2 of the following violations, other than ones for monetary damages,  
3 within the preceding 12-month period, the tenant has remedied or  
4 cured the violation, and the landlord has provided the tenant a  
5 written warning notice at the time of each violation: A substantial  
6 breach of a material program requirement of subsidized housing, a  
7 substantial breach of a material term subscribed to by the tenant  
8 within the lease or rental agreement, or a substantial breach of a  
9 tenant obligation imposed by law;

10 (ii) Each written warning notice must:

11 (A) Specify the violation;

12 (B) Provide the tenant an opportunity to cure the violation;

13 (C) State that the landlord may choose to end the tenancy at the  
14 end of the rental term if there are four violations within a 12-month  
15 period preceding the end of the term; and

16 (D) State that correcting the fourth or subsequent violation is  
17 not a defense to the ending of the lease under this subsection;

18 (iii) The 60-day notice to vacate must:

19 (A) State that the rental agreement will end upon the specified  
20 ending date for the rental term or upon a designated date not less  
21 than 60 days after the delivery of the notice, whichever is later;

22 (B) Specify the reason for ending the lease and supporting facts;  
23 and

24 (C) Be served to the tenant concurrent with or after the fourth  
25 or subsequent written warning notice;

26 (iv) The notice under this subsection must include all notices  
27 supporting the basis of ending the lease;

28 (v) Any notices asserted under this subsection must pertain to  
29 four or more separate incidents or occurrences; and

30 (vi) This subsection (2)(n) does not absolve a landlord from  
31 demonstrating by admissible evidence that the four or more violations  
32 constituted breaches under (b) of this subsection at the time of the  
33 violation had the tenant not remedied or cured the violation;

34 (o) The tenant continues in possession after having received at  
35 least 60 days' advance written notice to vacate prior to the end of  
36 the rental period or rental agreement if the tenant is required to  
37 register as a sex offender during the tenancy, or failed to disclose  
38 a requirement to register as a sex offender when required in the  
39 rental application or otherwise known to the property owner at the  
40 beginning of the tenancy;



1 (p) The tenant continues in possession after having received at  
2 least 20 days' advance written notice to vacate prior to the end of  
3 the rental period or rental agreement if the tenant has made unwanted  
4 sexual advances or other acts of sexual harassment directed at the  
5 property owner, property manager, property employee, or another  
6 tenant based on the person's race, gender, or other protected status  
7 in violation of any covenant or term in the lease.

8 (3) When a tenant has permanently vacated due to voluntary or  
9 involuntary events, other than by the ending of the tenancy by the  
10 landlord, a landlord must serve a notice to any remaining occupants  
11 who had coresided with the tenant at least six months prior to and up  
12 to the time the tenant permanently vacated, requiring the occupants  
13 to either apply to become a party to the rental agreement or vacate  
14 within 30 days of service of such notice. In processing any  
15 application from a remaining occupant under this subsection, the  
16 landlord may require the occupant to meet the same screening,  
17 background, and financial criteria as would any other prospective  
18 tenant to continue the tenancy. If the occupant fails to apply within  
19 30 days of receipt of the notice in this subsection, or the  
20 application is denied for failure to meet the criteria, the landlord  
21 may commence an unlawful detainer action under this chapter. If an  
22 occupant becomes a party to the tenancy pursuant to this subsection,  
23 a landlord may not end the tenancy except as provided under  
24 subsection (2) of this section. This subsection does not apply to  
25 tenants residing in subsidized housing.

26 (4) A landlord who removes a tenant or causes a tenant to be  
27 removed from a dwelling in any way in violation of this section is  
28 liable to the tenant for wrongful eviction, and the tenant prevailing  
29 in such an action is entitled to the greater of their economic and  
30 noneconomic damages or three times the monthly rent of the dwelling  
31 at issue, and reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs.

32 (5) Nothing in subsection (2)(d), (e), or (f) of this section  
33 permits a landlord to end a tenancy for a specified period before the  
34 completion of the term unless the landlord and the tenant mutually  
35 consent, in writing, to ending the tenancy early and the tenant is  
36 afforded at least 60 days to vacate.

37 (6) All written notices required under subsection (2) of this  
38 section must:

39 (a) Be served in a manner consistent with RCW 59.12.040; and

1 (b) Identify the facts and circumstances known and available to  
2 the landlord at the time of the issuance of the notice that support  
3 the cause or causes with enough specificity so as to enable the  
4 tenant to respond and prepare a defense to any incidents alleged. The  
5 landlord may present additional facts and circumstances regarding the  
6 allegations within the notice if such evidence was unknown or  
7 unavailable at the time of the issuance of the notice.

8 **Sec. 410.** RCW 61.24.030 and 2023 c 206 s 2 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 It shall be requisite to a trustee's sale:

11 (1) That the deed of trust contains a power of sale;

12 (2) That the deed of trust contains a statement that the real  
13 property conveyed is not used principally for agricultural purposes;  
14 provided, if the statement is false on the date the deed of trust was  
15 granted or amended to include that statement, and false on the date  
16 of the trustee's sale, then the deed of trust must be foreclosed  
17 judicially. Real property is used for agricultural purposes if it is  
18 used in an operation that produces crops, livestock, or aquatic  
19 goods;

20 (3) That a default has occurred in the obligation secured or a  
21 covenant of the grantor, which by the terms of the deed of trust  
22 makes operative the power to sell;

23 (4) That no action commenced by the beneficiary of the deed of  
24 trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of an obligation secured by  
25 the deed of trust in any court by reason of the grantor's default on  
26 the obligation secured: PROVIDED, That (a) the seeking of the  
27 appointment of a receiver, or the filing of a civil case to obtain  
28 court approval to access, secure, maintain, and preserve property  
29 from waste or nuisance, shall not constitute an action for purposes  
30 of this chapter; and (b) if a receiver is appointed, the grantor  
31 shall be entitled to any rents or profits derived from property  
32 subject to a homestead as defined in RCW 6.13.010. If the deed of  
33 trust was granted to secure a commercial loan, this subsection shall  
34 not apply to actions brought to enforce any other lien or security  
35 interest granted to secure the obligation secured by the deed of  
36 trust being foreclosed;

37 (5) That the deed of trust has been recorded in each county in  
38 which the land or some part thereof is situated;

1 (6) That prior to the date of the notice of trustee's sale and  
2 continuing thereafter through the date of the trustee's sale, the  
3 trustee must maintain a street address in this state where personal  
4 service of process may be made, and the trustee must maintain a  
5 physical presence and have telephone service at such address;

6 (7)(a) That, for residential real property of up to four units,  
7 before the notice of trustee's sale is recorded, transmitted, or  
8 served, the trustee shall have proof that the beneficiary is the  
9 holder of any promissory note or other obligation secured by the deed  
10 of trust. A declaration by the beneficiary made under the penalty of  
11 perjury stating that the beneficiary is the holder of any promissory  
12 note or other obligation secured by the deed of trust shall be  
13 sufficient proof as required under this subsection.

14 (b) Unless the trustee has violated his or her duty under RCW  
15 61.24.010(4), the trustee is entitled to rely on the beneficiary's  
16 declaration as evidence of proof required under this subsection.

17 (c) This subsection (7) does not apply to association  
18 beneficiaries subject to chapter (~~64.32, 64.34, or 64.38~~) 64.90  
19 RCW;

20 (8) That at least 30 days before notice of sale shall be  
21 recorded, transmitted or served, written notice of default and, for  
22 residential real property of up to four units, the beneficiary  
23 declaration specified in subsection (7)(a) of this section shall be  
24 transmitted by the beneficiary or trustee to the borrower and grantor  
25 at their last known addresses by both first-class and either  
26 registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and the  
27 beneficiary or trustee shall cause to be posted in a conspicuous  
28 place on the premises, a copy of the notice, or personally served on  
29 the borrower and grantor. This notice shall contain the following  
30 information:

31 (a) A description of the property which is then subject to the  
32 deed of trust;

33 (b) A statement identifying each county in which the deed of  
34 trust is recorded and the document number given to the deed of trust  
35 upon recording by each county auditor or recording officer;

36 (c) A statement that the beneficiary has declared the borrower or  
37 grantor to be in default, and a concise statement of the default  
38 alleged;

39 (d) An itemized account of the amount or amounts in arrears if  
40 the default alleged is failure to make payments;

1 (e) An itemized account of all other specific charges, costs, or  
2 fees that the borrower, grantor, or any guarantor is or may be  
3 obliged to pay to reinstate the deed of trust before the recording of  
4 the notice of sale;

5 (f) A statement showing the total of (d) and (e) of this  
6 subsection, designated clearly and conspicuously as the amount  
7 necessary to reinstate the note and deed of trust before the  
8 recording of the notice of sale;

9 (g) A statement that failure to cure the alleged default within  
10 30 days of the date of mailing of the notice, or if personally  
11 served, within 30 days of the date of personal service thereof, may  
12 lead to recordation, transmittal, and publication of a notice of  
13 sale, and that the property described in (a) of this subsection may  
14 be sold at public auction at a date no less than 120 days in the  
15 future, or no less than 150 days in the future if the borrower  
16 received a letter under RCW 61.24.031;

17 (h) A statement that the effect of the recordation, transmittal,  
18 and publication of a notice of sale will be to (i) increase the costs  
19 and fees and (ii) publicize the default and advertise the grantor's  
20 property for sale;

21 (i) A statement that the effect of the sale of the grantor's  
22 property by the trustee will be to deprive the grantor of all their  
23 interest in the property described in (a) of this subsection;

24 (j) A statement that the borrower, grantor, and any guarantor has  
25 recourse to the courts pursuant to RCW 61.24.130 to contest the  
26 alleged default on any proper ground;

27 (k) In the event the property secured by the deed of trust is  
28 residential real property of up to four units, a statement,  
29 prominently set out at the beginning of the notice, which shall state  
30 as follows:

31 **"THIS NOTICE IS ONE STEP IN A PROCESS THAT COULD RESULT IN YOUR**  
32 **LOSING YOUR HOME.**

33 You may be eligible for mediation in front of a neutral third party  
34 to help save your home.

35 **CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW**  
36 to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you might  
37 benefit. Mediation **MUST** be requested between the time you receive the  
38 Notice of Default and no later than **90 calendar days BEFORE the date**  
39 **of sale** listed in the Notice of Trustee Sale. If an amended Notice of

1 Trustee Sale is recorded providing a 45-day notice of the sale,  
2 mediation must be requested no later than **25 calendar days BEFORE the**  
3 **date of sale** listed in the amended Notice of Trustee Sale.

4 **DO NOT DELAY.** If you do nothing, a notice of sale may be issued as  
5 soon as 30 days from the date of this notice of default. The notice  
6 of sale will provide a minimum of 120 days' notice of the date of the  
7 actual foreclosure sale.

8 **BE CAREFUL** of people who claim they can help you. There are many  
9 individuals and businesses that prey upon borrowers in distress.

10 **REFER TO THE CONTACTS BELOW** for sources of assistance.

11 **SEEKING ASSISTANCE**

12 Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or  
13 no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your  
14 rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the  
15 following:

16 The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to  
17 housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission

18 Telephone: . . . . . Website: . . . . .

19 The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

20 Telephone: . . . . . Website: . . . . .

21 The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to  
22 other housing counselors and attorneys

23 Telephone: . . . . . Website: . . . . ."

24 The beneficiary or trustee shall obtain the toll-free numbers and  
25 website information from the department for inclusion in the notice;

26 (1) In the event the property secured by the deed of trust is  
27 residential real property of up to four units, the name and address  
28 of the holder of any promissory note or other obligation secured by  
29 the deed of trust and the name, address, and telephone number of a  
30 party acting as a servicer of the obligations secured by the deed of  
31 trust;

32 (m) For notices issued after June 30, 2018, on the top of the  
33 first page of the notice:

34 (i) The current beneficiary of the deed of trust;

35 (ii) The current mortgage servicer for the deed of trust; and

36 (iii) The current trustee for the deed of trust;

37 (9) That, for residential real property of up to four units,  
38 before the notice of the trustee's sale is recorded, transmitted, or

1 served, the beneficiary has complied with RCW 61.24.031 and, if  
2 applicable, RCW 61.24.163;

3 (10) That, in the case where the borrower or grantor is known to  
4 the mortgage servicer or trustee to be deceased, the notice required  
5 under subsection (8) of this section must be sent to any spouse,  
6 child, or parent of the borrower or grantor known to the trustee or  
7 mortgage servicer, and to any owner of record of the property, at any  
8 address provided to the trustee or mortgage servicer, and to the  
9 property addressed to the heirs and devisees of the borrower.

10 (a) If the name or address of any spouse, child, or parent of  
11 such deceased borrower or grantor cannot be ascertained with use of  
12 reasonable diligence, the trustee must execute and record with the  
13 notice of sale a declaration attesting to the same.

14 (b) Reasonable diligence for the purposes of this subsection (10)  
15 means the trustee shall search in the county where the property is  
16 located, the public records and information for any obituary, will,  
17 death certificate, or case in probate within the county for the  
18 borrower and grantor;

19 (11) Upon written notice identifying the property address and the  
20 name of the borrower to the servicer or trustee by someone claiming  
21 to be a successor in interest to the borrower's or grantor's property  
22 rights, but who is not a party to the loan or promissory note or  
23 other obligation secured by the deed of trust, a trustee shall not  
24 record a notice of sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.040 until the trustee  
25 or mortgage servicer completes the following:

26 (a) Acknowledges the notice in writing and requests reasonable  
27 documentation of the death of the borrower or grantor from the  
28 claimant including, but not limited to, a death certificate or other  
29 written evidence of the death of the borrower or grantor. Other  
30 written evidence of the death of the borrower or grantor may include  
31 an obituary, a published death notice, or documentation of an open  
32 probate action for the estate of the borrower or grantor. The  
33 claimant must be allowed 30 days from the date of this request to  
34 present this documentation. If the trustee or mortgage servicer has  
35 already obtained sufficient proof of the borrower's death, it may  
36 proceed by acknowledging the claimant's notice in writing and issuing  
37 a request under (b) of this subsection.

38 (b) If the mortgage servicer or trustee obtains or receives  
39 written documentation of the death of the borrower or grantor from  
40 the claimant, or otherwise independently confirms the death of the

1 borrower or grantor, then the servicer or trustee must request in  
2 writing documentation from the claimant demonstrating the ownership  
3 interest of the claimant in the real property. A claimant has 60 days  
4 from the date of the request to present this documentation.  
5 Documentation demonstrating the ownership interest of the claimant in  
6 the real property includes, but is not limited to, one of the  
7 following:

8 (i) Excerpts of a trust document noting the claimant as a  
9 beneficiary of a trust with title to the real property;

10 (ii) A will of the borrower or grantor listing the claimant as an  
11 heir or devisee with respect to the real property;

12 (iii) A probate order or finding of heirship issued by any court  
13 documenting the claimant as an heir or devisee or awarding the real  
14 property to the claimant;

15 (iv) A recorded lack of probate affidavit signed by any heir  
16 listing the claimant as an heir of the borrower or grantor pursuant  
17 to the laws of intestacy;

18 (v) A deed, such as a personal representative's deed, trustee's  
19 deed issued on behalf of a trust, statutory warranty deed, transfer  
20 on death deed, or other deed, giving any ownership interest to the  
21 claimant resulting from the death of the borrower or grantor or  
22 executed by the borrower or grantor for estate planning purposes; and

23 (vi) Other proof documenting the claimant as an heir of the  
24 borrower or grantor pursuant to state rules of intestacy set forth in  
25 chapter 11.04 RCW.

26 (c) If the mortgage servicer or trustee receives written  
27 documentation demonstrating the ownership interest of the claimant  
28 prior to the expiration of the 60 days provided in (b) of this  
29 subsection, then the servicer or trustee must, within 20 days of  
30 receipt of proof of ownership interest, provide the claimant with, at  
31 a minimum, the loan balance, interest rate and interest reset dates  
32 and amounts, balloon payments if any, prepayment penalties if any,  
33 the basis for the default, the monthly payment amount, reinstatement  
34 amounts or conditions, payoff amounts, and information on how and  
35 where payments should be made. The mortgage servicers shall also  
36 provide the claimant application materials and information, or a  
37 description of the process, necessary to request a loan assumption  
38 and modification.

39 (d) Upon receipt by the trustee or the mortgage servicer of the  
40 documentation establishing claimant's ownership interest in the real

1 property, that claimant shall be deemed a "successor in interest" for  
2 the purposes of this section.

3 (e) There may be more than one successor in interest to the  
4 borrower's property rights. The trustee and mortgage servicer shall  
5 apply the provisions of this section to each successor in interest.  
6 In the case of multiple successors in interest, where one or more do  
7 not wish to assume the loan as coborrowers or coapplicants, a  
8 mortgage servicer may require any nonapplicant successor in interest  
9 to consent in writing to the application for loan assumption.

10 (f) The existence of a successor in interest under this section  
11 does not impose an affirmative duty on a mortgage servicer or alter  
12 any obligation the mortgage servicer has to provide a loan  
13 modification to the successor in interest. If a successor in interest  
14 assumes the loan, he or she may be required to otherwise qualify for  
15 available foreclosure prevention alternatives offered by the mortgage  
16 servicer.

17 (g) (c), (e), and (f) of this subsection (11) do not apply to  
18 association beneficiaries subject to chapter (~~64.32, 64.34, or~~  
19 ~~64.38~~) 64.90 RCW; and

20 (12) Nothing in this section shall prejudice the right of the  
21 mortgage servicer or beneficiary from discontinuing any foreclosure  
22 action initiated under the deed of trust act in favor of other  
23 allowed methods for pursuit of foreclosure of the security interest  
24 or deed of trust security interest.

25 **Sec. 411.** RCW 61.24.031 and 2021 c 151 s 4 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 (1)(a) A trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent may not issue  
28 a notice of default under RCW 61.24.030(8) until: (i) Thirty days  
29 after satisfying the due diligence requirements as described in  
30 subsection (5) of this section and the borrower has not responded; or  
31 (ii) if the borrower responds to the initial contact, ninety days  
32 after the initial contact with the borrower was initiated.

33 (b) A beneficiary or authorized agent shall make initial contact  
34 with the borrower by letter to provide the borrower with information  
35 required under (c) of this subsection and by telephone as required  
36 under subsection (5) of this section. The letter required under this  
37 subsection must be mailed in accordance with subsection (5)(a) of  
38 this section and must include the information described in (c) of



1 this subsection and subsection (5)(e)(i) through (iv) of this  
2 section.

3 (c) The letter required under this subsection, developed by the  
4 department pursuant to RCW 61.24.033, at a minimum shall include:

5 (i) A paragraph printed in no less than twelve-point font and  
6 bolded that reads:

7 "You must respond within thirty days of the date of this letter.  
8 IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND within thirty days, a notice of default may be  
9 issued and you may lose your home in foreclosure.

10 IF YOU DO RESPOND within thirty days of the date of this letter,  
11 you will have an additional sixty days to meet with your lender  
12 before a notice of default may be issued.

13 You should contact a housing counselor or attorney as soon as  
14 possible. Failure to contact a housing counselor or attorney may  
15 result in your losing certain opportunities, such as meeting with  
16 your lender or participating in mediation in front of a neutral third  
17 party. A housing counselor or attorney can help you work with your  
18 lender to avoid foreclosure.

19 If you filed bankruptcy or have been discharged in bankruptcy,  
20 this communication is not intended as an attempt to collect a debt  
21 from you personally, but is notice of enforcement of the deed of  
22 trust lien against the property. If you wish to avoid foreclosure and  
23 keep your property, this notice sets forth your rights and options.";

24 (ii) The toll-free telephone number from the United States  
25 department of housing and urban development to find a department-  
26 approved housing counseling agency, the toll-free numbers for the  
27 statewide foreclosure hotline recommended by the housing finance  
28 commission, and the statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance  
29 and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys;

30 (iii) A paragraph stating that a housing counselor may be  
31 available at little or no cost to the borrower and that whether or  
32 not the borrower contacts a housing counselor or attorney, the  
33 borrower has the right to request a meeting with the beneficiary; and

34 (iv) A paragraph explaining how the borrower may respond to the  
35 letter and stating that after responding the borrower will have an  
36 opportunity to meet with his or her beneficiary in an attempt to  
37 resolve and try to work out an alternative to the foreclosure and  
38 that, after ninety days from the date of the letter, a notice of  
39 default may be issued, which starts the foreclosure process.

1 (d) If the beneficiary has exercised due diligence as required  
2 under subsection (5) of this section and the borrower does not  
3 respond by contacting the beneficiary within thirty days of the  
4 initial contact, the notice of default may be issued. "Initial  
5 contact" with the borrower is considered made three days after the  
6 date the letter required in (b) of this subsection is sent.

7 (e) If a meeting is requested by the borrower or the borrower's  
8 housing counselor or attorney, the beneficiary or authorized agent  
9 shall schedule the meeting to occur before the notice of default is  
10 issued. An assessment of the borrower's financial ability to modify  
11 or restructure the loan obligation and a discussion of options must  
12 occur during the meeting scheduled for that purpose.

13 (f) The meeting scheduled to assess the borrower's financial  
14 ability to modify or restructure the loan obligation and discuss  
15 options to avoid foreclosure may be held telephonically, unless the  
16 borrower or borrower's representative requests in writing that a  
17 meeting be held in person. The written request for an in-person  
18 meeting must be made within thirty days of the initial contact with  
19 the borrower. If the meeting is requested to be held in person, the  
20 meeting must be held in the county where the property is located  
21 unless the parties agree otherwise. A person who is authorized to  
22 agree to a resolution, including modifying or restructuring the loan  
23 obligation or other alternative resolution to foreclosure on behalf  
24 of the beneficiary, must be present either in person or on the  
25 telephone or videoconference during the meeting.

26 (2) A notice of default issued under RCW 61.24.030(8) must  
27 include a declaration, as provided in subsection (9) of this section,  
28 from the beneficiary or authorized agent that it has contacted the  
29 borrower as provided in subsection (1) of this section, it has tried  
30 with due diligence to contact the borrower under subsection (5) of  
31 this section, or the borrower has surrendered the property to the  
32 trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent. Unless the trustee has  
33 violated his or her duty under RCW 61.24.010(4), the trustee is  
34 entitled to rely on the declaration as evidence that the requirements  
35 of this section have been satisfied, and the trustee is not liable  
36 for the beneficiary's or its authorized agent's failure to comply  
37 with the requirements of this section.

38 (3) If, after the initial contact under subsection (1) of this  
39 section, a borrower has designated a housing counseling agency,  
40 housing counselor, or attorney to discuss with the beneficiary or

1 authorized agent, on the borrower's behalf, options for the borrower  
2 to avoid foreclosure, the borrower shall inform the beneficiary or  
3 authorized agent and provide the contact information to the  
4 beneficiary or authorized agent. The beneficiary or authorized agent  
5 shall contact the designated representative for the borrower to meet.

6 (4) The beneficiary or authorized agent and the borrower or the  
7 borrower's representative shall attempt to reach a resolution for the  
8 borrower within the ninety days from the time the initial contact is  
9 sent and the notice of default is issued. A resolution may include,  
10 but is not limited to, a loan modification, an agreement to conduct a  
11 short sale, or a deed in lieu of foreclosure transaction, or some  
12 other workout plan. Any modification or workout plan offered at the  
13 meeting with the borrower's designated representative by the  
14 beneficiary or authorized agent is subject to approval by the  
15 borrower.

16 (5) A notice of default may be issued under RCW 61.24.030(8) if a  
17 beneficiary or authorized agent has initiated contact with the  
18 borrower as required under subsection (1)(b) of this section and the  
19 failure to meet with the borrower occurred despite the due diligence  
20 of the beneficiary or authorized agent. Due diligence requires the  
21 following:

22 (a) A beneficiary or authorized agent shall first attempt to  
23 contact a borrower by sending, by both first-class and either  
24 registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, a letter to  
25 the address in the beneficiary's records for sending account  
26 statements to the borrower and to the address of the property  
27 encumbered by the deed of trust. The letter must be the letter  
28 described in subsection (1)(c) of this section.

29 (b)(i) After the letter has been sent, the beneficiary or  
30 authorized agent shall attempt to contact the borrower by telephone  
31 at least three times at different hours and on different days.  
32 Telephone calls must be made to the primary and secondary telephone  
33 numbers on file with the beneficiary or authorized agent.

34 (ii) A beneficiary or authorized agent may attempt to contact a  
35 borrower using an automated system to dial borrowers if the telephone  
36 call, when answered, is connected to a live representative of the  
37 beneficiary or authorized agent.

38 (iii) A beneficiary or authorized agent satisfies the telephone  
39 contact requirements of this subsection (5)(b) if the beneficiary or  
40 authorized agent determines, after attempting contact under this

1 subsection (5)(b), that the borrower's primary telephone number and  
2 secondary telephone number or numbers on file, if any, have been  
3 disconnected or are not good contact numbers for the borrower.

4 (iv) The telephonic contact under this subsection (5)(b) does not  
5 constitute the meeting under subsection (1)(f) of this section.

6 (c) If the borrower does not respond within fourteen days after  
7 the telephone call requirements of (b) of this subsection have been  
8 satisfied, the beneficiary or authorized agent shall send a certified  
9 letter, with return receipt requested, to the borrower at the address  
10 in the beneficiary's records for sending account statements to the  
11 borrower and to the address of the property encumbered by the deed of  
12 trust. The letter must include the information described in (e)(i)  
13 through (iv) of this subsection. The letter must also include a  
14 paragraph stating: "Your failure to contact a housing counselor or  
15 attorney may result in your losing certain opportunities, such as  
16 meeting with your lender or participating in mediation in front of a  
17 neutral third party."

18 (d) The beneficiary or authorized agent shall provide a means for  
19 the borrower to contact the beneficiary or authorized agent in a  
20 timely manner, including a toll-free telephone number or charge-free  
21 equivalent that will provide access to a live representative during  
22 business hours for the purpose of initiating and scheduling the  
23 meeting under subsection (1)(f) of this section.

24 (e) The beneficiary or authorized agent shall post a link on the  
25 home page of the beneficiary's or authorized agent's internet  
26 website, if any, to the following information:

27 (i) Options that may be available to borrowers who are unable to  
28 afford their mortgage payments and who wish to avoid foreclosure, and  
29 instructions to borrowers advising them on steps to take to explore  
30 those options;

31 (ii) A list of financial documents borrowers should collect and  
32 be prepared to present to the beneficiary or authorized agent when  
33 discussing options for avoiding foreclosure;

34 (iii) A toll-free telephone number or charge-free equivalent for  
35 borrowers who wish to discuss options for avoiding foreclosure with  
36 their beneficiary or authorized agent; and

37 (iv) The toll-free telephone number or charge-free equivalent  
38 made available by the department to find a department-approved  
39 housing counseling agency.

1 (6) Subsections (1) and (5) of this section do not apply if the  
2 borrower has surrendered the property as evidenced by either a letter  
3 confirming the surrender or delivery of the keys to the property to  
4 the trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent.

5 (7) (a) This section applies only to deeds of trust that are  
6 recorded against residential real property of up to four units. This  
7 section does not apply to deeds of trust: (i) Securing a commercial  
8 loan; (ii) securing obligations of a grantor who is not the borrower  
9 or a guarantor; or (iii) securing a purchaser's obligations under a  
10 seller-financed sale.

11 (b) This section does not apply to association beneficiaries  
12 subject to chapter (~~64.32, 64.34, or 64.38~~) 64.90 RCW.

13 (8) As used in this section:

14 (a) "Department" means the United States department of housing  
15 and urban development.

16 (b) "Seller-financed sale" means a residential real property  
17 transaction where the seller finances all or part of the purchase  
18 price, and that financed amount is secured by a deed of trust against  
19 the subject residential real property.

20 (9) The form of declaration to be provided by the beneficiary or  
21 authorized agent as required under subsection (2) of this section  
22 must be in substantially the following form:

23 **"FORECLOSURE LOSS MITIGATION FORM**

24 **Please select applicable option(s) below.**

25 The undersigned beneficiary or authorized agent for the  
26 beneficiary hereby represents and declares under the penalty of  
27 perjury that [check the applicable box and fill in any blanks so that  
28 the beneficiary, authorized agent, or trustee can insert, on the  
29 beneficiary's behalf, the applicable declaration in the notice of  
30 default required under chapter 61.24 RCW]:

31 (1) [ ] The beneficiary or beneficiary's authorized agent has  
32 contacted the borrower under, and has complied with, RCW 61.24.031  
33 (contact provision to "assess the borrower's financial ability to pay  
34 the debt secured by the deed of trust and explore options for the  
35 borrower to avoid foreclosure") and the borrower responded but did  
36 not request a meeting.

37 (2) [ ] The beneficiary or beneficiary's authorized agent has  
38 contacted the borrower as required under RCW 61.24.031 and the  
39 borrower or the borrower's designated representative requested a

1 meeting. A meeting was held on (insert date, time, and location/  
2 telephonic here) in compliance with RCW 61.24.031.

3 (3) [ ] The beneficiary or beneficiary's authorized agent has  
4 contacted the borrower as required in RCW 61.24.031 and the borrower  
5 or the borrower's designated representative requested a meeting. A  
6 meeting was scheduled for (insert date, time, and location/telephonic  
7 here) and neither the borrower nor the borrower's designated  
8 representative appeared.

9 (4) [ ] The beneficiary or beneficiary's authorized agent has  
10 exercised due diligence to contact the borrower as required in RCW  
11 61.24.031(5) and the borrower did not respond.

12 (5) [ ] The borrower has surrendered the secured property as  
13 evidenced by either a letter confirming the surrender or by delivery  
14 of the keys to the secured property to the beneficiary, the  
15 beneficiary's authorized agent or to the trustee.

16 Additional Optional Explanatory Comments:  
17 . . . . . "

18 **Sec. 412.** RCW 61.24.040 and 2023 c 206 s 3 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 A deed of trust foreclosed under this chapter shall be foreclosed  
21 as follows:

22 (1) At least 90 days before the sale, or if a letter under RCW  
23 61.24.031 is required, at least 120 days before the sale, the trustee  
24 shall:

25 (a) Record a notice in the form described in subsection (2) of  
26 this section in the office of the auditor in each county in which the  
27 deed of trust is recorded;

28 (b) To the extent the trustee elects to foreclose its lien or  
29 interest, or the beneficiary elects to preserve its right to seek a  
30 deficiency judgment against a borrower or grantor under RCW  
31 61.24.100(3)(a), and if their addresses are stated in a recorded  
32 instrument evidencing their interest, lien, or claim of lien, or an  
33 amendment thereto, or are otherwise known to the trustee, cause a  
34 copy of the notice of sale described in subsection (2) of this  
35 section to be transmitted by both first-class and either certified or  
36 registered mail, return receipt requested, to the following persons  
37 or their legal representatives, if any, at such address:

38 (i) (A) The borrower and grantor;

1 (B) In the case where the borrower or grantor is deceased, to any  
2 successors in interest. If no successor in interest has been  
3 established, then to any spouse, child, or parent of the borrower or  
4 grantor, at the addresses discovered by the trustee pursuant to RCW  
5 61.24.030(10);

6 (ii) The beneficiary of any deed of trust or mortgagee of any  
7 mortgage, or any person who has a lien or claim of lien against the  
8 property, that was recorded subsequent to the recordation of the deed  
9 of trust being foreclosed and before the recordation of the notice of  
10 sale;

11 (iii) The vendee in any real estate contract, the lessee in any  
12 lease, or the holder of any conveyances of any interest or estate in  
13 any portion or all of the property described in such notice, if that  
14 contract, lease, or conveyance of such interest or estate, or a  
15 memorandum or other notice thereof, was recorded after the  
16 recordation of the deed of trust being foreclosed and before the  
17 recordation of the notice of sale;

18 (iv) The last holder of record of any other lien against or  
19 interest in the property that is subject to a subordination to the  
20 deed of trust being foreclosed that was recorded before the  
21 recordation of the notice of sale;

22 (v) The last holder of record of the lien of any judgment  
23 subordinate to the deed of trust being foreclosed; and

24 (vi) The occupants of property consisting solely of a single-  
25 family residence, or a condominium, cooperative, or other dwelling  
26 unit in a multiplex or other building containing fewer than five  
27 residential units, whether or not the occupant's rental agreement is  
28 recorded, which notice may be a single notice addressed to  
29 "occupants" for each unit known to the trustee or beneficiary;

30 (c) Cause a copy of the notice of sale described in subsection  
31 (2) of this section to be transmitted by both first-class and either  
32 certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the  
33 plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney of record, in any court action  
34 to foreclose a lien or other encumbrance on all or any part of the  
35 property, provided a court action is pending and a lis pendens in  
36 connection therewith is recorded in the office of the auditor of any  
37 county in which all or part of the property is located on the date  
38 the notice is recorded;

39 (d) Cause a copy of the notice of sale described in subsection  
40 (2) of this section to be transmitted by both first-class and either

1 certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to any person  
2 who has recorded a request for notice in accordance with RCW  
3 61.24.045, at the address specified in such person's most recently  
4 recorded request for notice;

5 (e) Cause a copy of the notice of sale described in subsection  
6 (2) of this section to be posted in a conspicuous place on the  
7 property, or in lieu of posting, cause a copy of said notice to be  
8 served upon any occupant of the property.

9 (2)(a) If foreclosing on a commercial loan under RCW  
10 61.24.005(4), the title of the document must be "Notice of Trustee's  
11 Sale of Commercial Loan(s)";

12 (b) In addition to all other indexing requirements, the notice  
13 required in subsection (1) of this section must clearly indicate on  
14 the first page the following information, which the auditor will  
15 index:

16 (i) The document number or numbers given to the deed of trust  
17 upon recording;

18 (ii) The parcel number(s);

19 (iii) The grantor;

20 (iv) The current beneficiary of the deed of trust;

21 (v) The current trustee of the deed of trust; and

22 (vi) The current loan mortgage servicer of the deed of trust;

23 (c) Nothing in this section:

24 (i) Requires a trustee or beneficiary to cause to be recorded any  
25 new notice of trustee's sale upon transfer of the beneficial interest  
26 in a deed of trust or the servicing rights for the associated  
27 mortgage loan;

28 (ii) Relieves a mortgage loan servicer of any obligation to  
29 provide the borrower with notice of a transfer of servicing rights or  
30 other legal obligations related to the transfer; or

31 (iii) Prevents the trustee from disclosing the beneficiary's  
32 identity to the borrower and to county and municipal officials  
33 seeking to abate nuisance and abandoned property in foreclosure  
34 pursuant to chapter 35.21 RCW;

35 (d) The notice must be in substantially the following form:

36 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

37 Grantor: .....

38 Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: .....

39 Current trustee of the deed of trust: .....



1 Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: .....  
2 Reference number of the deed of trust: .....  
3 Parcel number(s): .....

4 I.

5 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee will on  
6 the . . . . day of . . . . ., . . ., at the hour of . . . .  
7 o'clock . . . . . M. at  
8 . . . . . [street  
9 address and location if inside a building] in the City  
10 of . . . . ., State of Washington, sell at public auction to the  
11 highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following  
12 described real property, situated in the County(ies) of . . . . .,  
13 State of Washington, to-wit:

14 [If any personal property is to be included in the trustee's  
15 sale, include a description that reasonably identifies such  
16 personal property]

17 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust  
18 dated . . . . ., . . ., recorded . . . . ., . . ., under  
19 Auditor's File No. . . . ., records of . . . . . County,  
20 Washington, from . . . . ., as Grantor, to . . . . .,  
21 as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of . . . . ., as  
22 Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned  
23 by . . . . ., under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's  
24 File No. . . . . [Include recording information for all counties if  
25 the Deed of Trust is recorded in more than one county.]

26 II.

27 No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now  
28 pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason  
29 of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by  
30 the Deed of Trust.

31 [If there is another action pending to foreclose other  
32 security for all or part of the same debt, qualify the  
33 statement and identify the action.]

34 III.

35 The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows:

1 [If default is for other than payment of money, set forth the  
2 particulars]

3 Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in  
4 arrears:

5 IV.

6 The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is:  
7 Principal \$ . . . . ., together with interest as provided in the  
8 note or other instrument secured from the . . . . . day  
9 of . . . . ., . . ., and such other costs and fees as are due under  
10 the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.

11 V.

12 The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense  
13 of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided  
14 by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or  
15 implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on the . . . .  
16 day of . . . . ., . . . The default(s) referred to in paragraph III  
17 must be cured by the . . . . . day of . . . . ., . . . (11 days  
18 before the sale date), to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The  
19 sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time on or before  
20 the . . . . . day of . . . . ., . . ., (11 days before the sale  
21 date), the default(s) as set forth in paragraph III is/are cured and  
22 the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any  
23 time after the . . . . . day of . . . . ., . . . (11 days before the  
24 sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any  
25 Guarantor, or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance  
26 paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of  
27 Trust, plus costs, fees, and advances, if any, made pursuant to the  
28 terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other  
29 defaults.

30 VI.

31 A written notice of default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or  
32 Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses:  
33 by both first-class and certified mail on the . . . . . day  
34 of . . . . ., . . ., proof of which is in the possession of the  
35 Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served on  
36 the . . . . . day of . . . . ., . . ., with said written notice of  
37 default or the written notice of default was posted in a conspicuous

1 place on the real property described in paragraph I above, and the  
2 Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting.

3 VII.

4 The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide  
5 in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees  
6 due at any time prior to the sale.

7 VIII.

8 The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those  
9 who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in  
10 the above-described property.

11 IX.

12 Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever  
13 will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if  
14 they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130.  
15 Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper  
16 grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale.

17 [Add Part X to this notice if applicable under RCW 61.24.040(11)]

18 .....

19 ..... , Trustee

20 ..... }  
21 ..... }  
22 ..... }

23 ..... Address

24 .....  
25 ..... } Phone

28 [Acknowledgment]

29 (3) If the borrower received a letter under RCW 61.24.031, the  
30 notice specified in subsection (2)(d) of this section shall also  
31 include the following additional language:

32 **"THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR**  
33 **HOME.**

34 You have only **until 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale** listed  
35 in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this

1 is an amended Notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45-day notice of the  
2 sale, mediation must be requested no later than **25 calendar days**  
3 **BEFORE the date of sale** listed in this amended Notice of Trustee  
4 Sale.

5 **DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN**  
6 **WASHINGTON NOW** to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if  
7 you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for  
8 safe sources of help.

9 **SEEKING ASSISTANCE**

10 Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or  
11 no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your  
12 rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the  
13 following:

14 The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to  
15 housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission  
16 Telephone: . . . . . Website: . . . . .

17 The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development  
18 Telephone: . . . . . Website: . . . . .

19 The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to  
20 other housing counselors and attorneys  
21 Telephone: . . . . . Website: . . . . ."

22 The beneficiary or trustee shall obtain the toll-free numbers and  
23 website information from the department for inclusion in the notice;

24 (4) In addition to providing the borrower and grantor the notice  
25 of sale described in subsection (2) of this section, the trustee  
26 shall include with the copy of the notice which is mailed to the  
27 grantor, a statement to the grantor in substantially the following  
28 form:

29 **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**  
30 Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington,  
31 Chapter 61.24 RCW

32 The attached Notice of Trustee's Sale is a consequence of  
33 default(s) in the obligation to . . . . ., the Beneficiary of your  
34 Deed of Trust and holder of the obligation secured thereby. Unless  
35 the default(s) is/are cured, your property will be sold at auction on  
36 the . . . . day of . . . . ., . . . .

37 To cure the default(s), you must bring the payments current, cure  
38 any other defaults, and pay accrued late charges and other costs,

1 advances, and attorneys' fees as set forth below by the . . . . day  
 2 of . . . . ., . . . [11 days before the sale date]. To date, these  
 3 arrears and costs are as follows:

		Estimated amount
	Currently due	that will be due
	to reinstate	to reinstate
	on . . . . .	on . . . . .
	. . . . .	. . . . .
		(11 days before
		the date set
		for sale)
12	Delinquent payments	
13	from . . . . .,	
14	. . ., in the	
15	amount of	
16	\$ . . . /mo.:	\$ . . . .      \$ . . . .
17	Late charges in	
18	the total	
19	amount of:	\$ . . . .      \$ . . . .
20		Estimated
21		Amounts
22	Attorneys' fees:	\$ . . . .      \$ . . . .
23	Trustee's fee:	\$ . . . .      \$ . . . .
24	Trustee's expenses:	
25	(Itemization)	
26	Title report	\$ . . . .      \$ . . . .
27	Recording fees	\$ . . . .      \$ . . . .
28	Service/Posting	
29	of Notices	\$ . . . .      \$ . . . .
30	Postage/Copying	
31	expense	\$ . . . .      \$ . . . .
32	Publication	\$ . . . .      \$ . . . .
33	Telephone	\$ . . . .
34	charges	\$ . . . .
35	Inspection fees	\$ . . . .      \$ . . . .

1	.....	\$....	\$....
2	.....	\$....	\$....
3	TOTALS	\$....	\$....

4 To pay off the entire obligation secured by your Deed of Trust as  
5 of the . . . . day of . . . . you must pay a total of  
6 \$. . . . in principal, \$. . . . in interest, plus other costs and  
7 advances estimated to date in the amount of \$. . . . From and  
8 after the date of this notice you must submit a written request to  
9 the Trustee to obtain the total amount to pay off the entire  
10 obligation secured by your Deed of Trust as of the payoff date.

11 As to the defaults which do not involve payment of money to the  
12 Beneficiary of your Deed of Trust, you must cure each such default.  
13 Listed below are the defaults which do not involve payment of money  
14 to the Beneficiary of your Deed of Trust. Opposite each such listed  
15 default is a brief description of the action necessary to cure the  
16 default and a description of the documentation necessary to show that  
17 the default has been cured.

18	Default	Description of Action Required to Cure and
19		Documentation Necessary to Show Cure
20	.....	.....
21		.....
22		.....
23	.....	.....
24		.....
25		.....

26 You may reinstate your Deed of Trust and the obligation secured  
27 thereby at any time up to and including the . . . . day  
28 of . . . ., . . . [11 days before the sale date], by paying the  
29 amount set forth or estimated above and by curing any other defaults  
30 described above. Of course, as time passes other payments may become  
31 due, and any further payments coming due and any additional late  
32 charges must be added to your reinstating payment. Any new defaults  
33 not involving payment of money that occur after the date of this  
34 notice must also be cured in order to effect reinstatement. In  
35 addition, because some of the charges can only be estimated at this  
36 time, and because the amount necessary to reinstate or to pay off the  
37 entire indebtedness may include presently unknown expenditures

1 required to preserve the property or to comply with state or local  
2 law, it will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the  
3 time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be  
4 advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. Tender of  
5 payment or performance must be made to: . . . . ., whose address  
6 is . . . . ., telephone ( ) . . . . . AFTER THE . . . . DAY  
7 OF . . . . ., . . ., YOU MAY NOT REINSTATE YOUR DEED OF TRUST BY  
8 PAYING THE BACK PAYMENTS AND COSTS AND FEES AND CURING THE OTHER  
9 DEFAULTS AS OUTLINED ABOVE. The Trustee will respond to any written  
10 request for current payoff or reinstatement amounts within 10 days of  
11 receipt of your written request. In such a case, you will only be  
12 able to stop the sale by paying, before the sale, the total principal  
13 balance (\$ . . . . .) plus accrued interest, costs and advances, if  
14 any, made pursuant to the terms of the documents and by curing the  
15 other defaults as outlined above.

16 You may contest this default by initiating court action in the  
17 Superior Court of the county in which the sale is to be held. In such  
18 action, you may raise any legitimate defenses you have to this  
19 default. A copy of your Deed of Trust and documents evidencing the  
20 obligation secured thereby are enclosed. You may wish to consult a  
21 lawyer. Legal action on your part may prevent or restrain the sale,  
22 but only if you persuade the court of the merits of your defense. You  
23 may contact the Department of Financial Institutions or the statewide  
24 civil legal aid hotline for possible assistance or referrals.

25 The court may grant a restraining order or injunction to restrain  
26 a trustee's sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130 upon five days notice to  
27 the trustee of the time when, place where, and the judge before whom  
28 the application for the restraining order or injunction is to be  
29 made. This notice shall include copies of all pleadings and related  
30 documents to be given to the judge. Notice and other process may be  
31 served on the trustee at:

32 NAME: .....

33 ADDRESS: .....

34 .....

35 TELEPHONE NUMBER: .....

36 If you do not reinstate the secured obligation and your Deed of  
37 Trust in the manner set forth above, or if you do not succeed in  
38 restraining the sale by court action, your property will be sold. The

1 effect of such sale will be to deprive you and all those who hold by,  
2 through or under you of all interest in the property;

3 (5) In addition, the trustee shall cause a copy of the notice of  
4 sale described in subsection (2)(d) of this section (excluding the  
5 acknowledgment) to be published in a legal newspaper in each county  
6 in which the property or any part thereof is situated, once on or  
7 between the 35th and 28th day before the date of sale, and once on or  
8 between the 14th and seventh day before the date of sale;

9 (6) In the case where no successor in interest has been  
10 established, and neither the beneficiary nor the trustee are able to  
11 ascertain the name and address of any spouse, child, or parent of the  
12 borrower or grantor in the manner described in RCW 61.24.030(10),  
13 then the trustee may, in addition to mailing notice to the property  
14 addressed to the unknown heirs and devisees of the grantor, serve the  
15 notice of sale by publication in a newspaper of general circulation  
16 in the county or city where the property is located once per week for  
17 three consecutive weeks. Upon this service by publication, to be  
18 completed not less than 30 days prior to the date the sale is  
19 conducted, all unknown heirs shall be deemed served with the notice  
20 of sale;

21 (7) (a) If a servicer or trustee receives notification by someone  
22 claiming to be a successor in interest to the borrower or grantor, as  
23 under RCW 61.24.030(11), after the recording of the notice of sale,  
24 the trustee or servicer must request written documentation within  
25 five days demonstrating the ownership interest, provided that, the  
26 trustee may, but is not required to, postpone a trustee's sale upon  
27 receipt of such notification by someone claiming to be a successor in  
28 interest.

29 (b) Upon receipt of documentation establishing a claimant as a  
30 successor in interest, the servicer must provide the information in  
31 RCW 61.24.030(11)(c). Only if the servicer or trustee receives the  
32 documentation confirming someone as successor in interest more than  
33 45 days before the scheduled sale must the servicer then provide the  
34 information in RCW 61.24.030(11)(c) to the claimant not less than 20  
35 days prior to the sale.

36 (c) (b) of this subsection (7) does not apply to association  
37 beneficiaries subject to chapter (~~64.32, 64.34, or 64.38~~) 64.90  
38 RCW;

39 (8) On the date and at the time designated in the notice of sale,  
40 the trustee or its authorized agent shall sell the property at public



1 auction to the highest bidder. The trustee may sell the property in  
2 gross or in parcels as the trustee shall deem most advantageous;

3 (9) The place of sale shall be at any designated public place  
4 within the county where the property is located and if the property  
5 is in more than one county, the sale may be in any of the counties  
6 where the property is located. The sale shall be on Friday, or if  
7 Friday is a legal holiday on the following Monday, and during the  
8 hours set by statute for the conduct of sales of real estate at  
9 execution;

10 (10) The trustee has no obligation to, but may, for any cause the  
11 trustee deems advantageous, continue the sale for a period or periods  
12 not exceeding a total of 120 days by (a) a public proclamation at the  
13 time and place fixed for sale in the notice of sale and if the  
14 continuance is beyond the date of sale, by giving notice of the new  
15 time and place of the sale by both first class and either certified  
16 or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the persons  
17 specified in subsection (1)(b)(i) and (ii) of this section to be  
18 deposited in the mail (i) not less than four days before the new date  
19 fixed for the sale if the sale is continued for up to seven days; or  
20 (ii) not more than three days after the date of the continuance by  
21 oral proclamation if the sale is continued for more than seven days,  
22 or, alternatively, (b) by giving notice of the time and place of the  
23 postponed sale in the manner and to the persons specified in  
24 subsection (1)(b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section and publishing a  
25 copy of such notice once in the newspaper(s) described in subsection  
26 (5) of this section, more than seven days before the date fixed for  
27 sale in the notice of sale. No other notice of the postponed sale  
28 need be given;

29 (11) The purchaser shall forthwith pay the price bid. On payment  
30 and subject to RCW 61.24.050, the trustee shall execute to the  
31 purchaser its deed. The deed shall recite the facts showing that the  
32 sale was conducted in compliance with all of the requirements of this  
33 chapter and of the deed of trust, which recital shall be prima facie  
34 evidence of such compliance and conclusive evidence thereof in favor  
35 of bona fide purchasers and encumbrancers for value, except that  
36 these recitals shall not affect the lien or interest of any person  
37 entitled to notice under subsection (1) of this section, if the  
38 trustee fails to give the required notice to such person. In such  
39 case, the lien or interest of such omitted person shall not be  
40 affected by the sale and such omitted person shall be treated as if

1 such person was the holder of the same lien or interest and was  
2 omitted as a party defendant in a judicial foreclosure proceeding;

3 (12) The sale as authorized under this chapter shall not take  
4 place less than 190 days from the date of default in any of the  
5 obligations secured;

6 (13) If the trustee elects to foreclose the interest of any  
7 occupant or tenant of property comprised solely of a single-family  
8 residence, or a condominium, cooperative, or other dwelling unit in a  
9 multiplex or other building containing fewer than five residential  
10 units, the following notice shall be included as Part X of the Notice  
11 of Trustee's Sale:

12 X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS

13 The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the  
14 property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor  
15 under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest  
16 junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants.  
17 After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to  
18 evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under  
19 chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall  
20 provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW  
21 61.24.060;

22 (14) Only one copy of all notices required by this chapter need  
23 be given to a person who is both the borrower and the grantor. All  
24 notices required by this chapter that are given to a general  
25 partnership are deemed given to each of its general partners, unless  
26 otherwise agreed by the parties.

27 **Sec. 413.** RCW 61.24.165 and 2023 c 206 s 6 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (1) RCW 61.24.163 applies only to deeds of trust that are  
30 recorded against residential real property of up to four units.

31 (2) RCW 61.24.163 does not apply to deeds of trust:

32 (a) Securing a commercial loan;

33 (b) Securing obligations of a grantor who is not the borrower or  
34 a guarantor;

35 (c) Securing a purchaser's obligations under a seller-financed  
36 sale; or

37 (d) Where the grantor is a partnership, corporation, or limited  
38 liability company, or where the property is vested in a partnership,

1 corporation, or limited liability company at the time the notice of  
2 default is issued.

3 (3) RCW 61.24.163 does not apply to association beneficiaries  
4 subject to chapter (~~64.32, 64.34, or 64.38~~) 64.90 RCW.

5 (4) For purposes of referral and mediation under RCW 61.24.163, a  
6 person may be referred to mediation if the borrower is deceased and  
7 the person is a successor in interest of the deceased borrower. The  
8 referring counselor or attorney must determine a person's eligibility  
9 under this section and indicate the grounds for eligibility on the  
10 referral to mediation submitted to the department. For the purposes  
11 of mediation under RCW 61.24.163, the person must be treated as a  
12 "borrower." This subsection does not impose an affirmative duty on  
13 the beneficiary to accept an assumption of the loan.

14 (5) For purposes of referral and mediation under RCW 61.24.163, a  
15 person may be referred to mediation if the person has been awarded  
16 title to the property in a proceeding for dissolution or legal  
17 separation. The referring counselor or attorney must determine the  
18 person's eligibility under this section and indicate the grounds for  
19 eligibility on the referral to mediation submitted to the department.  
20 For the purposes of mediation under RCW 61.24.163, the person must be  
21 treated as a "borrower." This subsection does not impose an  
22 affirmative duty on the beneficiary to accept an assumption of the  
23 loan.

24 **Sec. 414.** RCW 61.24.190 and 2023 c 206 s 8 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 (1) Except as provided in subsections (6) and (7) of this  
27 section, beginning January 1, 2022, and every quarter thereafter,  
28 every beneficiary issuing notices of default, or causing notices of  
29 default to be issued on its behalf, on residential real property  
30 under this chapter must:

31 (a) Report to the department, on a form approved by the  
32 department, the total number of residential real properties for which  
33 the beneficiary has issued a notice of default during the previous  
34 quarter, together with the street address, city, and zip code;

35 (b) Remit the amount required under subsection (2) of this  
36 section; and

37 (c) Report and update beneficiary contact information for the  
38 person and work group responsible for the beneficiary's compliance

1 with the requirements of the foreclosure fairness act created in this  
2 chapter.

3 (2) For each residential real property for which a notice of  
4 default has been issued, the beneficiary issuing the notice of  
5 default, or causing the notice of default to be issued on the  
6 beneficiary's behalf, shall remit \$250 to the department to be  
7 deposited, as provided under RCW 61.24.172, into the foreclosure  
8 fairness account. The \$250 payment is required per property and not  
9 per notice of default. The beneficiary shall remit the total amount  
10 required in a lump sum each quarter.

11 (3) Reporting and payments under subsections (1) and (2) of this  
12 section are due within 45 days of the end of each quarter.

13 (4) For purposes of this section, "residential real property"  
14 includes residential real property with up to four dwelling units,  
15 whether or not the property or any part thereof is owner occupied.

16 (5) The department, including its officials and employees, may  
17 not be held civilly liable for damages arising from any release of  
18 information or the failure to release information related to the  
19 reporting required under this section, so long as the release was  
20 without gross negligence.

21 (6)(a) Beginning on January 1, 2023, this section does not apply  
22 to any beneficiary or loan servicer that is a federally insured  
23 depository institution, as defined in 12 U.S.C. Sec. 461(b)(1)(A),  
24 and that certifies under penalty of perjury that it has issued, or  
25 has directed a trustee or authorized agent to issue, fewer than 250  
26 notices of default in the preceding year.

27 (b) During the 2023 calendar year, this section does not apply to  
28 any beneficiary or loan servicer that is a federally insured  
29 depository institution, as defined in 12 U.S.C. Sec. 461(b)(1)(A),  
30 and that certifies under penalty of perjury that fewer than 50  
31 notices of trustee's sale were recorded on its behalf in 2019.

32 (c) This subsection (6) applies retroactively to January 1, 2023,  
33 and prospectively beginning with May 1, 2023.

34 (7) This section does not apply to association beneficiaries  
35 subject to chapter (~~64.32, 64.34, or 64.38~~) 64.90 RCW.

36 **Sec. 415.** RCW 64.06.005 and 2019 c 238 s 214 are each reenacted  
37 and amended to read as follows:

38 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
39 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

1 (1) "Commercial real estate" has the same meaning as in RCW  
2 60.42.005.

3 (2) "Improved residential property," "unimproved residential  
4 property," and "commercial real estate" do not include a condominium  
5 unit created under chapter 64.90 RCW on or after July 1, 2018, if the  
6 buyer of the unit entered into a contract to purchase the unit prior  
7 to July 1, 2018, and received a public offering statement pursuant to  
8 former chapter 64.34 RCW prior to July 1, 2018.

9 (3) "Improved residential real property" means:

10 (a) Real property consisting of, or improved by, one to four  
11 residential dwelling units;

12 (b) ~~((A residential condominium as defined in RCW 64.34.020(10),~~  
13 ~~unless the sale is subject to the public offering statement~~  
14 ~~requirement in the Washington condominium act, chapter 64.34 RCW;~~

15 ~~(e))~~ A residential timeshare, as defined in RCW 64.36.010(11),  
16 unless subject to written disclosure under the Washington timeshare  
17 act, chapter 64.36 RCW;

18 ~~((d))~~ (c) A mobile or manufactured home, as defined in RCW  
19 43.22.335 or 46.04.302, that is personal property; or

20 ~~((e))~~ (d) A residential common interest community as defined in  
21 RCW 64.90.010~~((10))~~ unless the sale is subject to the public  
22 offering statement requirement in the Washington uniform common  
23 interest ownership act, chapter 64.90 RCW.

24 (4) "Residential real property" means both improved and  
25 unimproved residential real property.

26 (5) "Seller disclosure statement" means the form to be completed  
27 by the seller of residential real property as prescribed by this  
28 chapter.

29 (6) "Unimproved residential real property" means property zoned  
30 for residential use that is not improved by one or more residential  
31 dwelling units, a residential condominium, a residential timeshare,  
32 or a mobile or manufactured home. It does not include commercial real  
33 estate or property defined as "timberland" under RCW 84.34.020.

34 **Sec. 416.** RCW 64.35.105 and 2023 c 337 s 1 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
37 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

38 (1) "Affiliate" has the meaning in RCW 64.90.010.

39 (2) "Association" has the meaning in RCW 64.90.010.

- 1 (3) "Building envelope" means the assemblies, components, and  
2 materials of a building that are intended to separate and protect the  
3 interior space of the building from the adverse effects of exterior  
4 climatic conditions.
- 5 (4) "Common element" has the meaning in RCW 64.90.010.
- 6 (5) "Condominium" has the meaning in RCW 64.90.010.
- 7 (6) "Construction professional" has the meaning in RCW 64.50.010.
- 8 (7) "Conversion condominium" has the meaning in RCW 64.90.010.
- 9 (8) "Declarant" has the meaning in RCW 64.90.010.
- 10 (9) "Declarant control" has the meaning in RCW 64.90.010.
- 11 (10) "Defect" means any aspect of a condominium unit or common  
12 element which constitutes a breach of the implied warranties set  
13 forth in RCW ((64.34.445 or)) 64.90.670.
- 14 (11) "Limited common element" has the meaning in RCW 64.90.010.
- 15 (12) "Material" means substantive, not simply formal; significant  
16 to a reasonable person; not trivial or insignificant. When used with  
17 respect to a particular construction defect, "material" does not  
18 require that the construction defect render the unit or common  
19 element unfit for its intended purpose or uninhabitable.
- 20 (13) "Mediation" means a collaborative process in which two or  
21 more parties meet and attempt, with the assistance of a mediator, to  
22 resolve issues in dispute between them.
- 23 (14) "Mediation session" means a meeting between two or more  
24 parties to a dispute during which they are engaged in mediation.
- 25 (15) "Mediator" means a neutral and impartial facilitator with no  
26 decision-making power who assists parties in negotiating a mutually  
27 acceptable settlement of issues in dispute between them.
- 28 (16) "Person" has the meaning in RCW 64.90.010.
- 29 (17) "Public offering statement" has the meaning in chapter 64.90  
30 RCW.
- 31 (18) "Qualified insurer" means an entity that holds a certificate  
32 of authority under RCW 48.05.030, or an eligible insurer under  
33 chapter 48.15 RCW.
- 34 (19) "Qualified warranty" means an insurance policy issued by a  
35 qualified insurer that complies with the requirements of this  
36 chapter. A qualified warranty includes coverage for repair of  
37 physical damage caused by the defects covered by the qualified  
38 warranty, except to the extent of any exclusions and limitations  
39 under this chapter.

1 (20) "Resale certificate" means the statement to be delivered by  
2 the association under chapter 64.90 RCW.

3 (21) "Transition date" means the date on which the declarant is  
4 required to deliver to the association the property of the  
5 association under RCW 64.90.420.

6 (22) "Unit" has the meaning in RCW 64.90.010.

7 (23) "Unit owner" has the meaning in RCW 64.90.010.

8 **Sec. 417.** RCW 64.35.405 and 2004 c 201 s 501 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 A qualified insurer may include any of the following provisions  
11 in a qualified warranty:

12 (1) If the qualified insurer makes a payment or assumes liability  
13 for any payment or repair under a qualified warranty, the owner and  
14 association must fully support and assist the qualified insurer in  
15 pursuing any rights that the qualified insurer may have against the  
16 declarant, and any construction professional that has contractual or  
17 common law obligations to the declarant, whether such rights arose by  
18 contract, subrogation, or otherwise.

19 (2) Warranties or representations made by a declarant which are  
20 in addition to the warranties set forth in this chapter are not  
21 binding on the qualified insurer unless and to the extent  
22 specifically provided in the text of the warranty; and disclaimers of  
23 specific defects made by agreement between the declarant and the unit  
24 purchaser under RCW (~~64.34.450~~) 64.90.675 act as an exclusion of  
25 the specified defect from the warranty coverage.

26 (3) An owner and the association must permit the qualified  
27 insurer or declarant, or both, to enter the unit at reasonable times,  
28 after reasonable notice to the owner and the association:

29 (a) To monitor the unit or its components;

30 (b) To inspect for required maintenance;

31 (c) To investigate complaints or claims; or

32 (d) To undertake repairs under the qualified warranty.

33 If any reports are produced as a result of any of the activities  
34 referred to in (a) through (d) of this subsection, the reports must  
35 be provided to the owner and the association.

36 (4) An owner and the association must provide to the qualified  
37 insurer all information and documentation that the owner and the  
38 association have available, as reasonably required by the qualified

1 insurer to investigate a claim or maintenance requirement, or to  
2 undertake repairs under the qualified warranty.

3 (5) To the extent any damage to a unit is caused or made worse by  
4 the unreasonable refusal of the association, or an owner or occupant  
5 to permit the qualified insurer or declarant access to the unit for  
6 the reasons in subsection (3) of this section, or to provide the  
7 information required by subsection (4) of this section, that damage  
8 is excluded from the qualified warranty.

9 (6) In any claim under a qualified warranty issued to the  
10 association, the association shall have the sole right to prosecute  
11 and settle any claim with respect to the common elements.

12 **Sec. 418.** RCW 64.35.505 and 2004 c 201 s 1001 are each amended  
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) If coverage under a qualified warranty is conditional on an  
15 owner undertaking proper maintenance, or if coverage is excluded for  
16 damage caused by negligence by the owner or association with respect  
17 to maintenance or repair by the owner or association, the conditions  
18 or exclusions apply only to maintenance requirements or procedures:  
19 (a) Provided to the original owner in the case of the unit warranty,  
20 and to the association for the common element warranty with an  
21 estimation of the required cost thereof for the common element  
22 warranty provided in the budget prepared by the declarant; or (b)  
23 that would be obvious to a reasonable and prudent layperson.  
24 Recommended maintenance requirements and procedures are sufficient  
25 for purposes of this subsection if consistent with knowledge  
26 generally available in the construction industry at the time the  
27 qualified warranty is issued.

28 (2) If an original owner or the association has not been provided  
29 with the manufacturer's documentation or warranty information, or  
30 both, or with recommended maintenance and repair procedures for any  
31 component of a unit, the relevant exclusion does not apply. The  
32 common element warranty is included in the written warranty to be  
33 provided to the association under RCW (~~64.34.312~~) 64.90.420.

34 **Sec. 419.** RCW 64.35.610 and 2004 c 201 s 1601 are each amended  
35 to read as follows:

36 A qualified warranty may include mandatory binding arbitration of  
37 all disputes arising out of or in connection with a qualified  
38 warranty. The provision may provide that all claims for a single



1 condominium be heard by the same arbitrator, but shall not permit the  
2 joinder or consolidation of any other person or entity. The  
3 arbitration shall comply with the following minimum procedural  
4 standards:

5 (1) Any demand for arbitration shall be delivered by certified  
6 mail return receipt requested, and by ordinary first-class mail. The  
7 party initiating the arbitration shall address the notice to the  
8 address last known to the initiating party in the exercise of  
9 reasonable diligence, and also, for any entity which is required to  
10 have a registered agent in the state of Washington, to the address of  
11 the registered agent. Demand for arbitration is deemed effective  
12 three days after the date deposited in the mail((†)).

13 (2) All disputes shall be heard by one qualified arbitrator,  
14 unless the parties agree to use three arbitrators. If three  
15 arbitrators are used, one shall be appointed by each of the disputing  
16 parties and the first two arbitrators shall appoint the third, who  
17 will chair the panel. The parties shall select the identity and  
18 number of the arbitrator or arbitrators after the demand for  
19 arbitration is made. If, within thirty days after the effective date  
20 of the demand for arbitration, the parties fail to agree on an  
21 arbitrator or the agreed number of arbitrators fail to be appointed,  
22 then an arbitrator or arbitrators shall be appointed under RCW  
23 7.04.050 by the presiding judge of the superior court of the county  
24 in which the condominium is located((†)).

25 (3) In any arbitration, at least one arbitrator must be a lawyer  
26 or retired judge. Any additional arbitrator must be either a lawyer  
27 or retired judge or a person who has experience with construction and  
28 engineering standards and practices, written construction warranties,  
29 or construction dispute resolution. No person may serve as an  
30 arbitrator in any arbitration in which that person has any past or  
31 present financial or personal interest((†)).

32 (4) The arbitration hearing must be conducted in a manner that  
33 permits full, fair, and expeditious presentation of the case by both  
34 parties. The arbitrator is bound by the law of Washington state.  
35 Parties may be, but are not required to be, represented by attorneys.  
36 The arbitrator may permit discovery to ensure a fair hearing, but may  
37 limit the scope or manner of discovery for good cause to avoid  
38 excessive delay and costs to the parties. The parties and the  
39 arbitrator shall use all reasonable efforts to complete the  
40 arbitration within six months of the effective date of the demand for

1 arbitration or, when applicable, the service of the list of defects  
2 in accordance with RCW 64.50.030(~~(†)~~).

3 (5) Except as otherwise set forth in this section, arbitration  
4 shall be conducted under chapter 7.04 RCW, unless the parties elect  
5 to use the construction industry arbitration rules of the American  
6 arbitration association, which are permitted to the extent not  
7 inconsistent with this section. The expenses of witnesses including  
8 expert witnesses shall be paid by the party producing the witnesses.  
9 All other expenses of arbitration shall be borne equally by the  
10 parties, unless all parties agree otherwise or unless the arbitrator  
11 awards expenses or any part thereof to any specified party or  
12 parties. The parties shall pay the fees of the arbitrator as and when  
13 specified by the arbitrator(~~(†)~~).

14 (6) Demand for arbitration given pursuant to subsection (1) of  
15 this section commences a (~~(judicial)~~) proceeding for purposes of RCW  
16 (~~(64.34.452†)~~) 64.90.680.

17 (7) The arbitration decision shall be in writing and must set  
18 forth findings of fact and conclusions of law that support the  
19 decision.

20 **Sec. 420.** RCW 64.50.010 and 2023 c 337 s 3 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
23 this section apply throughout this chapter.

24 (1) "Action" means any civil lawsuit or action in contract or  
25 tort for damages or indemnity brought against a construction  
26 professional to assert a claim, whether by complaint, counterclaim,  
27 or cross-claim, for damage or the loss of use of real or personal  
28 property caused by a defect in the construction of a residence or in  
29 the substantial remodel of a residence. "Action" does not include any  
30 civil action in tort alleging personal injury or wrongful death to a  
31 person or persons resulting from a construction defect.

32 (2) "Association" means an association, master association, or  
33 subassociation as defined and provided for in (~~(RCW 64.34.020(4),~~  
34 ~~64.34.276, 64.34.278, 64.38.010(12), and 64.90.010(4))~~) chapter 64.90  
35 RCW.

36 (3) "Claimant" means a homeowner or association who asserts a  
37 claim against a construction professional concerning a defect in the  
38 construction of a residence or in the substantial remodel of a  
39 residence.

1 (4) "Construction defect professional" means an architect,  
2 builder, builder vendor, contractor, subcontractor, engineer,  
3 inspector, or such other person with verifiable training and  
4 experience related to the defects or conditions identified in any  
5 report included with a notice of claim as set forth in RCW  
6 64.50.020(1)(a).

7 (5) "Construction professional" means an architect, builder,  
8 builder vendor, contractor, subcontractor, engineer, or inspector,  
9 including, but not limited to, a dealer as defined in RCW  
10 (~~64.34.020~~) 64.90.010 and a declarant as defined in RCW  
11 (~~64.34.020~~) 64.90.010, performing or furnishing the design,  
12 supervision, inspection, construction, or observation of the  
13 construction of any improvement to real property, whether operating  
14 as a sole proprietor, partnership, corporation, or other business  
15 entity.

16 (6) "Homeowner" means: (a) Any person, company, firm,  
17 partnership, corporation, or association who contracts with a  
18 construction professional for the construction, sale, or construction  
19 and sale of a residence; and (b) an "association" as defined in this  
20 section. "Homeowner" includes, but is not limited to, a subsequent  
21 purchaser of a residence from any homeowner.

22 (7) "Residence" means a single-family house, duplex, triplex,  
23 quadraplex, or a unit in a multiunit residential structure in which  
24 title to each individual unit is transferred to the owner under a  
25 condominium or cooperative system, and shall include common elements  
26 as defined in RCW (~~64.34.020 and common areas as defined in RCW~~  
27 ~~64.38.010(4)~~) 64.90.010.

28 (8) "Serve" or "service" means personal service or delivery by  
29 certified mail to the last known address of the addressee.

30 (9) "Substantial remodel" means a remodel of a residence, for  
31 which the total cost exceeds one-half of the assessed value of the  
32 residence for property tax purposes at the time the contract for the  
33 remodel work was made.

34 **Sec. 421.** RCW 64.50.040 and 2023 c 337 s 5 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 (1)(a) In the event the board (~~(of directors)~~), pursuant to RCW  
37 (~~64.34.304(1)(d) or 64.38.020(4)~~) 64.90.405(2)(d), institutes an  
38 action asserting defects in the construction of two or more  
39 (~~residences,~~) units or common elements(~~(, or common areas)~~), this

1 section shall apply. For purposes of this section, "action" has the  
2 same meaning as set forth in RCW 64.50.010.

3 (b) The board (~~(of directors)~~) shall substantially comply with  
4 the provisions of this section.

5 (2)(a) Prior to the service of the summons and complaint on any  
6 defendant with respect to an action governed by this section, the  
7 board (~~(of directors)~~) shall mail or deliver written notice of the  
8 commencement or anticipated commencement of such action to each  
9 homeowner at the last known address described in the association's  
10 records.

11 (b) The notice required by (a) of this subsection shall state a  
12 general description of the following:

13 (i) The nature of the action and the relief sought;

14 (ii) To the extent applicable, the existence of the report  
15 required in RCW 64.50.020(1)(a), which shall be made available to  
16 each homeowner upon request;

17 (iii) A summary of the construction professional's response  
18 pursuant to RCW 64.50.020(3), if any; and

19 (iv) The expenses and fees that the board (~~(of directors)~~)  
20 anticipates will be incurred in prosecuting the action.

21 (3) Nothing in this section may be construed to:

22 (a) Require the disclosure in the notice or the disclosure to a  
23 (~~(unit owner)~~) homeowner of attorney-client communications or other  
24 privileged communications;

25 (b) Permit the notice to serve as a basis for any person to  
26 assert the waiver of any applicable privilege or right of  
27 confidentiality resulting from, or to claim immunity in connection  
28 with, the disclosure of information in the notice; or

29 (c) Limit or impair the authority of the board (~~(of directors)~~)  
30 to contract for legal services, or limit or impair the ability to  
31 enforce such a contract for legal services.

32 **Sec. 422.** RCW 64.50.050 and 2002 c 323 s 6 are each amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 (1) The construction professional shall provide notice to each  
35 homeowner upon entering into a contract for sale, construction, or  
36 substantial remodel of a residence, of the construction  
37 professional's right to offer to cure construction defects before a  
38 homeowner may commence litigation against the construction  
39 professional. Such notice shall be conspicuous and may be included as

1 part of the underlying contract signed by the homeowner. In the sale  
2 of a condominium unit, the requirement for delivery of such notice  
3 shall be deemed satisfied if contained in a public offering statement  
4 delivered in accordance with chapter (~~64.34~~) 64.90 RCW.

5 (2) The notice required by this subsection shall be in  
6 substantially the following form:

7 CHAPTER 64.50 RCW CONTAINS IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS YOU MUST  
8 FOLLOW BEFORE YOU MAY FILE A LAWSUIT FOR DEFECTIVE  
9 CONSTRUCTION AGAINST THE SELLER OR BUILDER OF YOUR HOME.  
10 FORTY-FIVE DAYS BEFORE YOU FILE YOUR LAWSUIT, YOU MUST  
11 DELIVER TO THE SELLER OR BUILDER A WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY  
12 CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS YOU ALLEGE ARE DEFECTIVE AND PROVIDE  
13 YOUR SELLER OR BUILDER THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE AN OFFER TO  
14 REPAIR OR PAY FOR THE DEFECTS. YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO  
15 ACCEPT ANY OFFER MADE BY THE BUILDER OR SELLER. THERE ARE  
16 STRICT DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES UNDER STATE LAW, AND FAILURE  
17 TO FOLLOW THEM MAY AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO FILE A LAWSUIT.

18 (3) This chapter shall not preclude or bar any action if notice  
19 is not given to the homeowner as required by this section.

20 **Sec. 423.** RCW 64.55.005 and 2019 c 238 s 216 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 (1)(a) RCW 64.55.010 through 64.55.090 apply to any multiunit  
23 residential building for which the permit for construction or  
24 rehabilitative construction of such building was issued on or after  
25 August 1, 2005.

26 (b) RCW 64.55.010 and 64.55.090 apply to (~~conversion~~  
27 ~~condominiums as defined in RCW 64.34.020 or~~) conversion buildings as  
28 defined in RCW 64.90.010 (~~(, provided that RCW 64.55.090 shall not~~  
29 ~~apply to a condominium conversion for which a public offering~~  
30 ~~statement had been delivered pursuant to chapter 64.34 RCW prior to~~  
31 ~~August 1, 2005)~~).

32 (2) RCW 64.55.010 and 64.55.100 through 64.55.160 and  
33 (~~64.34.415~~) 64.90.620 apply to any action that alleges breach of an  
34 implied or express warranty under chapter (~~64.34~~) 64.90 RCW or that  
35 seeks relief that could be awarded for such breach, regardless of the  
36 legal theory pleaded, except that RCW 64.55.100 through 64.55.160 and  
37 (~~64.34.415~~) 64.90.620 shall not apply to:

38 (a) Actions filed or served prior to August 1, 2005;

1 (b) Actions for which a notice of claim was served pursuant to  
2 chapter 64.50 RCW prior to August 1, 2005;

3 (c) Actions asserting any claim regarding a building that is not  
4 a multiunit residential building;

5 (d) Actions asserting any claim regarding a multiunit residential  
6 building that was permitted on or after August 1, 2005, unless the  
7 letter required by RCW 64.55.060 has been submitted to the  
8 appropriate building department or the requirements of RCW 64.55.090  
9 have been satisfied.

10 (3) Other than the requirements imposed by RCW 64.55.010 through  
11 64.55.090, nothing in this chapter amends or modifies the provisions  
12 of RCW (~~64.34.050~~) 64.90.025.

13 **Sec. 424.** RCW 64.55.010 and 2023 c 263 s 1 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
16 RCW (~~64.34.020~~) 64.90.010 and in this section apply throughout this  
17 chapter.

18 (1) "Attached dwelling unit" means any dwelling unit that is  
19 attached to another dwelling unit by a wall, floor, or ceiling that  
20 separates heated living spaces. A garage is not a heated living  
21 space.

22 (2) "Building enclosure" means that part of any building, above  
23 or below grade, that physically separates the outside or exterior  
24 environment from interior environments and which weatherproofs,  
25 waterproofs, or otherwise protects the building or its components  
26 from water or moisture intrusion. Interior environments consist of  
27 both heated and unheated enclosed spaces. The building enclosure  
28 includes, but is not limited to, that portion of roofs, walls,  
29 balcony support columns, decks, windows, doors, vents, and other  
30 penetrations through exterior walls, which waterproof, weatherproof,  
31 or otherwise protect the building or its components from water or  
32 moisture intrusion.

33 (3) "Building enclosure design documents" means plans, details,  
34 and specifications for the building enclosure that have been stamped  
35 by a licensed engineer or architect. The building enclosure design  
36 documents shall include details and specifications that are  
37 appropriate for the building in the professional judgment of the  
38 architect or engineer who prepared the same to waterproof,  
39 weatherproof, and otherwise protect the building or its components

1 from water or moisture intrusion, including details of flashing,  
2 intersections at roof, eaves or parapets, means of drainage, water-  
3 resistive membrane, and details around openings.

4 (4) "Developer" means:

5 (a) With respect to a condominium or a conversion condominium,  
6 the declarant; and

7 (b) With respect to all other buildings, an individual, group of  
8 individuals, partnership, corporation, association, municipal  
9 corporation, state agency, or other entity or person that obtains a  
10 building permit for the construction or rehabilitative reconstruction  
11 of a multiunit residential building. If a permit is obtained by  
12 service providers such as architects, contractors, and consultants  
13 who obtain permits for others as part of services rendered for a fee,  
14 the person for whom the permit is obtained shall be the developer,  
15 not the service provider.

16 (5) " Dwelling unit " has the meaning given to that phrase or  
17 similar phrases in the ordinances of the jurisdiction issuing the  
18 permit for construction of the building enclosure but if such  
19 ordinances do not provide a definition, then " dwelling unit " means a  
20 residence containing living, cooking, sleeping, and sanitary  
21 facilities.

22 (6) " Multiunit residential building " means:

23 (a) A building containing more than two attached dwelling units,  
24 including a building containing nonresidential units if the building  
25 also contains more than two attached dwelling units, but excluding  
26 the following classes of buildings:

27 (i) Hotels and motels;

28 (ii) Dormitories;

29 (iii) Care facilities;

30 (iv) Floating homes;

31 (v) A building that contains attached dwelling units that are  
32 each located on a single platted lot, except as provided in (b) of  
33 this subsection;

34 (vi) A building in which all of the dwelling units are held under  
35 one ownership and is subject to a recorded irrevocable sale  
36 prohibition covenant; and

37 (vii) A building with 12 or fewer units that is no more than two  
38 stories.

39 (b) If the developer submits to the appropriate building  
40 department when applying for the building permit described in RCW

1 64.55.020 a statement that the developer elects to treat the  
2 improvement for which a permit is sought as a multiunit residential  
3 building for all purposes under this chapter, then "multiunit  
4 residential building" also means the following buildings for which  
5 such election has been made:

6 (i) A building containing only two attached dwelling units;

7 (ii) A building that does not contain attached dwelling units;

8 and

9 (iii) Any building that contains attached dwelling units each of  
10 which is located on a single platted lot.

11 (7) "Party unit owner" means a unit owner who is a named party to  
12 an action subject to this chapter and does not include any unit  
13 owners whose involvement with the action stems solely from their  
14 membership in the association.

15 (8) "Qualified building inspector" means a person satisfying the  
16 requirements of RCW 64.55.040.

17 (9) "Rehabilitative construction" means construction work on the  
18 building enclosure of a multiunit residential building if the cost of  
19 such construction work is more than five percent of the assessed  
20 value of the building.

21 (10) "Sale prohibition covenant" means a recorded covenant that  
22 prohibits the sale or other disposition of individual dwelling units  
23 as or as part of a condominium for five years or more from the date  
24 of first occupancy except as otherwise provided in RCW 64.55.090, a  
25 certified copy of which the developer shall submit to the appropriate  
26 building department; provided such covenant shall not apply to sales  
27 or dispositions listed in RCW (~~64.34.400~~) 64.90.600(2). The  
28 covenant must be recorded in the county in which the building is  
29 located and must be in substantially the following form:

30 This covenant has been recorded in the real property records  
31 of . . . . . County, Washington, in satisfaction of the  
32 requirements of RCW 64.55.010 through 64.55.090. The  
33 undersigned is the owner of the property described on Exhibit  
34 A (the "Property"). Until termination of this covenant, no  
35 dwelling unit in or on the Property may be sold as a  
36 condominium unit except for sales or dispositions listed in  
37 RCW (~~64.34.400~~) 64.90.600(2).

38 This covenant terminates on the earlier of either: (a)  
39 Compliance with the requirements of RCW 64.55.090, as



1 certified by the owner of the Property in a recorded  
2 supplement hereto; or (b) the fifth anniversary of the date  
3 of first occupancy of a dwelling unit as certified by the  
4 Owner in a recorded supplement hereto.

5 All title insurance companies and persons acquiring an interest in  
6 the Property may rely on the forgoing certifications without further  
7 inquiry in issuing any policy of title insurance or in acquiring an  
8 interest in the Property.

9 (11) "Stamped" means bearing the stamp and signature of the  
10 responsible licensed architect or engineer on the title page, and on  
11 every sheet of the documents, drawings, or specifications, including  
12 modifications to the documents, drawings, and specifications that  
13 become part of change orders or addenda to alter those documents,  
14 drawings, or specifications.

15 **Sec. 425.** RCW 64.55.070 and 2005 c 456 s 8 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 (1) Nothing in this chapter and RCW (~~64.34.073, 64.34.100(2),~~  
18 ~~64.34.410 (1)(nn) and (2), and 64.34.415(1)(b))~~) 64.90.610 (1)(t),  
19 (1)(oo), and (3) and 64.90.620(1)(c) is intended to, or does:

20 (a) Create a private right of action against any inspector,  
21 architect, or engineer based upon compliance or noncompliance with  
22 its provisions; or

23 (b) Create any independent basis for liability against an  
24 inspector, architect, or engineer.

25 (2) The qualified inspector, architect, or engineer and the  
26 developer that retained the inspector, architect, or engineer may  
27 contractually agree to the amount of their liability to the  
28 developer.

29 **Sec. 426.** RCW 64.55.090 and 2005 c 456 s 10 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 (1) Except for sales or other dispositions listed in RCW  
32 (~~64.34.400~~) 64.90.600(2), no declarant may convey a condominium  
33 unit that may be occupied for residential use in a multiunit  
34 residential building without first complying with the requirements of  
35 RCW 64.55.005 through 64.55.080 unless the building enclosure of the  
36 building in which such unit is included is inspected by a qualified  
37 building enclosure inspector, and:

1 (a) The inspection includes such intrusive or other testing, such  
2 as the removal of siding or other building enclosure materials, that  
3 the inspector believes, in his or her professional judgment, is  
4 necessary to ascertain the manner in which the building enclosure was  
5 constructed;

6 (b) The inspection evaluates, to the extent reasonably  
7 ascertainable and in the professional judgment of the inspector, the  
8 present condition of the building enclosure including whether such  
9 condition has adversely affected or will adversely affect the  
10 performance of the building enclosure to waterproof, weatherproof, or  
11 otherwise protect the building or its components from water or  
12 moisture intrusion. "Adversely affect" has the same meaning as  
13 provided in RCW (~~(64.34.445)~~) 64.90.670(7);

14 (c) The inspection report includes recommendations for repairs to  
15 the building enclosure that, in the professional judgment of the  
16 qualified building inspector, are necessary to: (i) Repair a design  
17 or construction defect in the building enclosure that results in the  
18 failure of the building enclosure to perform its intended function  
19 and allows unintended water penetration not caused by flooding; and  
20 (ii) repair damage caused by such a defect that has an adverse effect  
21 as provided in RCW (~~(64.34.445)~~) 64.90.670(7);

22 (d) With respect to a building that would be a multiunit  
23 residential building but for the recording of a sale prohibition  
24 covenant and unless more than five years have elapsed since the date  
25 such covenant was recorded, all repairs to the building enclosure  
26 recommended pursuant to (c) of this subsection have been made; and

27 (e) The declarant provides as part of the public offering  
28 statement, consistent with RCW (~~(64.34.410 (1)(nn) and (2) and~~  
29 ~~64.34.415(1)(b))~~) 64.90.610 (1)(t), (1)(oo), and (3) and  
30 64.90.620(1)(c), an inspection and repair report signed by the  
31 qualified building enclosure inspector that identifies:

32 (i) The extent of the inspection performed pursuant to this  
33 section;

34 (ii) The information obtained as a result of that inspection; and

35 (iii) The manner in which any repairs required by this section  
36 were performed, the scope of those repairs, and the names of the  
37 persons performing those repairs.

38 (2) Failure to deliver the inspection and repair report in  
39 violation of this section constitutes a failure to deliver a public  
40 offering statement for purposes of chapter (~~(64.34)~~) 64.90 RCW.

1       **Sec. 427.** RCW 64.55.120 and 2005 c 456 s 13 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) The parties to an action subject to this chapter and RCW  
4 (~~64.34.073, 64.34.100(2), 64.34.410 (1)(nn) and (2), and~~  
5 ~~64.34.415(1)(b))~~ 64.90.610 (1)(t), (1)(oo), and (3) and  
6 64.90.620(1)(c) shall engage in mediation. Unless the parties agree  
7 otherwise, the mediation required by this section shall commence  
8 within seven months of the later of the filing or service of the  
9 complaint. If the parties cannot agree upon a mediator, the court  
10 shall appoint a mediator.

11       (2) Prior to the mediation required by this section, the parties  
12 and their experts shall meet and confer in good faith to attempt to  
13 resolve or narrow the scope of the disputed issues, including issues  
14 related to the parties' repair plans.

15       (3) Prior to the mandatory mediation, the parties or their  
16 attorneys shall file and serve a declaration that:

17       (a) A decision maker with authority to settle will be available  
18 for the duration of the mandatory mediation; and

19       (b) The decision maker has been provided with and has reviewed  
20 the mediation materials provided by the party to which the decision  
21 maker is affiliated as well as the materials submitted by the  
22 opposing parties.

23       (4) Completion of the mediation required by this section occurs  
24 upon written notice of termination by any party. The provisions of  
25 RCW 64.55.160 shall not apply to any later mediation conducted  
26 following such notice.

27       **Sec. 428.** RCW 64.55.130 and 2005 c 456 s 14 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29       (1) If, after meeting and conferring as required by RCW  
30 64.55.120(2), disputed issues remain, a party may file a motion with  
31 the court, or arbitrator if an arbitrator has been appointed,  
32 requesting the appointment of a neutral expert to address any or all  
33 of the disputed issues. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties or  
34 upon a showing of exceptional circumstances, including a material  
35 adverse change in a party's litigation risks due to a change in  
36 allegations, claims, or defenses by an adverse party following the  
37 appointment of the neutral expert, any such motion shall be filed no  
38 later than sixty days after the first day of the meeting required by  
39 RCW 64.55.120(2). Upon such a request, the court or arbitrator shall

1 decide whether or not to appoint a neutral expert or experts. A party  
2 may only request more than one neutral expert if the particular  
3 expertise of the additional neutral expert or experts is necessary to  
4 address disputed issues.

5 (2) The neutral expert shall be a licensed architect or engineer,  
6 or any other person, with substantial experience relevant to the  
7 issue or issues in dispute. The neutral expert shall not have been  
8 employed as an expert by a party to the present action within three  
9 years before the commencement of the present action, unless the  
10 parties agree otherwise.

11 (3) All parties shall be given an opportunity to recommend  
12 neutral experts to the court or arbitrator and shall have input  
13 regarding the appointment of a neutral expert.

14 (4) Unless the parties agree otherwise on the following matters,  
15 the court, or arbitrator if then appointed, shall determine:

16 (a) Who shall serve as the neutral expert;

17 (b) Subject to the requirements of this section, the scope of the  
18 neutral expert's duties;

19 (c) The number and timing of inspections of the property;

20 (d) Coordination of inspection activities with the parties'  
21 experts;

22 (e) The neutral expert's access to the work product of the  
23 parties' experts;

24 (f) The product to be prepared by the neutral expert;

25 (g) Whether the neutral expert may participate personally in the  
26 mediation required by RCW 64.55.120; and

27 (h) Other matters relevant to the neutral expert's assignment.

28 (5) Unless the parties agree otherwise, the neutral expert shall  
29 not make findings or render opinions regarding the amount of damages  
30 to be awarded, or the cost of repairs, or absent exceptional  
31 circumstances any matters that are not in dispute as determined in  
32 the meeting described in RCW 64.55.120(2) or otherwise.

33 (6) A party may, by motion to the court, or to the arbitrator if  
34 then appointed, object to the individual appointed to serve as the  
35 neutral expert and to determinations regarding the neutral expert's  
36 assignment.

37 (7) The neutral expert shall have no liability to the parties for  
38 the performance of his or her duties as the neutral expert.

1 (8) Except as otherwise agreed by the parties, the parties have a  
2 right to review and comment on the neutral expert's report before it  
3 is made final.

4 (9) A neutral expert's report or testimony is not entitled to any  
5 evidentiary presumption in any arbitration or court proceeding.  
6 Nothing in this chapter and RCW (~~64.34.073, 64.34.100(2), 64.34.410~~  
7 ~~(1)(nn) and (2), and 64.34.415(1)(b))~~ 64.90.610 (1)(t), (1)(oo), and  
8 (3) and 64.90.620(1)(c) restricts the admissibility of such a report  
9 or testimony, provided it is within the scope of the neutral expert's  
10 assigned duties, and questions of the admissibility of such a report  
11 or testimony shall be determined under the rules of evidence.

12 (10) The court, or arbitrator if then appointed, shall determine  
13 the significance of the neutral expert's report and testimony with  
14 respect to parties joined after the neutral expert's appointment and  
15 shall determine whether additional neutral experts should be  
16 appointed or other measures should be taken to protect such joined  
17 parties from undue prejudice.

18 **Sec. 429.** RCW 64.60.010 and 2011 c 36 s 3 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
21 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

22 (1) "Association" means: (~~An association of apartment owners as~~  
23 ~~defined in RCW 64.32.010; a)~~ A unit owners(~~(-)~~) association as  
24 defined in RCW (~~(64.34.020)~~) 64.90.010; (~~a homeowners' association~~  
25 ~~as defined in RCW 64.38.010;)~~) a corporation organized pursuant to  
26 chapter 24.03A or 24.06 RCW for the purpose of owning real estate  
27 under a cooperative ownership plan; or a nonprofit or cooperative  
28 membership organization composed exclusively of owners of mobile  
29 homes, manufactured housing, timeshares, camping resort interests, or  
30 other interests in real property that is responsible for the  
31 maintenance, improvements, services, or expenses related to real  
32 property that is owned, used, or enjoyed in common by the members.

33 (2) "Payee" means the person or entity who claims the right to  
34 receive or collect a private transfer fee payable under a private  
35 transfer fee obligation. A payee may or may not have a pecuniary  
36 interest in the private transfer fee obligation.

37 (3) "Private transfer fee" means a fee or charge payable upon the  
38 transfer of an interest in real property, or payable for the right to  
39 make or accept such transfer, regardless of whether the fee or charge

1 is a fixed amount or is determined as a percentage of the value of  
2 the real property, the purchase price, or other consideration given  
3 for the transfer. The following are not private transfer fees for the  
4 purposes of this section:

5 (a) Any consideration payable by the grantee to the grantor for  
6 the interest in real property being transferred, including any  
7 subsequent additional consideration for the real property payable by  
8 the grantee based upon any subsequent appreciation, development, or  
9 sale of the real property, if such additional consideration is  
10 payable on a one-time basis only and the obligation to make such  
11 payment does not bind successors in title to the real property;

12 (b) Any commission payable to a licensed real estate broker for  
13 services rendered in connection with the transfer of real property  
14 pursuant to an agreement between the broker and the grantor or the  
15 grantee including, but not limited to, any subsequent additional  
16 commission for that transfer payable by the grantor or the grantee  
17 based upon any subsequent appreciation, development, or sale of the  
18 property;

19 (c) Any interest, charges, fees, or other amounts payable by a  
20 borrower to a lender pursuant to a loan secured by a mortgage against  
21 real property including, but not limited to, any fee payable to the  
22 lender for consenting to an assumption of the loan or a transfer of  
23 the real property subject to the mortgage, any fees or charges  
24 payable to the lender for estoppel letters or certificates, and any  
25 shared appreciation interest, profit participation, or other  
26 consideration, and payable to the lender in connection with the loan;

27 (d) Any rent, reimbursement, charge, fee, or other amount payable  
28 by a lessee or licensee to a lessor or licensor under a lease or  
29 license including, but not limited to, any fee payable to the lessor  
30 or licensor for consenting to an assignment, subletting, encumbrance,  
31 or transfer of the lease or license;

32 (e) Any consideration payable to the holder of an option to  
33 purchase an interest in real property or the holder of a right of  
34 first refusal or first offer to purchase an interest in real property  
35 for waiving, releasing, or not exercising the option or right upon  
36 the transfer of the real property to another person;

37 (f) Any tax, fee, charge, assessment, fine, or other amount  
38 payable to or imposed by a governmental authority;

39 (g) Any assessment, fee, charge, fine, dues, or other amount  
40 payable to an association pursuant to chapter ((64.32, 64.34, or

1 ~~64.38~~) 64.90 RCW, payable by a purchaser of a camping resort  
2 contract, as defined in RCW 19.105.300, or a timeshare, as defined in  
3 RCW 64.36.010, or payable pursuant to a recorded servitude  
4 encumbering the real property being transferred, as long as no  
5 portion of the fee is required to be passed through or paid to a  
6 third party;

7 (h) Any fee payable, upon a transfer, to an organization  
8 qualified under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the internal  
9 revenue code of 1986, if the sole purpose of such organization is to  
10 support cultural, educational, charitable, recreational,  
11 conservation, or similar activities benefiting the real property  
12 being transferred and the fee is used exclusively to fund such  
13 activities;

14 (i) Any fee, charge, assessment, dues, fine, contribution, or  
15 other amount pertaining solely to the purchase or transfer of a club  
16 membership relating to real property owned by the member including,  
17 but not limited to, any amount determined by reference to the value,  
18 purchase price, or other consideration given for the transfer of the  
19 real property;

20 (j) Any fee charged by an association or an agent of an  
21 association to a transferor or transferee for a service rendered  
22 contemporaneously with the imposition of the fee, provided that the  
23 fee is not to be passed through to a third party other than an agent  
24 of the association.

25 (4) "Private transfer fee obligation" means an obligation arising  
26 under a declaration or covenant recorded against the title to real  
27 property, or under any other contractual agreement or promise,  
28 recorded or not, that requires or purports to require the payment of  
29 a private transfer fee upon a subsequent transfer of an interest in  
30 the real property.

31 (5) "Transfer" means the sale, gift, grant, conveyance, lease,  
32 license, assignment, inheritance, or other act resulting in a  
33 transfer of ownership interest in real property located in this  
34 state.

35 **Sec. 430.** RCW 64.70.020 and 2020 c 20 s 1064 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
38 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

1 (1) "Activity or use limitations" means restrictions or  
2 obligations created under this chapter with respect to real property.

3 (2) "Agency" means either the department of ecology, the  
4 pollution liability insurance agency, or the United States  
5 environmental protection agency, whichever determines or approves the  
6 environmental response project pursuant to which the environmental  
7 covenant is created.

8 (3) ~~((a))~~ "Common interest community" ~~((means a condominium,~~  
9 ~~cooperative, or other real property with respect to which a person,~~  
10 ~~by virtue of the person's ownership of a parcel of real property, is~~  
11 ~~obligated to pay property taxes or insurance premiums, or for~~  
12 ~~maintenance, or improvement of other real property described in a~~  
13 ~~recorded covenant that creates the common interest community.~~

14 ~~(b) "Common interest community" includes but is not limited to:~~

15 ~~(i) An association of apartment owners as defined in RCW~~  
16 ~~64.32.010;~~

17 ~~(ii) A unit owners' association as defined in RCW 64.34.020 and~~  
18 ~~organized under RCW 64.34.300;~~

19 ~~(iii) A master association as provided in RCW 64.34.276;~~

20 ~~(iv) A subassociation as provided in RCW 64.34.278; and~~

21 ~~(v) A homeowners' association as defined in RCW 64.38.010))~~ has  
22 the same meaning as in RCW 64.90.010.

23 (4) "Environmental covenant" means a servitude arising under an  
24 environmental response project that imposes activity or use  
25 limitations.

26 (5) "Environmental response project" means a plan or work  
27 performed for environmental remediation of real property and  
28 conducted:

29 (a) Under a federal or state program governing environmental  
30 remediation of real property, including chapters 43.21C, 64.44,  
31 70A.205, 70A.388, 70A.300, 70A.305, 90.48, and 90.52 RCW;

32 (b) Incident to closure of a solid or hazardous waste management  
33 unit, if the closure is conducted with approval of an agency; or

34 (c) Under the state voluntary clean-up program authorized under  
35 chapter 70A.305 RCW or technical assistance program authorized under  
36 chapter 70A.330 RCW.

37 (6) "Holder" means the grantee of an environmental covenant as  
38 specified in RCW 64.70.030(1).

39 (7) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust,  
40 estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association,



1 joint venture, public corporation, government, governmental  
2 subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or  
3 commercial entity.

4 (8) "Record," used as a noun, means information that is inscribed  
5 on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other  
6 medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

7 (9) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of  
8 Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any  
9 territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the  
10 United States.

11 **Sec. 431.** RCW 82.02.020 and 2013 c 243 s 4 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 Except only as expressly provided in chapters 67.28, 81.104, and  
14 82.14 RCW, the state preempts the field of imposing retail sales and  
15 use taxes and taxes upon parimutuel wagering authorized pursuant to  
16 RCW 67.16.060, conveyances, and cigarettes, and no county, town, or  
17 other municipal subdivision shall have the right to impose taxes of  
18 that nature. Except as provided in RCW (~~64.34.440~~) 64.90.655 and  
19 82.02.050 through 82.02.090, no county, city, town, or other  
20 municipal corporation shall impose any tax, fee, or charge, either  
21 direct or indirect, on the construction or reconstruction of  
22 residential buildings, commercial buildings, industrial buildings, or  
23 on any other building or building space or appurtenance thereto, or  
24 on the development, subdivision, classification, or reclassification  
25 of land. However, this section does not preclude dedications of land  
26 or easements within the proposed development or plat which the  
27 county, city, town, or other municipal corporation can demonstrate  
28 are reasonably necessary as a direct result of the proposed  
29 development or plat to which the dedication of land or easement is to  
30 apply.

31 This section does not prohibit voluntary agreements with  
32 counties, cities, towns, or other municipal corporations that allow a  
33 payment in lieu of a dedication of land or to mitigate a direct  
34 impact that has been identified as a consequence of a proposed  
35 development, subdivision, or plat. A local government shall not use  
36 such voluntary agreements for local off-site transportation  
37 improvements within the geographic boundaries of the area or areas  
38 covered by an adopted transportation program authorized by chapter

1 39.92 RCW. Any such voluntary agreement is subject to the following  
2 provisions:

3 (1) The payment shall be held in a reserve account and may only  
4 be expended to fund a capital improvement agreed upon by the parties  
5 to mitigate the identified, direct impact;

6 (2) The payment shall be expended in all cases within five years  
7 of collection; and

8 (3) Any payment not so expended shall be refunded with interest  
9 to be calculated from the original date the deposit was received by  
10 the county and at the same rate applied to tax refunds pursuant to  
11 RCW 84.69.100; however, if the payment is not expended within five  
12 years due to delay attributable to the developer, the payment shall  
13 be refunded without interest.

14 No county, city, town, or other municipal corporation shall  
15 require any payment as part of such a voluntary agreement which the  
16 county, city, town, or other municipal corporation cannot establish  
17 is reasonably necessary as a direct result of the proposed  
18 development or plat.

19 Nothing in this section prohibits cities, towns, counties, or  
20 other municipal corporations from collecting reasonable fees from an  
21 applicant for a permit or other governmental approval to cover the  
22 cost to the city, town, county, or other municipal corporation of  
23 processing applications, inspecting and reviewing plans, or preparing  
24 detailed statements required by chapter 43.21C RCW, including  
25 reasonable fees that are consistent with RCW 43.21C.420(6),  
26 43.21C.428, and beginning July 1, 2014, RCW 35.91.020.

27 This section does not limit the existing authority of any county,  
28 city, town, or other municipal corporation to impose special  
29 assessments on property specifically benefited thereby in the manner  
30 prescribed by law.

31 Nothing in this section prohibits counties, cities, or towns from  
32 imposing or permits counties, cities, or towns to impose water,  
33 sewer, natural gas, drainage utility, and drainage system charges.  
34 However, no such charge shall exceed the proportionate share of such  
35 utility or system's capital costs which the county, city, or town can  
36 demonstrate are attributable to the property being charged.  
37 Furthermore, these provisions may not be interpreted to expand or  
38 contract any existing authority of counties, cities, or towns to  
39 impose such charges.

1 Nothing in this section prohibits a transportation benefit  
2 district from imposing fees or charges authorized in RCW 36.73.120  
3 nor prohibits the legislative authority of a county, city, or town  
4 from approving the imposition of such fees within a transportation  
5 benefit district.

6 Nothing in this section prohibits counties, cities, or towns from  
7 imposing transportation impact fees authorized pursuant to chapter  
8 39.92 RCW.

9 Nothing in this section prohibits counties, cities, or towns from  
10 requiring property owners to provide relocation assistance to tenants  
11 under RCW 59.18.440 and 59.18.450.

12 Nothing in this section limits the authority of counties, cities,  
13 or towns to implement programs consistent with RCW 36.70A.540, nor to  
14 enforce agreements made pursuant to such programs.

15 This section does not apply to special purpose districts formed  
16 and acting pursuant to Title 54, 57, or 87 RCW, nor is the authority  
17 conferred by these titles affected.

18 **Sec. 432.** RCW 82.04.4298 and 1980 c 37 s 18 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 (1) In computing tax there may be deducted from the measure of  
21 tax amounts used solely for repair, maintenance, replacement,  
22 management, or improvement of the residential structures and  
23 ~~((commonly held property))~~ common elements, but excluding property  
24 where fees or charges are made for use by the public who are not  
25 guests accompanied by a member, which are derived by:

26 (a) A cooperative ~~((housing association))~~, corporation, or  
27 partnership from a person who resides in a structure owned by the  
28 cooperative ~~((housing association))~~, corporation, or partnership;

29 (b) ~~((An association of owners of property as defined in RCW  
30 64.32.010, as now or hereafter amended,))~~ A condominium from a person  
31 who is ~~((an apartment))~~ a unit owner ~~((as defined in RCW 64.32.010));~~  
32 or

33 ~~((An association of owners of residential property from a  
34 person who is a member of the association. "Association of owners of  
35 residential property" means any organization of all the owners of  
36 residential property in a defined area who all hold the same property  
37 in common within the area.))~~ A plat community or miscellaneous  
38 community from a unit owner.

1 (2) For the purposes of this section (~~"commonly held property"~~  
2 ~~includes areas required for common access such as reception areas,~~  
3 ~~halls, stairways, parking, etc., and may include recreation rooms,~~  
4 ~~swimming pools and small parks or recreation areas; but is not~~  
5 ~~intended to include more grounds than are normally required in a~~  
6 ~~residential area, or to include such extensive areas as required for~~  
7 ~~golf courses, campgrounds, hiking and riding areas, boating areas,~~  
8 ~~etc.-)~~ "common elements," "condominium," "cooperative," "plat  
9 community," and "miscellaneous community" have the meaning given in  
10 RCW 64.90.010.

11 (3) To qualify for the deductions under this section:

12 (a) The salary or compensation paid to officers, managers, or  
13 employees must be only for actual services rendered and at levels  
14 comparable to the salary or compensation of like positions within the  
15 county wherein the property is located;

16 (b) Dues, fees, or assessments in excess of amounts needed for  
17 the purposes for which the deduction is allowed must be rebated to  
18 the members of the association;

19 (c) Assets of the association or organization must be  
20 distributable to all members and must not inure to the benefit of any  
21 single member or group of members.

22 **Sec. 433.** RCW 64.32.260 and 2019 c 238 s 217 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (1) This chapter does not apply to common interest communities as  
25 defined in RCW 64.90.010:

26 (a) Created on or after July 1, 2018; or

27 (b) That have amended their governing documents to provide that  
28 chapter 64.90 RCW will apply to the common interest community  
29 pursuant to RCW 64.90.095 (as recodified by this act).

30 (2) Pursuant to RCW 64.90.080 (as recodified by this act), the  
31 following provisions of chapter 64.90 RCW apply, and any inconsistent  
32 provisions of this chapter do not apply, to a common interest  
33 community created before July 1, 2018:

34 (a) RCW 64.90.095 (as recodified by this act);

35 (b) RCW 64.90.405(1) (b) and (c);

36 (c) RCW 64.90.525; and

37 (d) RCW 64.90.545.

1 **Sec. 434.** RCW 64.34.076 and 2019 c 238 s 218 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 (1) This chapter does not apply to common interest communities as  
4 defined in RCW 64.90.010:

5 (a) Created on or after July 1, 2018; or

6 (b) That have amended their governing documents to provide that  
7 chapter 64.90 RCW will apply to the common interest community  
8 pursuant to RCW 64.90.095 (as recodified by this act).

9 (2) Pursuant to RCW 64.90.080 (as recodified by this act), the  
10 following provisions of chapter 64.90 RCW apply, and any inconsistent  
11 provisions of this chapter do not apply, to a common interest  
12 community created before July 1, 2018:

13 (a) RCW 64.90.095 (as recodified by this act);

14 (b) RCW 64.90.405(1) (b) and (c);

15 (c) RCW 64.90.525; and

16 (d) RCW 64.90.545.

17 **Sec. 435.** RCW 64.38.095 and 2019 c 238 s 225 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 (1) This chapter does not apply to common interest communities as  
20 defined in RCW 64.90.010:

21 (a) Created on or after July 1, 2018; or

22 (b) That have amended their governing documents to provide that  
23 chapter 64.90 RCW will apply to the common interest community  
24 pursuant to RCW 64.90.095 (as recodified by this act).

25 (2) Pursuant to RCW 64.90.080 (as recodified by this act), the  
26 following provisions of chapter 64.90 RCW apply, and any inconsistent  
27 provisions of this chapter do not apply, to a common interest  
28 community created before July 1, 2018:

29 (a) RCW 64.90.095 (as recodified by this act);

30 (b) RCW 64.90.405(1) (b) and (c);

31 (c) RCW 64.90.525; and

32 (d) RCW 64.90.545.

33 **PART V**

34 **APPLICABILITY AND TRANSITION**

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 501.** The following acts or parts of acts, as  
36 now existing or hereafter amended, are each repealed, effective  
37 January 1, 2028:

1 (1) RCW 64.32.010 (Definitions) and 2021 c 227 s 1, 2008 c 114 s  
2 3, 1987 c 383 s 1, 1981 c 304 s 34, 1965 ex.s. c 11 s 1, & 1963 c 156  
3 s 1;

4 (2) RCW 64.32.020 (Application of chapter) and 1963 c 156 s 2;

5 (3) RCW 64.32.030 (Apartments and common areas declared real  
6 property) and 1963 c 156 s 3;

7 (4) RCW 64.32.040 (Ownership and possession of apartments and  
8 common areas) and 2012 c 117 s 197 & 1963 c 156 s 4;

9 (5) RCW 64.32.050 (Common areas and facilities) and 1965 ex.s. c  
10 11 s 2 & 1963 c 156 s 5;

11 (6) RCW 64.32.060 (Compliance with covenants, bylaws, and  
12 administrative rules and regulations) and 2012 c 117 s 198 & 1963 c  
13 156 s 6;

14 (7) RCW 64.32.070 (Liens or encumbrances—Enforcement—  
15 Satisfaction) and 2012 c 117 s 199 & 1963 c 156 s 7;

16 (8) RCW 64.32.080 (Common profits and expenses) and 1963 c 156 s  
17 8;

18 (9) RCW 64.32.090 (Contents of declaration) and 1963 c 156 s 9;

19 (10) RCW 64.32.100 (Copy of survey map, building plans to be  
20 filed—Contents of plans) and 1987 c 383 s 2, 1965 ex.s. c 11 s 3, &  
21 1963 c 156 s 10;

22 (11) RCW 64.32.110 (Ordinances, resolutions, or zoning laws—  
23 Construction) and 1963 c 156 s 11;

24 (12) RCW 64.32.120 (Contents of deeds or other conveyances of  
25 apartments) and 1999 c 233 s 9, 1965 ex.s. c 11 s 4, & 1963 c 156 s  
26 12;

27 (13) RCW 64.32.130 (Mortgages, liens or encumbrances affecting an  
28 apartment at time of first conveyance) and 1963 c 156 s 13;

29 (14) RCW 64.32.140 (Recording) and 1963 c 156 s 14;

30 (15) RCW 64.32.150 (Removal of property from provisions of  
31 chapter) and 2008 c 114 s 2 & 1963 c 156 s 15;

32 (16) RCW 64.32.160 (Removal of property from provisions of  
33 chapter—No bar to subsequent resubmission) and 1963 c 156 s 16;

34 (17) RCW 64.32.170 (Records and books—Requirements for retaining  
35 —Availability for examination—Audits) and 2023 c 409 s 1, 1965 ex.s.  
36 c 11 s 5, & 1963 c 156 s 17;

37 (18) RCW 64.32.180 (Exemption from liability for contribution for  
38 common expenses prohibited) and 2012 c 117 s 200 & 1963 c 156 s 18;

- 1 (19) RCW 64.32.190 (Separate assessments and taxation) and 1963 c  
2 156 s 19;
- 3 (20) RCW 64.32.200 (Assessments for common expenses—Enforcement  
4 of collection—Liens and foreclosures—Liability of mortgagee or  
5 purchaser—Notice of delinquency—Second notice) and 2023 c 214 s 2,  
6 2023 c 214 s 1, 2021 c 222 s 4, 2021 c 222 s 3, 2012 c 117 s 201,  
7 1988 c 192 s 2, 1965 ex.s. c 11 s 6, & 1963 c 156 s 20;
- 8 (21) RCW 64.32.210 (Conveyance—Liability of grantor and grantee  
9 for unpaid common expenses) and 2012 c 117 s 202 & 1963 c 156 s 21;
- 10 (22) RCW 64.32.220 (Insurance) and 2012 c 117 s 203 & 1963 c 156  
11 s 22;
- 12 (23) RCW 64.32.230 (Destruction or damage to all or part of  
13 property—Disposition) and 1965 ex.s. c 11 s 7 & 1963 c 156 s 23;
- 14 (24) RCW 64.32.240 (Actions) and 2012 c 117 s 204 & 1963 c 156 s  
15 24;
- 16 (25) RCW 64.32.250 (Application of chapter, declaration and  
17 bylaws) and 1963 c 156 s 25;
- 18 (26) RCW 64.32.260 (Applicability to common interest communities)  
19 and 2019 c 238 s 217 & 2018 c 277 s 503;
- 20 (27) RCW 64.32.270 (Notice) and 2021 c 227 s 2;
- 21 (28) RCW 64.32.280 (Voting—In person, absentee ballots, proxies)  
22 and 2021 c 227 s 3;
- 23 (29) RCW 64.32.290 (Electric vehicle charging stations) and 2022  
24 c 27 s 1;
- 25 (30) RCW 64.32.300 (Tenant screening) and 2023 c 23 s 1;
- 26 (31) RCW 64.32.310 (Licensed family home child care or licensed  
27 child day care center—Regulations—Liability) and 2023 c 203 s 1;
- 28 (32) RCW 64.32.320 (New declarations—Accessory dwelling units)  
29 and 2023 c 334 s 10;
- 30 (33) RCW 64.32.330 (New declaration minimum density) and 2023 c  
31 332 s 11;
- 32 (34) RCW 64.32.900 (Short title) and 1963 c 156 s 26;
- 33 (35) RCW 64.32.910 (Construction of term "this chapter.") and  
34 1963 c 156 s 27; and
- 35 (36) RCW 64.32.920 (Severability—1963 c 156) and 1963 c 156 s 28.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 502.** The following acts or parts of acts, as  
37 now existing or hereafter amended, are each repealed, effective  
38 January 1, 2028:

- 1 (1) RCW 64.34.005 (Findings—Intent—2004 c 201) and 2004 c 201 s  
2 1;
- 3 (2) RCW 64.34.010 (Applicability) and 2011 c 189 s 6;
- 4 (3) RCW 64.34.020 (Definitions) and 2021 c 227 s 4;
- 5 (4) RCW 64.34.030 (Variation by agreement) and 1989 c 43 s 1-104;
- 6 (5) RCW 64.34.040 (Separate interests—Taxation) and 1992 c 220 s  
7 3 & 1989 c 43 s 1-105;
- 8 (6) RCW 64.34.050 (Local ordinances, regulations, and building  
9 codes—Applicability) and 1989 c 43 s 1-106;
- 10 (7) RCW 64.34.060 (Condemnation) and 1989 c 43 s 1-107;
- 11 (8) RCW 64.34.070 (Law applicable—General principles) and 1989 c  
12 43 s 1-108;
- 13 (9) RCW 64.34.073 (Application of chapter 64.55 RCW) and 2005 c  
14 456 s 21;
- 15 (10) RCW 64.34.076 (Application to common interest communities)  
16 and 2019 c 238 s 218 & 2018 c 277 s 504;
- 17 (11) RCW 64.34.080 (Contracts—Unconscionability) and 1989 c 43 s  
18 1-111;
- 19 (12) RCW 64.34.090 (Obligation of good faith) and 1989 c 43 s  
20 1-112;
- 21 (13) RCW 64.34.100 (Remedies liberally administered) and 2005 c  
22 456 s 20, 2004 c 201 s 2, & 1989 c 43 s 1-113;
- 23 (14) RCW 64.34.110 (New declaration minimum density) and 2023 c  
24 332 s 10;
- 25 (15) RCW 64.34.120 (New declaration—Accessory dwelling units) and  
26 2023 c 334 s 9;
- 27 (16) RCW 64.34.200 (Creation of condominium) and 1992 c 220 s 4,  
28 1990 c 166 s 2, & 1989 c 43 s 2-101;
- 29 (17) RCW 64.34.202 (Reservation of condominium name) and 1992 c  
30 220 s 5;
- 31 (18) RCW 64.34.204 (Unit boundaries) and 1992 c 220 s 6 & 1989 c  
32 43 s 2-102;
- 33 (19) RCW 64.34.208 (Declaration and bylaws—Construction and  
34 validity) and 1989 c 43 s 2-103;
- 35 (20) RCW 64.34.212 (Description of units) and 1989 c 43 s 2-104;
- 36 (21) RCW 64.34.216 (Contents of declaration) and 1992 c 220 s 7 &  
37 1989 c 43 s 2-105;
- 38 (22) RCW 64.34.220 (Leasehold condominiums) and 1989 c 43 s  
39 2-106;



1 (23) RCW 64.34.224 (Common element interests, votes, and expenses  
2 —Allocation) and 1992 c 220 s 8 & 1989 c 43 s 2-107;  
3 (24) RCW 64.34.228 (Limited common elements) and 1992 c 220 s 9 &  
4 1989 c 43 s 2-108;  
5 (25) RCW 64.34.232 (Survey maps and plans) and 1997 c 400 s 2,  
6 1992 c 220 s 10, & 1989 c 43 s 2-109;  
7 (26) RCW 64.34.236 (Development rights) and 1989 c 43 s 2-110;  
8 (27) RCW 64.34.240 (Alterations of units) and 1989 c 43 s 2-111;  
9 (28) RCW 64.34.244 (Relocation of boundaries—Adjoining units) and  
10 1989 c 43 s 2-112;  
11 (29) RCW 64.34.248 (Subdivision of units) and 1989 c 43 s 2-113;  
12 (30) RCW 64.34.252 (Monuments as boundaries) and 1989 c 43 s  
13 2-114;  
14 (31) RCW 64.34.256 (Use by declarant) and 1992 c 220 s 11 & 1989  
15 c 43 s 2-115;  
16 (32) RCW 64.34.260 (Easement rights—Common elements) and 1989 c  
17 43 s 2-116;  
18 (33) RCW 64.34.264 (Amendment of declaration) and 1989 c 43 s  
19 2-117;  
20 (34) RCW 64.34.268 (Termination of condominium) and 1992 c 220 s  
21 12 & 1989 c 43 s 2-118;  
22 (35) RCW 64.34.272 (Rights of secured lenders) and 1989 c 43 s  
23 2-119;  
24 (36) RCW 64.34.276 (Master associations) and 1989 c 43 s 2-120;  
25 (37) RCW 64.34.278 (Delegation of power to subassociations) and  
26 1992 c 220 s 13;  
27 (38) RCW 64.34.280 (Merger or consolidation) and 1989 c 43 s  
28 2-121;  
29 (39) RCW 64.34.300 (Unit owners' association—Organization) and  
30 2021 c 176 s 5231, 1992 c 220 s 14, & 1989 c 43 s 3-101;  
31 (40) RCW 64.34.304 (Unit owners' association—Powers) and 2008 c  
32 115 s 9, 1993 c 429 s 11, 1990 c 166 s 3, & 1989 c 43 s 3-102;  
33 (41) RCW 64.34.308 (Board of directors and officers) and 2019 c  
34 238 s 219, 2011 c 189 s 2, 1992 c 220 s 15, & 1989 c 43 s 3-103;  
35 (42) RCW 64.34.312 (Control of association—Transfer) and 2004 c  
36 201 s 10 & 1989 c 43 s 3-104;  
37 (43) RCW 64.34.316 (Special declarant rights—Transfer) and 1989 c  
38 43 s 3-105;

1 (44) RCW 64.34.320 (Contracts and leases—Declarant—Termination)  
2 and 1989 c 43 s 3-106;  
3 (45) RCW 64.34.324 (Bylaws) and 2004 c 201 s 3, 1992 c 220 s 16,  
4 & 1989 c 43 s 3-107;  
5 (46) RCW 64.34.328 (Upkeep of condominium) and 1989 c 43 s 3-108;  
6 (47) RCW 64.34.332 (Meetings) and 2021 c 227 s 5 & 1989 c 43 s  
7 3-109;  
8 (48) RCW 64.34.336 (Quorums) and 1989 c 43 s 3-110;  
9 (49) RCW 64.34.340 (Voting—In person, absentee ballots, proxies)  
10 and 2021 c 227 s 6, 1992 c 220 s 17, & 1989 c 43 s 3-111;  
11 (50) RCW 64.34.344 (Tort and contract liability) and 1989 c 43 s  
12 3-112;  
13 (51) RCW 64.34.348 (Common elements—Conveyance—Encumbrance) and  
14 1989 c 43 s 3-113;  
15 (52) RCW 64.34.352 (Insurance) and 2021 c 227 s 7, 1992 c 220 s  
16 18, 1990 c 166 s 4, & 1989 c 43 s 3-114;  
17 (53) RCW 64.34.354 (Insurance—Conveyance) and 1990 c 166 s 8;  
18 (54) RCW 64.34.356 (Surplus funds) and 1989 c 43 s 3-115;  
19 (55) RCW 64.34.360 (Common expenses—Assessments) and 1990 c 166 s  
20 5 & 1989 c 43 s 3-116;  
21 (56) RCW 64.34.364 (Lien for assessments—Notice of delinquency—  
22 Second notice) and 2023 c 214 s 4, 2023 c 214 s 3, 2021 c 222 s 6,  
23 2021 c 222 s 5, 2013 c 23 s 175, 1990 c 166 s 6, & 1989 c 43 s 3-117;  
24 (57) RCW 64.34.368 (Liens—General provisions) and 1989 c 43 s  
25 3-118;  
26 (58) RCW 64.34.372 (Association records—Funds—Requirements for  
27 retaining) and 2023 c 409 s 2, 1992 c 220 s 19, 1990 c 166 s 7, &  
28 1989 c 43 s 3-119;  
29 (59) RCW 64.34.376 (Association as trustee) and 1989 c 43 s  
30 3-120;  
31 (60) RCW 64.34.380 (Reserve account—Reserve study—Annual update)  
32 and 2019 c 238 s 220, 2011 c 189 s 3, & 2008 c 115 s 1;  
33 (61) RCW 64.34.382 (Reserve study—Contents) and 2011 c 189 s 4 &  
34 2008 c 115 s 2;  
35 (62) RCW 64.34.384 (Reserve account—Withdrawals) and 2011 c 189 s  
36 5 & 2008 c 115 s 3;  
37 (63) RCW 64.34.386 (Reserve study—Demand by owners—Study not  
38 timely prepared) and 2008 c 115 s 4;

1 (64) RCW 64.34.388 (Reserve study—Decision making) and 2008 c 115  
2 s 5;

3 (65) RCW 64.34.390 (Reserve study—Reserve account—Immunity from  
4 liability) and 2008 c 115 s 6;

5 (66) RCW 64.34.392 (Reserve account and study—Exemption—  
6 Disclosure) and 2019 c 238 s 221 & 2009 c 307 s 1;

7 (67) RCW 64.34.394 (Installation of drought resistant landscaping  
8 or wildfire ignition resistant landscaping) and 2020 c 9 s 3;

9 (68) RCW 64.34.395 (Electric vehicle charging stations) and 2022  
10 c 27 s 2;

11 (69) RCW 64.34.396 (Notice) and 2021 c 227 s 8;

12 (70) RCW 64.34.397 (Tenant screening) and 2023 c 23 s 2;

13 (71) RCW 64.34.398 (Licensed family home child care or licensed  
14 child day care center—Regulations—Liability) and 2023 c 203 s 2;

15 (72) RCW 64.34.400 (Applicability—Waiver) and 1992 c 220 s 20,  
16 1990 c 166 s 9, & 1989 c 43 s 4-101;

17 (73) RCW 64.34.405 (Public offering statement—Requirements—  
18 Liability) and 1989 c 43 s 4-102;

19 (74) RCW 64.34.410 (Public offering statement—General provisions)  
20 and 2008 c 115 s 10, 2005 c 456 s 19, 2004 c 201 s 11, 2002 c 323 s  
21 10, 1997 c 400 s 1, 1992 c 220 s 21, & 1989 c 43 s 4-103;

22 (75) RCW 64.34.415 (Public offering statement—Conversion  
23 condominiums) and 2005 c 456 s 18, 1992 c 220 s 22, 1990 c 166 s 10,  
24 & 1989 c 43 s 4-104;

25 (76) RCW 64.34.417 (Public offering statement—Use of single  
26 disclosure document) and 1990 c 166 s 11;

27 (77) RCW 64.34.418 (Public offering statement—Contract of sale—  
28 Restriction on interest conveyed) and 1990 c 166 s 15;

29 (78) RCW 64.34.420 (Purchaser's right to cancel) and 1989 c 43 s  
30 4-106;

31 (79) RCW 64.34.425 (Resale of unit) and 2022 c 27 s 5, 2011 c 48  
32 s 1, 2008 c 115 s 11, 2004 c 201 s 4, 1992 c 220 s 23, 1990 c 166 s  
33 12, & 1989 c 43 s 4-107;

34 (80) RCW 64.34.430 (Escrow of deposits) and 1992 c 220 s 24 &  
35 1989 c 43 s 4-108;

36 (81) RCW 64.34.435 (Release of liens—Conveyance) and 1989 c 43 s  
37 4-109;

1 (82) RCW 64.34.440 (Conversion condominiums—Notice—Tenants—  
2 Relocation assistance) and 2022 c 165 s 5, 2008 c 113 s 1, 1992 c 220  
3 s 25, 1990 c 166 s 13, & 1989 c 43 s 4-110;  
4 (83) RCW 64.34.442 (Conversion condominium projects—Report) and  
5 2023 c 470 s 2108 & 2008 c 113 s 3;  
6 (84) RCW 64.34.443 (Express warranties of quality) and 1989 c 428  
7 s 2;  
8 (85) RCW 64.34.445 (Implied warranties of quality—Breach) and  
9 2004 c 201 s 5, 1992 c 220 s 26, & 1989 c 43 s 4-112;  
10 (86) RCW 64.34.450 (Implied warranties of quality—Exclusion—  
11 Modification—Disclaimer—Express written warranty) and 2004 c 201 s 6  
12 & 1989 c 43 s 4-113;  
13 (87) RCW 64.34.452 (Warranties of quality—Breach—Actions for  
14 construction defect claims) and 2004 c 201 s 7, 2002 c 323 s 11, &  
15 1990 c 166 s 14;  
16 (88) RCW 64.34.455 (Effect of violations on rights of action—  
17 Attorney's fees) and 1989 c 43 s 4-115;  
18 (89) RCW 64.34.460 (Labeling of promotional material) and 1989 c  
19 43 s 4-116;  
20 (90) RCW 64.34.465 (Improvements—Declarant's duties) and 1989 c  
21 43 s 4-117;  
22 (91) RCW 64.34.470 (Conversion condominium notice) and 2022 c 165  
23 s 3;  
24 (92) RCW 64.34.900 (Short title) and 1989 c 43 s 1-101;  
25 (93) RCW 64.34.910 (Section captions) and 1989 c 43 s 4-119;  
26 (94) RCW 64.34.930 (Effective date—1989 c 43) and 1989 c 43 s  
27 4-124;  
28 (95) RCW 64.34.931 (Effective date—2004 c 201 §§ 1-13) and 2004 c  
29 201 s 14;  
30 (96) RCW 64.34.940 (Construction against implicit repeal) and  
31 1989 c 43 s 1-109; and  
32 (97) RCW 64.34.950 (Uniformity of application and construction)  
33 and 1989 c 43 s 1-110.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 503.** The following acts or parts of acts, as  
35 now existing or hereafter amended, are each repealed, effective  
36 January 1, 2028:

37 (1) RCW 64.38.005 (Intent) and 1995 c 283 s 1;  
38 (2) RCW 64.38.010 (Definitions) and 2023 c 337 s 2;

1 (3) RCW 64.38.015 (Association membership) and 1995 c 283 s 3;  
2 (4) RCW 64.38.020 (Association powers) and 1995 c 283 s 4;  
3 (5) RCW 64.38.025 (Board of directors—Standard of care—  
4 Restrictions—Budget—Removal from board) and 2021 c 176 s 5232, 2019  
5 c 238 s 222, 2011 c 189 s 8, & 1995 c 283 s 5;  
6 (6) RCW 64.38.028 (Removal of discriminatory provisions in  
7 governing documents—Procedure) and 2018 c 65 s 2 & 2006 c 58 s 2;  
8 (7) RCW 64.38.030 (Association bylaws) and 1995 c 283 s 6;  
9 (8) RCW 64.38.033 (Flag of the United States—Outdoor display—  
10 Governing documents) and 2004 c 169 s 1;  
11 (9) RCW 64.38.034 (Political yard signs—Governing documents) and  
12 2005 c 179 s 1;  
13 (10) RCW 64.38.035 (Association meetings—Notice—Board of  
14 directors) and 2021 c 227 s 10, 2014 c 20 s 1, 2013 c 108 s 1, & 1995  
15 c 283 s 7;  
16 (11) RCW 64.38.040 (Quorum for meeting) and 1995 c 283 s 8;  
17 (12) RCW 64.38.045 (Financial and other records—Property of  
18 association—Copies—Annual financial statement—Accounts—Requirements  
19 for retaining) and 2023 c 409 s 3 & 1995 c 283 s 9;  
20 (13) RCW 64.38.050 (Violation—Remedy—Attorneys' fees) and 1995 c  
21 283 s 10;  
22 (14) RCW 64.38.055 (Governing documents—Solar panels) and 2009 c  
23 51 s 1;  
24 (15) RCW 64.38.057 (Governing documents—Drought resistant  
25 landscaping, wildfire ignition resistant landscaping) and 2020 c 9 s  
26 2;  
27 (16) RCW 64.38.060 (Adult family homes) and 2009 c 530 s 4;  
28 (17) RCW 64.38.062 (Electric vehicle charging stations) and 2022  
29 c 27 s 3;  
30 (18) RCW 64.38.065 (Reserve account and study) and 2019 c 238 s  
31 223 & 2011 c 189 s 9;  
32 (19) RCW 64.38.070 (Reserve study—Requirements) and 2011 c 189 s  
33 10;  
34 (20) RCW 64.38.075 (Reserve account—Withdrawals) and 2011 c 189 s  
35 11;  
36 (21) RCW 64.38.080 (Reserve study—Demand for preparation and  
37 inclusion in budget) and 2011 c 189 s 12;  
38 (22) RCW 64.38.085 (Reserve account and study—Liability) and 2011  
39 c 189 s 13;

1 (23) RCW 64.38.090 (Reserve study—Exemptions) and 2019 c 238 s  
2 224 & 2011 c 189 s 14;

3 (24) RCW 64.38.095 (Application to common interest communities)  
4 and 2019 c 238 s 225 & 2018 c 277 s 505;

5 (25) RCW 64.38.100 (Liens for unpaid assessments—Notice of  
6 delinquency—Second notice) and 2023 c 214 s 6, 2023 c 214 s 5, 2021 c  
7 222 s 8, & 2021 c 222 s 7;

8 (26) RCW 64.38.110 (Notice) and 2023 c 470 s 3017 & 2021 c 227 s  
9 11;

10 (27) RCW 64.38.120 (Voting—In person, absentee ballots, proxies)  
11 and 2021 c 227 s 12;

12 (28) RCW 64.38.130 (Tenant screening) and 2023 c 23 s 3;

13 (29) RCW 64.38.140 (Licensed family home child care or licensed  
14 child day care center—Regulations—Liability) and 2023 c 203 s 3;

15 (30) RCW 64.38.150 (New associations minimum density) and 2023 c  
16 332 s 12; and

17 (31) RCW 64.38.160 (New associations—Accessory dwelling units)  
18 and 2023 c 334 s 11.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 504.** The following acts or parts of acts, as  
20 now existing or hereafter amended, are each repealed, effective  
21 January 1, 2028:

22 (1) RCW 58.19.010 (Purpose) and 1992 c 191 s 1 & 1973 1st ex.s. c  
23 12 s 1;

24 (2) RCW 58.19.020 (Definitions) and 1992 c 191 s 2, 1979 c 158 s  
25 208, & 1973 1st ex.s. c 12 s 2;

26 (3) RCW 58.19.030 (Exemptions from chapter) and 1994 c 92 s 504,  
27 1979 c 158 s 209, & 1973 1st ex.s. c 12 s 3;

28 (4) RCW 58.19.045 (Public offering statement—Developer's duties—  
29 Purchaser's rights) and 1992 c 191 s 4;

30 (5) RCW 58.19.055 (Public offering statement—Contents) and 1992 c  
31 191 s 5;

32 (6) RCW 58.19.120 (Report of changes required—Amendments) and  
33 1992 c 191 s 6 & 1973 1st ex.s. c 12 s 12;

34 (7) RCW 58.19.130 (Public offering statement form—Type and style  
35 restriction) and 1973 1st ex.s. c 12 s 13;

36 (8) RCW 58.19.140 (Public offering statement—Promotional use,  
37 distribution restriction—Holding out that state or employees, etc.,  
38 approve development prohibited) and 1973 1st ex.s. c 12 s 14;

1 (9) RCW 58.19.180 (Unlawful to sell lots or parcels subject to  
2 blanket encumbrance which does not provide purchaser can obtain clear  
3 title—Alternatives) and 1992 c 191 s 7 & 1973 1st ex.s. c 12 s 18;

4 (10) RCW 58.19.185 (Requiring purchaser to pay additional sum to  
5 construct, complete or maintain development) and 1977 ex.s. c 252 s  
6 1;

7 (11) RCW 58.19.190 (Advertising—Materially false, misleading, or  
8 deceptive statements prohibited) and 1992 c 191 s 8 & 1973 1st ex.s.  
9 c 12 s 19;

10 (12) RCW 58.19.265 (Violations—Remedies—Attorneys' fees) and  
11 1992 c 191 s 9;

12 (13) RCW 58.19.270 (Violations deemed unfair practice subject to  
13 chapter 19.86 RCW) and 1992 c 191 s 10 & 1973 1st ex.s. c 12 s 27;

14 (14) RCW 58.19.280 (Jurisdiction of superior courts) and 1973 1st  
15 ex.s. c 12 s 28;

16 (15) RCW 58.19.300 (Hazardous conditions—Notice) and 1992 c 191 s  
17 11 & 1973 1st ex.s. c 12 s 30;

18 (16) RCW 58.19.920 (Liberal construction) and 1973 1st ex.s. c 12  
19 s 33; and

20 (17) RCW 58.19.940 (Short title) and 1992 c 191 s 12 & 1973 1st  
21 ex.s. c 12 s 35.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 505.** The following acts or parts of acts, as  
23 now existing or hereafter amended, are each repealed, effective  
24 January 1, 2028:

25 (1) RCW 64.04.055 (Deeds for conveyance of apartments under  
26 horizontal property regimes act) and 1963 c 156 s 29; and

27 (2) RCW 64.90.090 (Prior condominium statutes) and 2019 c 238 s  
28 205 & 2018 c 277 s 119.

29 **Sec. 506.** RCW 64.90.075 and 2019 c 238 s 203 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 (1) Except as provided otherwise in this section, RCW 64.90.080  
32 (as recodified by this act), and section 507 of this act, this  
33 chapter applies to all common interest communities (~~created within~~  
34 ~~this state on or after July 1, 2018~~)).

35 (2) Before January 1, 2028, this chapter applies only to:

36 (a) A common interest community created on or after July 1, 2018;  
37 and

1 (b) A common interest community created before July 1, 2018, that  
2 amends its declaration to elect to be subject to this chapter.

3 (3) Chapters 58.19, 64.32, 64.34, and 64.38 RCW ((~~de~~)):

4 (a) Do not apply to common interest communities ((~~created on or~~  
5 after July 1, 2018)) subject to this chapter; and

6 (b) Apply to a common interest community created before July 1,  
7 2018, only until the community becomes subject to this chapter.

8 ~~((2))~~ (4)(a) Unless the declaration provides that this entire  
9 chapter is applicable, a plat community or miscellaneous community  
10 that is not subject to any development right is subject only to RCW  
11 64.90.020, 64.90.025, and 64.90.030, if the community: ~~((a))~~ (i)  
12 Contains no more than ((~~twelve~~)) 12 units; and ((~~b~~)) (ii) provides  
13 in its declaration that the annual average assessment of all units  
14 restricted to residential purposes, exclusive of optional user fees  
15 and any insurance premiums paid by the association, may not exceed  
16 ~~((three hundred dollars))~~ \$300, as adjusted pursuant to RCW  
17 64.90.065.

18 ~~((3))~~ (b) The exemption provided in ~~((subsection (2) of))~~ this  
19 subsection applies only if:

20 ~~((a))~~ (i) The declarant reasonably believes in good faith that  
21 the maximum stated assessment will be sufficient to pay the expenses  
22 of the association for the community; and

23 ~~((b))~~ (ii) The declaration provides that the assessment may not  
24 be increased above the limitation in ~~((subsection (2))~~ (a)(ii) of  
25 this subsection prior to the transition meeting without the consent  
26 of unit owners, other than the declarant, holding ~~((ninety))~~ 90  
27 percent of the votes in the association.

28 ~~((4) Except))~~ (5) Before January 1, 2028, except as otherwise  
29 provided in RCW 64.90.080, this chapter does not apply to any common  
30 interest community created within this state on or after July 1,  
31 2018, if:

32 (a) That common interest community is made part of a common  
33 interest community created in this state prior to July 1, 2018,  
34 pursuant to a right expressly set forth in the declaration of the  
35 preexisting common interest community; and

36 (b) The declaration creating that common interest community  
37 expressly subjects that common interest community to the declaration  
38 of the preexisting common interest community pursuant to such right  
39 described in (a) of this subsection.



1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 507.**    (1) Except as provided in subsection (2)  
2 of this section, if a common interest community created before July  
3 1, 2018, becomes subject to this chapter on January 1, 2028, or  
4 earlier, a provision of its governing documents inconsistent with  
5 this chapter is invalid unless:

6        (a) The provision is expressly permitted under section 303 of  
7 this act; or

8        (b) The common interest community is a plat community or  
9 miscellaneous community described in RCW 64.90.075(4) (as recodified  
10 by this act), or a nonresidential or mixed-use common interest  
11 community described in RCW 64.90.100.

12        (2) This chapter does not require a common interest community  
13 validly created before July 1, 2018, to:

14        (a) Comply with the requirements of this chapter for creation of  
15 a common interest community; or

16        (b) Prepare or amend the map.

17        (3) This chapter does not invalidate an action validly taken or  
18 transaction validly entered into before a common interest community  
19 becomes subject to this chapter.

20        **Sec. 508.**    RCW 64.90.080 and 2019 c 238 s 204 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22        (1) Except for a plat community or miscellaneous community  
23 described in RCW 64.90.075(4) (as recodified by this act) and a  
24 nonresidential or mixed-use common interest community described in  
25 RCW 64.90.100, ((RCW 64.90.095, 64.90.405(1) (b) and (c), 64.90.525  
26 and 64.90.545 apply)) the following sections apply to a common  
27 interest community created before July 1, 2018, and any inconsistent  
28 provisions of chapter 58.19, 64.32, 64.34, or 64.38 RCW do not  
29 apply((, to a common interest community created in this state before  
30 July 1, 2018))):

31        (a) RCW 64.90.095 (as recodified by this act);

32        (b) RCW 64.90.405(1) (b) and (c);

33        (c) RCW 64.90.525;

34        (d) RCW 64.90.545; and

35        (e) RCW 64.90.010, to the extent necessary to construe this  
36 subsection.

37        (2) Except to the extent provided in this subsection, the  
38 sections listed in subsection (1) of this section apply only to  
39 events and circumstances occurring on or after July 1, 2018, and do

1 not invalidate existing provisions of the governing documents of  
2 those common interest communities existing on July 1, 2018. To  
3 protect the public interest, RCW 64.90.095 (as recodified by this  
4 act) and 64.90.525 supersede existing provisions of the governing  
5 documents of all plat communities and miscellaneous communities  
6 previously subject to chapter 64.38 RCW.

7 (3) This section does not apply to a common interest community  
8 that becomes subject to this chapter under RCW 64.90.075(1) (as  
9 recodified by this act) or by election under RCW 64.90.075(4) (as  
10 recodified by this act), 64.90.095(1)(b) (as recodified by this act),  
11 or 64.90.100.

12 **Sec. 509.** RCW 64.90.095 and 2018 c 277 s 120 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 (1) The declaration of any common interest community created  
15 before July 1, 2018, or of a plat community or miscellaneous  
16 community described in RCW 64.90.075(4) (as recodified by this act)  
17 may be amended to ~~((provide))~~:

18 (a) Provide that all the sections listed in RCW 64.90.080(1) (as  
19 recodified by this act) apply to the common interest community; or

20 (b) Provide that this chapter will apply to the common interest  
21 community, regardless of what applicable law provided before chapter  
22 277, Laws of 2018 was adopted.

23 (2) Except as provided otherwise in subsection (3) of this  
24 section or in RCW 64.90.285 ~~((9), (10), or (11))~~ (8), (9), or (10),  
25 an amendment under this section to the governing documents  
26 ~~((authorized under this section))~~ of a common interest community  
27 created before July 1, 2018, must be adopted in conformity with any  
28 procedures and requirements for amending the instruments specified by  
29 those instruments and in conformity with the amendment procedures of  
30 this chapter. If the governing documents do not contain provisions  
31 authorizing amendment, the amendment procedures of this chapter  
32 apply. If an amendment grants to a person a right, power, or  
33 privilege permitted under this chapter, any correlative obligation,  
34 liability, or restriction in this chapter also applies to the person.

35 (3) Notwithstanding any provision in the governing documents of a  
36 common interest community that govern the procedures and requirements  
37 for amending the governing documents, an amendment under subsection  
38 (1) of this section may be made as follows:

1 (a) The board shall propose such amendment to the owners if the  
2 board deems it appropriate or if owners holding (~~twenty~~) 20 percent  
3 or more of the votes in the association request such an amendment in  
4 writing to the board;

5 (b) Upon satisfaction of the foregoing requirements, the board  
6 shall prepare a proposed amendment and shall provide the owners with  
7 a notice in a record containing the proposed amendment and at least  
8 (~~thirty~~) 30 days' advance notice of a meeting to discuss the  
9 proposed amendment;

10 (c) Following such meeting, the board shall provide the owners  
11 with a notice in a record containing the proposed amendment and a  
12 ballot to approve or reject the amendment;

13 (d) The amendment shall be deemed approved if owners holding at  
14 least (~~thirty~~) 30 percent of the votes in the association  
15 participate in the voting process, and at least (~~sixty-seven~~) 67  
16 percent of the votes cast by participating owners are in favor of the  
17 proposed amendment.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 510. RCW 64.90.075, 64.90.080, and 64.90.095  
19 are recodified as sections in chapter 64.90 RCW under the subchapter  
20 heading "APPLICABILITY AND TRANSITION."

21 NEW SECTION. Sec. 511. Section 507 of this act is added to  
22 chapter 64.90 RCW and codified with the subchapter heading  
23 "APPLICABILITY AND TRANSITION."

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 512. (1) Section 319 of this act takes effect  
25 January 1, 2025.

26 (2) Sections 401 through 432 of this act take effect January 1,  
27 2028.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 513. Section 318 of this act expires January  
29 1, 2025.

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