

The Ranch at Prescott Homeowners Association

Assessment Collection Policy

Pursuant to the Arizona Nonprofit Corporation Act, A.R.S. 33-1803 and 33-1807 and Article 6.1 of the Declaration of Covenants Conditions and Restrictions for The Ranch at Prescott Homeowners Association ("Declaration"), the following resolution is hereby adopted by the undersigned, all being Council Members of the Ranch Homeowners Association ("Association").

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the following procedures and practices are established for the collection of Assessments owing and to become owing by the Owners of Units ("Lots," etc.) in the Association and the same are to be known as the "Assessment Collection Policy" for the Association in the discharge of its responsibilities regarding collection of Assessments levied against Units ("Lots," etc.):

1. **POLICY OBJECTIVE.** The collection of Assessments pursuant to the Declaration and this Assessment Collection Policy will be governed by the following objective:

The Association will pursue collection of all Assessments. At each step within the collection process, the Council will analyze the facts and circumstances then known concerning a given delinquency to direct collection efforts toward the expedient course of action for resolving the delinquency.

2. **OWNERSHIP INTERESTS.** Pursuant to the Declaration, the person who is the Owner of a Unit ("Lots," etc.) as of the date an Assessment becomes due is personally liable for the payment of the Assessment. The personal obligation for delinquent Assessment shall not pass to the successors in title of the Owner unless expressly assumed by them.

3. **HANDLING CHARGES AND RETURNED CHECK FEE.** In order to recoup costs incurred because of the additional administrative expenses associated with collecting delinquent Assessments, collection of these fees and charges are part of the Collection Policy. These fees and charges, including a \$15.00 Collection Notice Fee, will be added to the amount outstanding and are collectible to the same extent and in the same manner as the delinquent Assessment.

4. **APPLICATION OF FUNDS RECEIVED.** All moneys received by the Association will be applied to amounts outstanding to the extent of and in the following order:

- a. First to the unpaid Assessment amount;
- b. Next, to interest accrued;
- c. Last to late fees, collection costs and attorney's fees incurred by or on behalf of the Association.

5. **OWNERSHIP RECORDS.** All collection notices and communications will be directed to those persons shown by the records of the Association as being the Owner of the Unit ("Lot," etc.) for which Assessments are due and will be sent to the most recent address of such Owner solely as reflected by the records of the Association. Any notice or communication directed to a person at an address, in both cases reflected by the records of the Association as being the Owner and address for a given Unit ("Lot," etc.), will be valid and effective for all purposes pursuant to the Declaration and this Assessment Collection Policy until such time as there is actual receipt by the Association of written notification of any change in the identity or status of such Owner or its address or both.

6. **NOTIFICATION TO OWNER.**

- a. **LATE NOTICE.** A payment by a member is deemed delinquent if it is unpaid fifteen (15) or more days after the due date. A late notice will be sent via regular first-class mail, a late fee of 10% of the

annual assessment will be charged to the Owner's account, and a \$15.00 Collection Notice Fee will be charged to the Owner's account. Interest at the rate of 18% per annum for delinquent accounts will be levied based on Board approval.

b. 2nd LATE NOTICE. No sooner than Thirty (30) days after the due date, the Association will send a notice via regular first-class mail to the Owner setting forth the amount of the delinquent Assessment owing. All fees associated with this letter will be charged to the Owner's account.

c. INTENT TO LIEN NOTICE. No sooner than Forty-five (45) days beyond the due date, the Association will send a notice of Intent to Lien to the Owner making formal demand for immediate payment for all outstanding amounts. The Intent to Lien notice will be sent via regular and certified mail, return receipt requested. All fees associated with this letter, including a \$35.00 Intent to Lien fee, will be charged to the Owner's account.

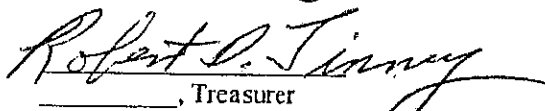
d. RECORDATION OF LIEN. Sixty (60) days after the due date, where the Council has determined an Assessment lien is to be pursued, if an Owner fails to pay in full the entire amount covered by an Intent to Lien notice by the date specified, the Council will cause to be prepared and recorded with the County Recorder a written notice of Lien (A.R.S. 33-1256 or 33-1807). A lien fee of \$135.00 will be charged to the Owner's account.

7. ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION COURSES. At each step in the collection process the Council, acting with input and recommendation from management and counsel, will evaluate which course of legal action appears to be in the best interest of the Association for recovery of unpaid Assessments. Where foreclosure of the Assessment lien in favor of the Association against a Unit ("Lot," etc.), together with pursuit of personal judgment against the Owner, is determined to be advisable, or personal judgment alone, the Board will direct counsel to proceed accordingly.


8. VERIFICATION OF INDEBTEDNESS. Where an Owner requests verification of the indebtedness, Management will, upon notification of the Owner's request, supply such verification within fifteen (15) business days. The exercise of the collection rights of the Association regarding Assessments will in all ways comply with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and A.R.S. 33-1803 and 33-1807 (or 33-1242 and 33-1256 for condominiums).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assessment Collection Policy replaces and supersedes in all respects all prior resolutions with respect to the collection of Assessments by the Association and is effective upon adoption hereof, to remain in force and effect until revoked, modified, or amended.


_____, Chairman


_____, Treasurer

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the The Ranch at Prescott Homeowners Association Council members on the 26th day of January, 2006, to be effective as of February 1, 2006 and has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked.


Secretary Date 1/26/2006