

**BRIDGEPORT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.
COLLECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

The following policy and procedure has been adopted by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Bridgeport Condominium Association, Inc. ("Association") for collection of unpaid assessments.

1. **Due Date.** The Association's Annual Common Expense Assessment shall be due and payable, in monthly installments, on the first day of each month. Assessments or other charges not paid to the Association by the 10th day of each month shall be considered past due and delinquent.
2. **Late Charge and Interest Imposed.** Once a payment is past due and delinquent, a Late Charge of \$25.00 or 5% of the unpaid assessment, whichever is greater, shall be assessed on the 11th day of the calendar month for which such assessment was not timely paid to compensate the Association for the additional administrative costs in processing a delinquent payment. Further, interest shall accrue at 18% per annum on all outstanding or past due balances.
3. **Return Check Charges.** In addition to any and all charges imposed under the Declaration, the Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations or the Articles of Incorporation (collectively, the "Governing Documents") or pursuant to Florida statutes, or this Policy, a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fee or other amount deemed appropriate by the Board shall be assessed against an Owner in the event any check or other instrument attributable to or payable for the benefit of such Owner is not honored by the bank or is returned by the bank for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, insufficient funds. Such return check charge shall be due and payable immediately, upon demand. Notwithstanding this provision, the Association shall be entitled to all additional remedies as may be provided by applicable law. Returned check charges shall be the obligation of the Owner(s) of the Unit for which payment was tendered to the Association. Returned check charges shall become effective on any instrument tendered to the Association for payment of sums due under the Governing Documents or this Policy.
4. **Attorney Fees on Delinquent Accounts.** As an additional expense permitted (collectible as a Common Expense Assessment) under the Declaration and Florida statutes, the Association shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney fees and collection costs incurred in the collection of assessments or other charges due the Association from a delinquent Owner. The reasonable attorney fees incurred by the Association shall be due and payable immediately when incurred, upon demand.
5. **Application for Payments made to the Association.** Regardless of inscriptions or notations on the front of the check, all payments received on the account of any Owner shall be applied in the following order:
 - a. any and all attorney fees, legal fees and costs incurred for collection of assessments or for Owner's failure to comply with provisions of the Association's Governing Documents, including lien fees;
 - b. fines, late charges and interest;
 - c. returned check charges, and other costs owing or incurred with respect to such Owner pursuant to the Declaration, Florida statutes, Rules and Regulations, or this Policy;
 - d. past-due Special Assessments (if any);
 - e. currently due Special Assessments (if any);
 - f. past-due regular monthly assessments; and
 - g. current regular monthly assessments.

NOTE: Checks containing a restrictive endorsement on the back will be returned to the Owner and the amount tendered shall be considered unpaid.
6. **Acceleration of Installments.** In the Board's sole discretion, and upon at least thirty (30) days' written notice to the Owner, in the event any monthly installment is past due for more than sixty (60) days, the entire annual assessment for the current calendar year may be accelerated so that all monthly installments for the remainder of the calendar year are

immediately due and payable

7. **Collection Procedures.** After an installment, or other charge due the Association, becomes 20 days past due, the Board may cause, but shall not be required to send, a "late notice" to the Owner who is delinquent in payment.
8. **Referral of Delinquent Accounts to Attorneys.** If payment in full is not received within 60 days of the date due, the Board may, but shall not be required to send the account to the Association's attorney for collection.
 - a. Upon referral to the attorneys, the attorneys shall take all appropriate action to collect the accounts referred, including recording of a Notice of Claim of Lien against the Owner's Unit.
 - b. After an account has been referred to an attorney, the account shall remain with the attorney until the account is settled, has a zero balance or is written off. All payment plans involving accounts referred to an attorney for collection shall be set up and monitored through the attorney.
9. **Appointment of a Receiver.** The Board may seek the appointment of a receiver if an Owner becomes delinquent in the payment of any installment of assessments. A receiver is a disinterested person, appointed by the court who manages the rental of the property, collects the rent and disburses the rents according to the court's order. The purpose of a receivership for the Association is to obtain payment of current assessments and reduce past due assessments.
10. **Judicial Foreclosure.** The Board may choose to foreclose on the Association's lien in lieu of or in addition to suing an Owner in court for a money judgment. The purpose of foreclosure is to obtain payment of all assessments owing in situations where either a money judgment lawsuit has been or is likely to be unsuccessful in obtaining payment, or other circumstances favor such action.
11. **Waivers.** The Board may grant a waiver of any provision herein upon petition in writing by an Owner showing a personal hardship. Such relief granted an Owner shall be appropriately documented in the files of the Association with the name of the person or persons representing the Board granting the relief and the conditions of the relief.
12. **Ongoing Evaluation.** Nothing in this Policy shall require the Board to take specific actions at a specific time but the Board shall not take any action in less than the time stated herein for a particular action. The Board has the option and right to continue to evaluate each delinquency on a case-by-case basis.

Adopted this date: March 8 2021
BRIDGEPORT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

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