

# MILLER RANCH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

## EXECUTIVE BOARD RESOLUTION

### DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Executive Board ("Board") of Miller Ranch Condominium Association, a Colorado nonprofit corporation (the "Association"), hereby approves and adopts the following Resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the following Policy of the Association ("Policy") related to Dispute Resolution is hereby adopted and ratified:

1. Intent to Avoid Litigation. The Association, its officers, directors and committee members, all persons subject to the Declaration including Owners, and any person not otherwise subject to the Declaration who agrees to submit to this Policy (collectively, "Bound Parties") agree to encourage the amicable resolution of disputes involving Miller Ranch, without the emotional and financial costs of litigation. Accordingly, each Bound Party covenants and agrees that those claims, grievances or disputes described herein ("Claims") shall be resolved using the procedures set forth below in lieu of filing suit in any court.

2. Claims. Unless specifically exempted below, all claims, grievances or disputes arising out of or relating to the interpretation, application or enforcement of the Association Documents, or the rights, obligations and duties of any Bound Party under the Association Documents shall be subject to the provisions of this Section. Notwithstanding the above, unless all parties thereto otherwise agree, the following shall not be Claims and shall not be subject to the provisions of this Section:

a. Any suit by the Association against any Bound Party to enforce the provisions of the Declaration relating to Assessments and the collection of Assessments.

b. Any suit by the Association to obtain a temporary restraining order (or equivalent emergency equitable relief) and such other ancillary relief as the court may deem necessary in order to maintain the status quo and preserve the Association's ability to enforce the architectural standards and use restrictions and rules;

c. Any suit between Owners, which does not include the Association as a party, if such suit asserts a Claim which would constitute a cause of action independent of the Association Documents;

d. Any suit in which any indispensable party is not a Bound Party; and

e. Any suit as to which any applicable statute of limitations would expire within 180 days of giving the notice required below.

With the consent of all parties thereto, any of the above may be submitted to the alternative dispute resolution procedures set forth below.

3. Mandatory Procedures.

a. Notice. Any Bound Party having a Claim ("Claimant") against any other Bound Party ("Respondent") (collectively, the "Parties") shall notify each Respondent in writing (the "Notice"), stating plainly and concisely:

- the Claim;
- i. The nature of the Claim, including the Persons involved and Respondent's role in the Claim;
  - ii. The legal basis of the Claim (i.e., the specific authority out of which the Claim arises);
  - iii. Claimant's proposed remedy; and
  - iv. That Claimant will meet with Respondent to discuss in good faith ways to resolve the Claim.

b. Negotiation and Mediation.

i. The Parties shall make every reasonable effort to meet in person and confer for the purpose of resolving the Claim by good faith negotiation. If requested in writing, accompanied by a copy of the Notice, the Board may appoint a representative to assist the Parties in resolving the dispute by negotiation.

ii. If the Parties do not resolve the Claim within thirty (30) days of the date of the Notice (or within such other period as may be agreed upon by the Parties) ("Termination of Negotiations"), Claimant shall have thirty (30) additional days to submit the Claim to mediation under the auspices of a reputable and knowledgeable mediation group providing such services in Eagle County, or, if the Parties otherwise agree, to an independent agency providing dispute resolution services in the Eagle County, Colorado area.

iii. If Claimant does not submit a claim to mediation within thirty (30) days after Termination of Negotiations, or does not appear for the mediation, Claimant shall be deemed to have waived the Claim, and Respondent shall be released and discharged from any and all liability to Claimant on account of such Claim; provided, nothing herein shall release or discharge Respondent from any liability to any person other than the Claimant.

iv. Any settlement of the Claim through mediation shall be documented in writing by the mediator. If the Parties do not settle the Claim within thirty (30) days after submission of the matter to the mediation process, or within such time as determined by the mediator, the mediator shall issue a notice of termination of the mediation proceedings ("Termination of Mediation"). The Termination of Mediation notice shall set forth that the Parties are at an impasse and the date that the mediation was to be mediated.

v. Within five (5) days of the Termination of Mediation, the Claimant shall make a final written settlement demand ("Settlement Demand") to the Respondent and the Respondent shall make a final written settlement offer ("Settlement Offer") to the Claimant. If the Claimant fails to make a Settlement Demand, Claimant's original Notice shall constitute the Settlement Demand. If the Respondent fails to make a Settlement Offer, Respondent shall be deemed to have made a "zero" or "take nothing" Settlement Offer.

c. Final and Binding Arbitration.

i. If the Parties do not agree in writing to a settlement of the Claim within fifteen (15) days of the Termination of Mediation, the Claimant shall have fifteen (15) additional days to submit the Claim to arbitration in accordance with the rules of arbitration as may be required by the agency providing the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall be a single arbitrator to be appointed by the Parties. If the Parties are unable to agree upon an arbitrator within thirty (30) days of the Claim being submitted to

arbitration, the presiding judge of Eagle County, Colorado shall appoint a qualified arbitrator upon application of a Party. No person shall serve as the arbitrator where that person has any financial or personal interest in the result of the arbitration. Any person designated as an arbitrator shall immediately disclose in writing to all Parties any circumstance likely to affect the appearance of impartiality, including any bias or financial or personal interest in the outcome of the arbitration (“Arbitrator Disclosure”). If any Party objects to the service of any arbitrator within fourteen (14) days after receipt of that Arbitrator’s Disclosure, such arbitrator shall be replaced in the same manner in which that arbitrator was selected. If not timely submitted to arbitration or if the Claimant fails to appear for the arbitration proceeding, the Claim shall be deemed abandoned, and Respondent shall be released and discharged from any and all liability to Claimant arising out of such Claim; provided, nothing herein shall release or discharge Respondent from any liability to persons other than Claimant.

ii. This subsection is an agreement to arbitrate and is specifically enforceable under the applicable arbitration laws of the State of Colorado. The arbitration award (the “Award”) shall be final and binding, and judgment may be entered upon it in any court of competent jurisdiction to the fullest extent permitted under the laws of the State of Colorado.

d. Enforcement of Resolution. After resolution of any Claim, if any Party fails to abide by the terms of any agreement or Award, then any other Party may file suit or initiate administrative proceedings to enforce such agreement or Award without the need to again comply with the procedures set forth in this Section. In such event, the Party taking action to enforce the agreement or Award shall be entitled to recover from the non-complying Party (or if more than one non-complying Party, from all such Parties pro rata) all costs incurred in enforcing such agreement or Award including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees and court costs.

4. Claim for Damages. Damages alleged or awarded in connection with a Claim shall be limited to actual damages. No punitive, incidental, consequential or other damages shall be claimed or awarded.

5. Definitions. Unless otherwise defined in this Resolution, initially capitalized or terms defined in the Declaration shall have the same meaning herein.

6. Supplement to Law. The provisions of this Resolution shall be in addition to and in supplement of the terms and provisions of the Declaration and the laws of the State of Colorado governing Miller Ranch Condominium Association.

7. Deviations. The Board may deviate from the procedures set forth in this Resolution if in its sole discretion such deviation is reasonable under the circumstances.

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

That I am a duly elected and acting Secretary of Miller Ranch Condominium Association, a Colorado nonprofit corporation; and

That the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by action of the Board of the Association at its meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009, at which a quorum was present.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Secretary

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