

BASALT – BYLAWS

Division 1 - Duties of Owners, Tenants, Occupants and Visitors

Payment of strata fees

- 1 (1) An owner must pay strata fees on or before the first day of the month to which the strata fees relate.

(2) Late payment of fees: If an owner is late in paying his or her strata fees, the owner must pay to the strata corporation interest on the late payment in the amount of 10% per annum, compounded annually, and calculated on a monthly basis commencing from the date the payment was due and continuing until the last day of the month in which it is paid.

Repair and maintenance of property by owner

- 2 (1) An owner must repair and maintain the owner's strata lot, except for repair and maintenance that is the responsibility of the strata corporation under these bylaws.
(2) An owner who has the use of limited common property must repair and maintain it, except for repair and maintenance that is the responsibility of the Strata Corporation under these bylaws.
(3) An owner shall indemnify and save harmless the Strata Corporation from the expense or any maintenance, repair or replacement rendered necessary to the common property, limited common property, common assets or to any strata lot by the owner's act, omission, negligence or carelessness or by that of an owner's visitors, occupants, guests, employees, agents, tenants or a member of the owner's family, but only to the extent that such expense is not reimbursed from the proceeds received by operation of any insurance policy. In such circumstances any insurance deductible paid or payable by the Strata Corporation shall be considered an expense not covered by the proceeds received by the Strata Corporation as insurance coverage and will be charged to the owner.
(4) All owners shall be held financially responsible for water resultant damages caused to their property or the property of other owners or the common property as a result of the failure or negligent operation of any water supplied appliance or fixture located within their unit that is not common property. This includes but is not limited to hot water tanks, kitchen or bathroom taps, toilets, clothes or dish washing machines, and hot tubs. The Strata Corporation will arrange for repairs to the common property and the units owned by others. In the event of damage or loss that is less than the Strata Corporation's insurance deductible the strata lot owner is responsible for the cost of repairs and no claim will be made against the Strata Corporation or its insurance policy.

Use of property

- 3 (1) An owner, tenant, occupant or visitor must not use a strata lot, the common property or common assets in a way that
 - (a) causes a nuisance or hazard to another person,
 - (b) causes unreasonable noise,
 - (c) unreasonably interferes with the rights of other persons to use and enjoy the common property, common assets or another strata lot,
 - (d) is illegal, or

- (e) is contrary to a purpose for which the strata lot or common property is intended as shown expressly or by necessary implication on or by the strata plan.
- (2) An owner, tenant, occupant or visitor must not cause damage, other than reasonable wear and tear, to the common property, common assets or those parts of a strata lot which the strata corporation must repair and maintain under these bylaws or insure under section 149 of the Act.
- (3) An owner, tenant, occupant or visitor must ensure that all animals are leashed or otherwise secured when on the common property or on land that is a common asset. Owners, tenants and/ or visitors must pick up all animal waste left by their pet in a timely manner and dispose of it appropriately in the garbage bin.
- (4) An owner, tenant or occupant must not keep any pets on a strata lot other than one or more of the following:
 - (a) a reasonable number of fish or other small aquarium animals;
 - (b) up to two small caged mammals;
 - (c) up to 2 caged birds;
 - (d) two dogs, two cats, or one of each.
- (5) All owners shall replace their hot water tank(s) seven years regardless of the warranty period of the tank (based off the install date). If an owner does not replace their hot water tank on the written request of the Strata Corporation, the Council shall be authorized to take such action, as it deems necessary to replace the hot water tank and protect the Strata Corporation's interests. All associated costs to replace a hot water tank, older than seven years old, will be charged back to the strata lot owner on record at the time of the work.
- (6) Non-smoking: Smoking of any substance (including medical marijuana and e-cigarettes) is not permitted in any common property areas or limited common property areas, including but not limited to: decks/balconies/patios, hallways, stairwells, parking areas, driveways, garbage shed, landscaped areas, etc.

Inform strata corporation

- 4 (1) Within 2 weeks of becoming an owner, an owner must inform the strata corporation of the owner's name, strata lot number and mailing address outside the strata plan, if any.
- (2) On request by the strata corporation, a tenant must inform the strata corporation of his or her name.

Obtain approval before altering a strata lot

- 5 (1) An owner must obtain the written approval of the strata corporation before making an alteration to a strata lot that involves any of the following:
 - (a) the structure of a building;
 - (b) the exterior of a building;
 - (c) chimneys, stairs, balconies or other things attached to the exterior of a building;
 - (d) *doors, windows or skylights* [amendment SPAA s. 51(a)] on the exterior of a building, or that front on the common property;
 - (e) fences, railings or similar structures that enclose a patio, balcony or yard;
 - (f) common property located within the boundaries of a strata lot;
 - (g) Those parts of the strata lot which the Strata Corporation must insure under section

149 of the Act.

- (2) The Strata Corporation must not unreasonably withhold its approval under subsection (1), but may require as a condition of its approval that the owner agrees, in writing, to take responsibility for any expenses relating to the alteration.
- (3) This section does not apply to a strata lot in a bare land strata plan.

Obtain approval before altering common property

- 6 (1) An owner must obtain the written approval of the strata corporation before making an alteration to common property, including limited common property, or common assets.
- (2) The Strata Corporation may require as a condition of its approval that the owner agree, in writing, to take responsibility for any expenses relating to the alteration.

Permit entry to strata lot

- 7 (1) An owner, tenant, occupant or visitor must allow a person authorized by the strata corporation to enter the strata lot
 - (a) in an emergency, without notice, to ensure safety or prevent significant loss or damage, and
 - (b) at a reasonable time, on 48 hours' written notice, to inspect, repair or maintain common property, common assets and any portions of a strata lot that are the responsibility of the strata corporation to repair and maintain under these bylaws or insure under section 149 of the Act.
- (2) The notice referred to in subsection (1)(b) must include the date and approximate time of entry, and the reason for entry.

Division 2 - Powers and Duties of Strata Corporation

Repair and maintenance of property by strata corporation

- 8 The strata corporation must repair and maintain all of the following:
 - (a) common assets of the strata corporation;
 - (b) common property that has not been designated as limited common property;
 - (c) limited common property, but the duty to repair and maintain it is restricted to
 - (i) repair and maintenance that in the ordinary course of events occurs less often than once a year, and
 - (ii) the following, no matter how often the repair or maintenance ordinarily occurs:
 - (A) the structure of a building;
 - (B) the exterior of a building;
 - (C) chimneys, stairs, balconies and other things attached to the exterior of a building;
 - (D) *doors, windows and skylights* [amendment SPAA s.51(c)] on the exterior of a building or that front on the common property;
 - (E) fences, railings and similar structures that enclose patios, balconies and yards;
 - (d) a strata lot in a strata plan that is not a bare land strata plan, but the duty to repair and maintain it is restricted to
 - (i) the structure of a building,
 - (ii) the exterior of a building,
 - (iii) chimneys, stairs, balconies and other things attached to the exterior of a building,
 - (iv) *doors, windows and skylights* [amendment SPAA s.51(c)] on the exterior of a building or that front on the common property, and
 - (v) fences, railings and similar structures that enclose patios, balconies and yards.

Division 3 - Council

Council size

- 9 (1) Subject to subsection (2), the council must have at least 3 and not more than 7 members.
- (2) If the strata plan has fewer than 4 strata lots or the Strata Corporation has fewer than 4 owners, all the owners are on the council.

Council members' terms

- 10 (1) The term of office of a council member ends at the end of the annual general meeting at which the new council is elected [amendment SPAA s.51(c)].
- (2) A person whose term as council member is ending is eligible for re-election [note deletion of s. 10(3), (4) and (5) SPAA s. 51(d)].

Removing council member

- 11 (1) Unless all the owners are on the council, the strata corporation may, by a resolution passed by a majority vote at an annual or special general meeting, remove one or more council members.
- (2) After removing a council member, the Strata Corporation must hold an election at the same annual or special general meeting to replace the council member for the remainder of the term.
- (3) Council Member in Default: No person may stand for council or continue to be on council with respect to a strata lot if the strata corporation is entitled to register a lien against that strata lot under the Act.

Replacing council member

- 12 (1) If a council member resigns or is unwilling or unable to act for a period of 2 or more months, the remaining members of the council may appoint a replacement council member for the remainder of the term.
- (2) A replacement council member may be appointed from any person eligible to sit on the council.
- (3) The council may appoint a council member under this section even if the absence of the member being replaced leaves the council without a quorum.
- (4) If all the members of the council resign or are unwilling or unable to act for a period of 2 or more months, persons holding at least 25% of the strata corporation's votes may hold a special general meeting to elect a new council by complying with the provisions of the Act, the regulations and the bylaws respecting the calling and holding of meetings.

Officers

- 13 (1) At the first meeting of the council held after each annual general meeting of the strata corporation, the council must elect, from among its members, a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer.
- (2) A person may hold more than one office at a time, other than the offices of president and vice president.
- (3) The vice president has the powers and duties of the president
- (a) while the president is absent or is unwilling or unable to act, or

- (b) for the remainder of the president's term if the president ceases to hold office.
- (4) If an officer other than the president is unwilling or unable to act for a period of 2 or more months, the council members may appoint a replacement officer from among themselves for the remainder of the term.

Calling council meetings

- 14 (1) Any council member may call a council meeting by giving the other council members at least one week's notice of the meeting, specifying the reason for calling the meeting.
- (2) The notice does not have to be in writing.
- (3) A council meeting may be held on less than one week's notice if
 - (a) all council members consent in advance of the meeting, or
 - (b) the meeting is required to deal with an emergency situation, and all council members either
 - (i) consent in advance of the meeting, or
 - (ii) are unavailable to provide consent after reasonable attempts to contact them.
- (4) The council must inform owners about a council meeting *as soon as feasible* [amendment SPAA s. 51(e)] after the meeting has been called.

Requisition of council hearing

- 15 (1) By application in writing, stating the reason for the request, an owner or tenant may request a hearing at a council meeting.
- (2) If a hearing is requested under subsection (1), the council must hold a meeting to hear the applicant within *one month* [amendment SPAA s. 51(f)] of the request.
- (3) If the purpose of the hearing is to seek a decision of the council, the council must give the applicant a written decision within one week of the hearing.

Quorum of council

- 16 (1) A quorum of the council is
 - (a) 1, if the council consists of one member,
 - (b) 2, if the council consists of 2, 3 or 4 members,
 - (c) 3, if the council consists of 5 or 6 members, and
 - (d) 4, if the council consists of 7 members.
- (2) Council members must be present in person at the council meeting to be counted in establishing quorum.

Council meetings

- 17 (1) At the option of the council, council meetings may be held by electronic means, so long as all council members and other participants can communicate with each other.
- (2) If a council meeting is held by electronic means, council members are deemed to be present in person.
- (3) Owners may attend council meetings as observers.
- (4) Despite subsection (3), no observers may attend those portions of council meetings that deal with any of the following:

- (a) bylaw contravention hearings under section 135 of the Act;
- (b) rental restriction bylaw exemption hearings under section 144 of the Act;
- (c) any other matters if the presence of observers would, in the council's opinion, unreasonably interfere with an individual's privacy.

Voting at council meetings

- 18** (1) At council meetings, decisions must be made by a majority of council members present in person at the meeting.
- (2) Unless there are only 2 strata lots in the strata plan, if there is a tie vote at a council meeting, the president may break the tie by casting a second, deciding vote.
- (3) The results of all votes at a council meeting must be recorded in the council meeting minutes [amendment SPAA s. 51(g)].

Council to inform owners of minutes

- 19** The council must inform owners of the minutes of all council meetings within 2 weeks of the meeting, whether or not the minutes have been approved.

Delegation of council's powers and duties

- 20** (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), the council may delegate some or all of its powers and duties to one or more council members or persons who are not members of the council, and may revoke the delegation.
- (2) The council may delegate its spending powers or duties, but only by a resolution that
- (a) delegates the authority to make an expenditure of a specific amount for a specific purpose, or
 - (b) delegates the general authority to make expenditures in accordance with subsection(3).
- (3) A delegation of a general authority to make expenditures must
- (a) set a maximum amount that may be spent, and
 - (b) indicate the purposes for which, or the conditions under which, the money may be spent.
- (4) The council may not delegate its powers to determine, based on the facts of a particular case,
- (a) whether a person has contravened a bylaw or rule,
 - (b) whether a person should be fined, and the amount of the fine, or
 - (c) whether a person should be denied access to a recreational facility.

Spending restrictions

- 21** (1) A person may not spend the strata corporation's money unless the person has been delegated the power to do so in accordance with these bylaws.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), a council member may spend the strata corporation's money to repair or replace common property or common assets if the repair or replacement is immediately required to ensure safety or prevent significant loss or damage.

Limitation on liability of council member

- 22** (1) A council member who acts honestly and in good faith is not personally liable because of anything done or omitted in the exercise or intended exercise of any power or the performance or intended performance of any duty of the council.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not affect a council member's liability, as an owner, for a judgment against the strata corporation.

Division 4 - Enforcement of Bylaws and Rules

Maximum fine

- 23** (1) The strata corporation may fine an owner or tenant a maximum of
- (a) \$200 for each contravention of a bylaw; and
 - (b) \$50 for each contravention of a rule.
- (2) The strata corporation may impose a fine on an owner or tenant for a continuing contravention of a bylaw or rule every 7 days.
- (3) Each owner and tenant is responsible for payment, without invoice, of any money (other than strata fees, but including special levies) owing to the strata corporation as provided for in the Act or these bylaws, and if the owner or tenant fails to pay any money so owing within 15 days after the date such money becomes due, the owner or tenant will, after having been given written notice of the default and been provided with a reasonable opportunity to answer the complaint (including a hearing if requested), be assessed and pay a fine of \$10.00, and if such default continues for a further 15 days, an additional fine of \$25.00 will be levied against and paid by the owner or tenant, as the case may be, and for each additional month such default continues, an additional fine of \$25.00 will be levied against and paid by the owner or tenant.
- (4) Additional assessments, fines authorized by these bylaws, banking charges, filing costs, legal expenses, interest charges and any other expenses incurred by either the strata corporation to enforce these bylaws, as they may be amended from time to time, or any rule which may be established from time to time by the council pursuant to the Act or these bylaws, shall become part of the assessment of the owner responsible and shall become due and payable on the first day of the month next following, except that any amount owing in respect of a fine or the cost of remedying the contravention of a bylaw will be calculated as a separate component of such assessment and the strata corporation may not register a lien against such separate component.

Continuing contravention

- 24** If an activity or lack of activity that constitutes a contravention of a bylaw or rule continues, without interruption, for longer than 7 days, a fine may be imposed every 7 days.

Division 5 - Annual and Special General Meetings

Person to chair meeting

- 25** (1) Annual and special general meetings must be chaired by the president of the council.
- (2) If the president of the council is unwilling or unable to act, the meeting must be chaired by the vice president of the council.
- (3) If neither the president nor the vice president of the council chairs the meeting, a chair must be elected by the eligible voters present in person or by proxy from among those persons who are present at the meeting.

Participation by other than eligible voters

- 26** (1) Tenants and occupants may attend annual and special general meetings, whether or not they are eligible to vote.
- (2) Persons who are not eligible to vote, including tenants and occupants, may participate in the discussion at the meeting, but only if permitted to do so by the chair of the meeting.
- (3) Persons who are not eligible to vote, including tenants and occupants, must leave the meeting if requested to do so by a resolution passed by a majority vote at the meeting.

Voting

- 27** (1) At an annual or special general meeting, voting cards must be issued to eligible voters.
- (2) At an annual or special general meeting a vote is decided on a show of voting cards, unless an eligible voter requests a precise count.
- (3) If a precise count is requested, the chair must decide whether it will be by show of voting cards or by roll call, secret ballot or some other method.
- (4) The outcome of each vote, including the number of votes for and against the resolution if a precise count is requested, must be announced by the chair and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- (5) If there is a tie vote at an annual or special general meeting, the president, or, if the president is absent or unable or unwilling to vote, the vice president, may break the tie by casting a second, deciding vote.
- (6) If there are only 2 strata lots in the strata plan, subsection (5) does not apply.
- (7) Despite anything in this section, an election of council or any other vote must be held by secret ballot, if the secret ballot is requested by an eligible voter.

Order of business

- 28** The order of business at annual and special general meetings is as follows:
- (a) certify proxies and corporate representatives and issue voting cards;
 - (b) determine that there is a quorum;
 - (c) elect a person to chair the meeting, if necessary;
 - (d) present to the meeting proof of notice of meeting or waiver of notice;
 - (e) approve the agenda;
 - (f) approve minutes from the last annual or special general meeting;
 - (g) deal with unfinished business;
 - (h) receive reports of council activities and decisions since the previous annual general meeting, including reports of committees, if the meeting is an annual general meeting;
 - (i) ratify any new rules made by the strata corporation under section 125 of the Act;
 - (j) report on insurance coverage in accordance with section 154 of the Act, if the meeting is an annual general meeting;
 - (k) approve the budget for the coming year in accordance with section 103 of the Act, if the meeting is an annual general meeting;
 - (l) deal with new business, including any matters about which notice has been given under section 45 of the Act;

- (m) elect a council, if the meeting is an annual general meeting;
- (n) terminate the meeting.

Division 6 - Voluntary Dispute Resolution

Voluntary dispute resolution

- 29** (1) A dispute among owners, tenants, the strata corporation or any combination of them may be referred to a dispute resolution committee by a party to the dispute if
- (a) all the parties to the dispute consent, and
 - (b) the dispute involves the Act, the regulations, the bylaws or the rules.
- (2) A dispute resolution committee consists of
- (a) one owner or tenant of the strata corporation nominated by each of the disputing parties and one owner or tenant chosen to chair the committee by the persons nominated by the disputing parties, or
 - (b) any number of persons consented to, or chosen by a method that is consented to, by all the disputing parties.
- (3) The dispute resolution committee must attempt to help the disputing parties to voluntarily end the dispute.

Division 7 - Marketing Activities by Owner Developer

Display lot

- 30** (1) An owner developer who has an unsold strata lot may carry on sales functions that relate to its sale, including the posting of signs.
- (2) An owner developer may use a strata lot, that the owner developer owns or rents, as a display lot for the sale of other strata lots in the strata plan.

Small Claims Actions

- 31** Notwithstanding any provision of the Act, the strata corporation may proceed under the Small Claims Act (British Columbia) against an owner or other person to collect money owing to the strata corporation, including money owing as a fine, without requiring authorization by a resolution passed by a 3/4 vote.

Persons Permitted on Council

- 32** As permitted by section 28(2) of the Act, a person other than an owner, an individual representing a corporate owner and a tenant may be a member of the council provided such person falls within one of the following classes of persons:
- (a) a spouse, including a common law spouse, of an owner; and
 - (b) a professional advisor of an owner

Quorum

- 33** If at the time appointed for a general meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned for a period of thirty minutes whereupon the adjourned meeting shall be reconvened at the same place and the persons present in person or by proxy

and entitled to vote, shall constitute a quorum.