

CHAPTER 515A

UNIFORM CONDOMINIUM ACT

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515A.1-102 APPLICABILITY.

(a) Sections 515A.1-105 (Property Taxation), 515A.1-106 (Applicability of Local Ordinances, Regulations, and Building Codes), 515A.1-107 (Eminent Domain), 515A.2-103 (Construction and Validity of Declaration and Bylaws), 515A.2-104 (Description of Units), 515A.3-102 (a) (1) to (5) and (9) to (12) (Powers of Unit Owners Association), 515A.3-111 (Tort and Contract Liability), 515A.3-112 (Insurance), 515A.3-115 (Lien for Assessments), 515A.3-116 (Association Records), 515A.4-107 (Resales of Units), 515A.4-1075 (Purchaser's Right to Cancel), and 515A.1-103 (Definitions) to the extent necessary in construing any of those sections, apply to all condominiums created in this state prior to August 1, 1980; provided, however, that these sections apply only with respect to events and circumstances occurring after July 31, 1980, and do not invalidate existing provisions of the declaration, bylaws, or floor plans of those condominiums.

(b) Sections 515A.1-101 to 515A.4-117 apply to all condominiums created within this state after August 1, 1980. The provisions of sections 515.01 to 515.29 do not apply to condominiums created after August 1, 1980, and do not invalidate any amendment to the declaration, bylaws, or floor plans of any condominium created before August 1, 1980, or to a condominium plat of any condominium created before August 1, 1986, if the amendment would be permitted by sections 515A.1-101 to 515A.4-117. The amendment must be adopted in conformity with the procedures and requirements specified by those instruments and by sections 515.01 to 515.29. If the amendment grants to any person any rights, powers or privileges permitted by sections 515A.1-101 to 515A.4-117, all correlative obligations, liabilities, and restrictions in sections 515A.1-101 to 515A.4-117 also apply to that person.

History: 1989 c 98 s 1

515A.2-111 EXPANSION OF FLEXIBLE CONDOMINIUMS.

(a) To add additional real estate pursuant to an option reserved under section 515A.2-106(1), all persons having an interest in the additional real estate, excepting any holder of an easement or any holder of an interest to secure an obligation which interest was recorded or created subsequent to the recording of the declaration, shall prepare and execute and, after notice as provided in subsection (b), record an amendment to the declaration. The amendment to the declaration shall assign an identifying number to each unit formed in the additional real estate, and reallocate common element interests, votes in the association, and common expense liabilities according to section 515A.2-108. The amendment shall describe or delineate any limited common elements formed out of the additional real estate, showing or designating the unit to which each is allocated to the extent required by section 515A.2-109 (Limited Common Elements).

(b) The declarant shall serve notice of an intention to add additional real estate as follows:

(1) To the association in the same manner as service of summons in a civil action in district court at least 30 days prior to recording the amendment. The amendment shall be attached to the notice and shall not thereafter be changed so as to materially affect the rights of unit owners.

(2) To the occupants of each unit by notice given in the manner provided in section 515A.1-115 not less than 20 days prior to recording the amendment addressed to "Occupant Entitled to Legal Notice" at each unit. Attached to the notice shall be a statement that the amendment has been served on the association.

(3) Proof of service upon the association and the occupants shall be attached to the recorded amendment.

(c) A lien upon the additional real estate that is not also upon the existing condominium is a lien only upon the units and their percentage of the common elements that are created from the additional real estate. Units within the condominium as it existed prior to expansion are transferred free of liens that are liens only upon the additional real estate, notwithstanding the fact that the percentage of common elements for the units is a percentage of the entire condominium, including the additional real estate.

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515A.3-115 LIEN FOR ASSESSMENTS.

(a) The association has a lien on a unit for any assessment levied against that unit from the time the assessment becomes payable. The association's lien may be foreclosed as provided by the laws of this state as if it were a lien under a mortgage containing a power of sale but the association shall give reasonable notice of its action to all lienholders of the unit whose interest would be affected. The rights of the parties shall be the same as those provided by law except that the period of redemption for unit owners shall be six months from the date of sale. Unless the declaration otherwise provides, fees, charges, late charges, and interest charges pursuant to section 515A.3-102(8), (9), and (11) are enforceable as assessments under this section.

(b) A lien under this section is prior to all other liens and encumbrances on a unit except (1) liens and encumbrances recorded before the recordation of the declaration, (2) any recorded mortgage on the unit securing a first mortgage holder, and (3) liens for real estate taxes and other governmental assessments or charges against the unit. This subsection does not affect the priority of mechanics' or material suppliers' liens.

(c) Recording of the declaration constitutes record notice and perfection of the lien, and no further recordation of any claim of lien for assessment under this section is required.

(d) Proceedings to enforce an assessment must be instituted within three years after the last installment of the assessment becomes payable.

(e) Unit owners at the time an assessment is payable are personally liable to the association for payment of the assessments.

(f) A foreclosure sale, judgment, or decree in any action, proceeding, or suit brought under this section shall include costs and reasonable attorney's fees for the prevailing party.

(g) The association shall furnish to a unit owner or the owner's authorized agent upon written request of the unit owner or the authorized agent a recordable statement setting forth the amount of unpaid assessments currently levied against the owner's unit. The statement shall be furnished within ten business days after receipt of the request and is binding on the association and every unit owner.

History: 1989 c 209 art 1 s 41