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#### **DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY**

#### Sienna Townhome Association

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Document Retention Policy (this "Policy") is to provide for the future systematic review, retention, and destruction of documents received or created by Sienna Townhome Association (the "Association") in connection with the transaction of Association business.

#### II. APPLICABILITY

This Policy pertains to the following entities restricted by the Declaration (defined below):

1. Sienna Townhome Association ("Association"), as referenced in the Supplemental Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Sienna Townhomes, recorded under Clerk's File No. 2019060447 in the Official Public Records of Fort Bend County, Texas ("Declaration"), as same has been or may be amended from time to time, and any other property which has been or may be subsequently annexed thereto and made subject to the authority of the Association.

Any reference in this Policy to "Board", "Association", or "Developers" applies to each of these entities as the context may require. Any reference in this Policy to "Sienna" means that property encumbered by the Declaration, as the context may require.

The Board is authorized by the Dedicatory Instruments (as that term is defined in the Texas Property Code) to adopt policies and rules pertaining to the governance of the Association.

The Board adopts this Policy, which runs with the land and is binding on all Owners and lots within Sienna. This Policy is effective upon the recording of same. After the effective date, this Policy replaces any previously recorded or implemented charter or policy that addresses the subjects contained in this Policy.

Invalidation of any one or more of the covenants, restrictions, or provisions contained in this Policy will in no way affect the other covenants, restrictions, conditions, or provisions, which will remain in full force and effect.

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#### III. DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY

- A. Generally. The Board hereby adopts this Policy for the purpose of prescribing the document retention policy pursuant to Section 209.005 of the Texas Property Code. This Policy provides for the future systematic review, retention, and destruction of documents received or created by the Association in connection with the transaction of the Association's business. This Policy covers all records and documents, regardless of physical form, and contains guidelines for how long certain documents should be kept and how records should be destroyed.
- B. Storage of Association Documents. All documents that are required to be retained pursuant to this Policy may be kept as original copies or may be stored electronically. However, if documents are maintained electronically, the following guidelines shall apply:

All electronically stored documents shall be produced by the same impression as the original, or from the same matrix, by means of photography, including enlargements and miniatures, or by mechanical or electronic re-recording, or by chemical reproduction, or by other equivalent techniques which accurately reproduce the original.

Where a document cannot be stored electronically, it must be saved for future use in its original format; for example, a piece of mail which provided notice to an individual and was returned unopen for any reason must be saved for future use in its original unopened format.

C. Document Retention Procedures. The Association retains specific documents for the time periods outlined in the attached <u>Exhibit "A."</u> Documents that may not be specifically listed will be retained for the time period of the documents most closely related to them as listed in the schedule. Electronic documents will be retained as if they were paper documents. Therefore, any electronic files that fall into one of the document types on the attached <u>Exhibit "A"</u> will be maintained for the identified time period.

The Custodian of Records of the Association is responsible for the ongoing process of identifying that Association's records which have met the required retention period and overseeing their destruction. Destruction of any physical documents will be accomplished by shredding. Destruction of any electronic records of the Association shall be made via a reasonable attempt to remove the electronic records from all known electronic locations and/or repositories.

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**Version History** 

Policy Name	Approved/Finalized	Revised
Document Retention Policy		October 19, 2023
Document Retention Policy		May 26, 2021
Document Retention Policy	June 19, 2019	

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

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### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that, as Secretary of the Sienna Townhome Association, the foregoing Document Retention Policy was approved on the 19th day of Oto Der , 2023, at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum was present.

DATED, this the 19th day of October, 2023.

J.Barreda

By: J.Barreda (Nov 16, 2023 15:30 CST)

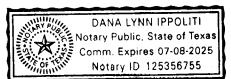
Print Name: John Barreda

Title: Scaretary

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FORT BENDAS

BEFORE ME, on this day personally appeared John Barreda Secretari of the Sienna Plantation Townhome Association, Inc., known by me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged to me that s/he executed the same for the purposes and in the capacity expressed in this Policy, and as the act and deed of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 19th day of October, 2023.



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After Recording Return To: Dana Ippoliti Sienna Associations 9600 Scanlan Trace Missouri City, TX 77459

EXHIBIT "A" DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY			
DOCUMENT TYPE	DEFINED	TIME PERIOD	EXCEPTI ON
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/RECEIVABLE	Accounts payable, accounts receivable support ledgers	Seven (7) years	
ACCIDENT/INCIDENT/INJURY/PR OPERTY DAMAGE REPORTS (CLAIMS SETTLED)	Reports and insurance claims related to accidents/incidents/inj uries and property damage	Seven (7) years	Claims of minors should be retained 7 years or the date the minor turns 21, whichever is longer
ACCIDENT REPORTS (WORKERS COMP)	Accident reports and insurance claims for workers compensation injuries	Seven (7) years	Unless employee is disabled for longer period of time, in which case the period of disability plus 4 years.
ASSESSMENT RECORDS	Member assessment records	Five (5) years	Unless period of ownership exceeds five (5) years, then

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AUDIT RECORDS	Independent Audit Records	Seven (7) years	retain last five (5) years.
BANK STATEMENTS	Statement of financial accounts, deposit tickets, cancelled checks, reconciliation statements	Seven (7) years	
BOARD PACKAGES	Documentation delivered to the Board prior to meetings	After meeting	
BUDGETS	Association budgets	Seven (7) years	
COMMITTEE CHARTERS	Committee charters	Indefinitel y	
COMMITTEE NOTES	Committee notes	Four (4) years	
CONTRACT BID PROPOSALS/SPECIFICATIONS	For contract proposals not entered into by the Association	Two (2) years	
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS	Plats, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Restrictions, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines, and all amendments thereto, deeds, easements.	Indefinitel y	

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CONTRACTS	Final contracts between the Association and another entity	Later of completion of performan ce or expiration of the contract term plus four (4) years	
DEED RESTRICTION ACTIVITY RECORDS	Member deed restriction activity records	Period of ownership plus two (2) years	Unless period of ownership exceeds five (5) years, then retain last five (5) years' worth
DEPRECIATION SCHEDULES		Life of asset plus four (4) years	In any event, not less than seven (7) years
EASEMENT AGREEMENTS	Easements between the Association and another entity	Indefinitel y	
EMPLOYEE APPLICATIONS	Applications from applicants who were not hired	Four (4) years	
EMPLOYEE RECORDS	Payroll records, applications, tests, performance	Employee's employme	7

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	appraisals, rate position changes, transfer, promotions, demotions, disciplinary actions, job descriptions, employee benefit plan documents, time records, ERISA records, personnel records, and records relevant to employee claims of discrimination	nt plus six (6) years	
ENTERTAINMENT RECORDS		Seven (7) years	
ENVIRONMENTAL RECORDS	Permits, authorizations, safety data, material disposal, waste disposal	Discards on a case- by-case basis upon consultatio n with the Associatio n's attorney	
EXPENSE REPORTS		Seven (7) years	
FINAL DOCUMENTS	Final deliverable documents which are not superseded or incorporated into later documents.	See Document Type	Contract drafts may be beneficial for purposes of clarifying negotiated

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INSURANCE RECORDS – POLICIES	All insurance policies	Indefinitel	terms that are later disputed
AND CLAIMS RECORDS	and records of claims	у	
IRA, KEOGH PLAN	Contributions, rollovers, transfers and distributions	Indefinitel y	
JUDGMENTS	Court judgments	Until judgment amount is paid in full. Judgments can be renewed every ten (10 years.	
LABOR CONTRACTS	Contract for labor or employment	Contract period plus four (4) years	
LEASES	Leases relating to equipment	Lease term plus four (4) years	
LOAN DOCUMENTS	Documents relating to loans, security agreements	Until the loan is fully discharged plus four (4) years	

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MEETING TAPE OR VIDEO RECORDINGS	Video or audio tape of meetings (strongly advised against)	If made, destroy prior to next meeting	See Meeting Minutes if used for same
FINANCIAL BOOKS & RECORDS	Year End Financial Records and supporting documents	Seven (7) years	
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS (OPEN AND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS) & OWNERS MEETINGS	Board minutes and written consents in lieu of a meeting; Annual member meetings	Seven (7) years	
NEWSLETTERS/MARKETING MATERIALS	Newsletters or inserts sent to Association members	Five (5) years	
OPINION LETTERS OR REPORTS	Prepared by professionals including attorney, accountant, engineer	Indefinitel y	
OWNER INFORMATION	Current name and address of each owner of record	Updated continually	
PURCHASE ORDERS		Four (4) years	
RESERVE STUDIES	Documents relating to study of common area and amount of funds necessary to fund	Date of report, plus four (4) year statute of	

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	upkeep, maintenance and replacement	limitations period.
TAX RETURNS	Federal and State	Seven (7)
	Income and Franchise Tax Returns and supporting documentation	years
TRADEMARKS	Documents relating to the first use of the trademarks should be retained as long as the are used. Registered trademarks can be renewed every ten years.	Indefinitel y, so long as the trademark is still in use
VENDOR INVOICES	Invoices associated with final contracts between the Association and another entity	Later of completion of performan ce or expiration of the contract term plus four (4) years for statute of limitations for any action relating to

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		a breach of contract
VOTING RECORDS	Association Board member election records including proxies and ballots	One (1) year
WATER-WELL RELATED RECORDS	Well reports, etc.	Two (2) years
WORKERS' COMPENSATION RECORDS	Where covered employees are eligible for lifetime benefits	Indefinitel y