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inspection reports within a specified timeframe and in a specified manner; authorizing municipal governing bodies to adopt certain ordinances relating to association repairs; requiring the Florida Building Commission to adopt rules by a specified date; providing requirements for such rules; conforming provisions; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; revising requirements relating to the purchase of flood insurance as a condition for maintaining certain policies issued by the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; amending s. 718.103, F.S.; defining the term "alternative funding method"; revising the definition of the term "structural integrity reserve study"; amending s. 718.111, F.S.; making a technical change; amending s. 718.112, F.S.; revising requirements relating to budget meetings; revising condominium association reserve account requirements; revising requirements relating to waiving reserve requirements or providing less reserves than required by law; revising requirements relating to using reserve funds or interest accrued on reserve funds for certain purposes; revising requirements for structural integrity reserve studies and mandatory milestone inspections; providing applicability; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 718.1255, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "dispute"; specifying that certain disputes are not subject to nonbinding arbitration and must be submitted to presuit mediation; amending s. 718.113,

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F.S.; revising requirements relating to maintenance, repair, and replacement of common elements and condominium property; amending s. 718.301, F.S.; revising items that developers are required to deliver to an association upon relinquishing control of the association; amending s. 718.503, F.S.; revising the documents developers are required to provide to prospective buyers or lessees; revising the documents that prospective purchasers are entitled to when purchasing a condominium unit from a unit owner; requiring specified disclosures relating to milestone inspections, turnover inspection reports, and structural integrity reserve studies for certain contracts entered into after a specified date; amending s. 718.504, F.S.; revising requirements for prospectuses and offering circulars; amending s. 719.103, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "structural integrity reserve study"; amending s. 719.104, F.S.; revising rights relating to the official records of a cooperative association; providing maintenance requirements for cooperative associations; amending s. 719.106, F.S.; revising requirements relating to budget procedures; revising cooperative association reserve account requirements; revising requirements relating to waiving reserve requirements or providing less reserves than required by law; revising a prohibition on using reserve funds or interest accrued on reserve funds for certain purposes; revising requirements for structural

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 468.4334, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.4334 Professional practice standards; liability.-

(1)

- (b) If a community association manager or a community association management firm has a contract with a community association that has a building on the association's property that is subject to s. 553.899, the community association manager or the community association management firm must comply with that section as directed by the board.
- Section 2. Subsections (1) through (6), paragraph (b) of subsection (7), and subsections (8), (9), (11), and (12) of section 553.899, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 553.899 Mandatory structural inspections for condominium and cooperative buildings.—
- (1) The Legislature finds that maintaining the structural integrity of a building throughout the life of the building its service life is of paramount importance in order to ensure that buildings are structurally sound so as to not pose a threat to the public health, safety, or welfare. As such, the Legislature finds that the imposition of a statewide structural inspection program for aging condominium and cooperative buildings in this state is necessary to ensure that such buildings are safe for continued use.
 - (2) As used in this section, the terms:
- (a) "Milestone inspection" means a structural inspection of a building, including an inspection of load-bearing <u>elements</u> walls and the primary structural members and primary structural

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systems as those terms are defined in s. 627.706, by an $\frac{a}{a}$ licensed architect licensed under chapter 481 or engineer licensed under chapter 471 authorized to practice in this state for the purposes of attesting to the life safety and adequacy of the structural components of the building and, to the extent reasonably possible, determining the general structural condition of the building as it affects the safety of such building, including a determination of any necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of any structural component of the building. The purpose of such inspection is not to determine if the condition of an existing building is in compliance with the Florida Building Code or the firesafety code. The milestone inspection services may be provided by a team of professionals with an architect or engineer acting as a registered design professional in responsible charge with all work and reports signed and sealed by the appropriate qualified team member.

- (b) "Substantial structural deterioration" means substantial structural distress or substantial structural weakness that negatively affects a building's general structural condition and integrity. The term does not include surface imperfections such as cracks, distortion, sagging, deflections, misalignment, signs of leakage, or peeling of finishes unless the licensed engineer or architect performing the phase one or phase two inspection determines that such surface imperfections are a sign of substantial structural deterioration.
- (3) (a) An owner or owners of a building that is three stories or more in height as determined by the Florida Building Code and that is subject, in whole or in part, to the

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condominium or cooperative form of ownership as a residential condominium association under chapter 718 or and a residential cooperative association under chapter 719 must have a milestone inspection performed for each building that is three stories or more in height by December 31 of the year in which the building reaches 30 years of age, based on the date the certificate of occupancy for the building was issued, and every 10 years thereafter. If a building reached 30 years of age before July 1, 2022, the building's initial milestone inspection must be performed before December 31, 2024. If a building reaches 30 years of age on or after July 1, 2022, and before December 31, 2024, the building's initial milestone inspection must be performed before December 31, 2025. If the date of issuance for the certificate of occupancy is not available, the date of issuance of the building's certificate of occupancy shall be the date of occupancy evidenced in any record of the local building official.

- (b) The local enforcement agency may determine that local circumstances, including environmental conditions such as proximity to salt water as defined in s. 379.101, require that If the building is located within 3 miles of a coastline as defined in s. 376.031, the condominium association or cooperative association must have a milestone inspection must be performed by December 31 of the year in which the building reaches 25 years of age, based on the date the certificate of occupancy for the building was issued, and every 10 years thereafter.
- (c) The local enforcement agency may extend the date by which a building's initial milestone inspection must be

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completed upon a showing of good cause by the owner or owners of the building that the inspection cannot be timely completed if the owner or owners have entered into a contract with an architect or engineer to perform the milestone inspection and the inspection cannot reasonably be completed before the deadline or other circumstance to justify an extension.

- (d) The local enforcement agency may accept an inspection report prepared by a licensed engineer or architect for a structural integrity and condition inspection of a building performed before July 1, 2022, if the inspection and report substantially comply with the requirements of this section.

 Notwithstanding when such inspection was completed, the condominium or cooperative association must comply with the unit owner notice requirements in subsection (9). The inspection for which an inspection report is accepted by the local enforcement agency under this paragraph is deemed a milestone inspection for the applicable requirements in chapters 718 and 719. If a previous inspection and report is accepted by the local enforcement agency under this paragraph, the deadline for the building's subsequent 10-year milestone inspection is based on the date of the accepted previous inspection.
- (4) The milestone inspection report must be arranged by a condominium or cooperative association and any owner of any portion of the building which is not subject to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership. The condominium association or cooperative association and any owner of any portion of the building which is not subject to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership are each must arrange for the milestone inspection to be performed and is responsible for ensuring

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compliance with the requirements of this section. The condominium association or cooperative association is responsible for all costs associated with the <u>milestone</u> inspection attributable to the portions of a building which the <u>association</u> is responsible to maintain under the governing documents of the association. This <u>section</u> subsection does not apply to a single-family, two-family, or three-family dwelling with three or fewer habitable stories above ground.

- (4) If a milestone inspection is required under this section and the building's certificate of occupancy was issued on or before July 1, 1992, the building's initial milestone inspection must be performed before December 31, 2024. If the date of issuance for the certificate of occupancy is not available, the date of issuance of the building's certificate of occupancy shall be the date of occupancy evidenced in any record of the local building official.
- (5) Upon determining that a building must have a milestone inspection, the local enforcement agency must provide written notice of such required inspection to the condominium association or cooperative association and any owner of any portion of the building which is not subject to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership, as applicable, by certified mail, return receipt requested. The condominium or cooperative association must notify the unit owners of the required milestone inspection within 14 days after receipt of the written notice from the local enforcement agency and provide the date that the milestone inspection must be completed. Such notice may be given by electronic submission to unit owners who consent to receive notice by electronic submission or by posting on the

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- within 180 days after the owner or owners of the building receive receiving the written notice under subsection (5), the condominium association or cooperative association must complete phase one of the milestone inspection. For purposes of this section, completion of phase one of the milestone inspection means the licensed engineer or architect who performed the phase one inspection submitted the inspection report by e-mail, United States Postal Service, or commercial delivery service to the local enforcement agency.
 - (7) A milestone inspection consists of two phases:
- (b) A phase two of the milestone inspection must be performed if any substantial structural deterioration is identified during phase one. A phase two inspection may involve destructive or nondestructive testing at the inspector's direction. The inspection may be as extensive or as limited as necessary to fully assess areas of structural distress in order to confirm that the building is structurally sound and safe for its intended use and to recommend a program for fully assessing and repairing distressed and damaged portions of the building. When determining testing locations, the inspector must give preference to locations that are the least disruptive and most easily repairable while still being representative of the structure. If a phase two inspection is required, within 180 days after submitting a phase one inspection report the architect or engineer performing the phase two inspection must submit a phase two progress report to the local enforcement agency with a timeline for completion of the phase two

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<u>inspection</u>. An inspector who completes a phase two milestone inspection shall prepare and submit an inspection report pursuant to subsection (8).

- (8) Upon completion of a phase one or phase two milestone inspection, the architect or engineer who performed the inspection must submit a sealed copy of the inspection report with a separate summary of, at minimum, the material findings and recommendations in the inspection report to the condominium association or cooperative association, to any other owner of any portion of the building which is not subject to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership, and to the building official of the local government which has jurisdiction. The inspection report must, at a minimum, meet all of the following criteria:
- (a) Bear the seal and signature, or the electronic signature, of the licensed engineer or architect who performed the inspection.
- (b) Indicate the manner and type of inspection forming the basis for the inspection report.
- (c) Identify any substantial structural deterioration, within a reasonable professional probability based on the scope of the inspection, describe the extent of such deterioration, and identify any recommended repairs for such deterioration.
- (d) State whether unsafe or dangerous conditions, as those terms are defined in the Florida Building Code, were observed.
- (e) Recommend any remedial or preventive repair for any items that are damaged but are not substantial structural deterioration.
 - (f) Identify and describe any items requiring further

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- (9) Within 45 days after receiving the applicable inspection report, the condominium or cooperative association must distribute a copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the inspection report to each condominium unit owner or cooperative unit owner, regardless of the findings or recommendations in the report, by United States mail or personal delivery at the mailing address, property address, or any other address of the owner provided to fulfill the association's notice requirements under chapter 718 or chapter 719, as applicable, and by electronic transmission to the e-mail address or facsimile number provided to fulfill the association's notice requirements to unit owners who previously consented to receive notice by electronic transmission; must post a copy of the inspectorprepared summary in a conspicuous place on the condominium or cooperative property; and must publish the full report and inspector-prepared summary on the association's website, if the association is required to have a website.
- body may adopt an ordinance requiring that a condominium or cooperative association and any other owner that is subject to this section schedule or commence repairs for substantial structural deterioration within a specified timeframe after the local enforcement agency receives a phase two inspection report; however, such repairs must be commenced within 365 days after receiving such report. If an owner of the building association fails to submit proof to the local enforcement agency that repairs have been scheduled or have commenced for substantial structural deterioration identified in a phase two inspection

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report within the required timeframe, the local enforcement agency must review and determine if the building is unsafe for human occupancy.

shall adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to establish a building safety program for the implementation of this section within the Florida Building Code: Existing Building. The building inspection program must, at minimum, include inspection criteria, testing protocols, standardized inspection and reporting forms that are adaptable to an electronic format, and record maintenance requirements for the local authority review the milestone inspection requirements under this section and make recommendations, if any, to the Legislature to ensure inspections are sufficient to determine the structural integrity of a building. The commission must provide a written report of any recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31, 2022.

Section 3. Paragraph (aa) of subsection (6) of section 627.351, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.-
- (6) CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION. -
- (aa) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the corporation shall require the securing and maintaining of flood insurance as a condition of coverage of a personal lines residential risk. The insured or applicant must execute a form approved by the office affirming that flood insurance is not provided by the corporation and that if flood insurance is not secured by the applicant or insured from an insurer other than

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the corporation and in addition to coverage by the corporation, the risk will not be eligible for coverage by the corporation. The corporation may deny coverage of a personal lines residential risk to an applicant or insured who refuses to secure and maintain flood insurance. The requirement to purchase flood insurance shall be implemented as follows:

- 1. Except as provided in subparagraphs 2. and 3., all personal lines residential policyholders must have flood coverage in place for policies effective on or after:
- a. January 1, 2024, for property valued at \$600,000 or more.
- b. January 1, 2025, for property valued at \$500,000 or more.
- c. January 1, 2026, for property valued at \$400,000 or more.
- d. January 1, 2027, for all other personal lines residential property insured by the corporation.
- 2. All personal lines residential policyholders whose property insured by the corporation is located within the special flood hazard area defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency must have flood coverage in place:
- a. At the time of initial policy issuance for all new personal lines residential policies issued by the corporation on or after April 1, 2023.
- b. By the time of the policy renewal for all personal lines residential policies renewing on or after July 1, 2023.
- 3. Policyholders whose policies issued by the corporation do not provide coverage for the peril of wind are not required to purchase flood insurance as a condition for maintaining the

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- 407 following their policies issued by with the corporation:
- 408 <u>a. Policies that do not provide coverage for the peril of</u>
 409 wind.
 - <u>b. Policies that provide coverage under a condominium unit</u> owners form.

The flood insurance required under this paragraph must meet, at a minimum, the coverage available from the National Flood
Insurance Program or the requirements of subparagraphs s.
627.715(1)(a)1., 2., and 3.

Section 4. Present subsections (1) through (31) of section 718.103, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (2) through (32), respectively, a new subsection (1) is added to that section, and present subsection (25) of that section is amended, to read:

718.103 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

- (1) "Alternative funding method" means a method approved by the division for funding the capital expenditures and deferred maintenance obligations for a multicondominium association operating at least 25 condominiums which may reasonably be expected to fully satisfy the association's reserve funding obligations by the allocation of funds in the annual operating budget.
- (26) (25) "Structural integrity reserve study" means a study of the reserve funds required for future major repairs and replacement of the condominium property performed as required under s. 718.112(2)(g) common areas based on a visual inspection of the common areas. A structural integrity reserve study may be performed by any person qualified to perform such study.

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However, the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study must be performed by an engineer licensed under chapter 471 or an architect licensed under chapter 481. At a minimum, a structural integrity reserve study must identify the common areas being visually inspected, state the estimated remaining useful life and the estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of the common areas being visually inspected, and provide a recommended annual reserve amount that achieves the estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of each common area being visually inspected by the end of the estimated remaining useful life of each common area.

Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (12) of section 718.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 718.111 The association.-
- (12) OFFICIAL RECORDS.-
- (c) 1. The official records of the association are open to inspection by any association member and any person authorized by an association member as a or the authorized representative of such member at all reasonable times. The right to inspect the records includes the right to make or obtain copies, at the reasonable expense, if any, of the member and of the person authorized by the association member as a or authorized representative of such member. A renter of a unit has a right to inspect and copy only the declaration of condominium, the association's bylaws and rules, and the inspection reports described in ss. 553.899 and 718.301(4)(p). The association may adopt reasonable rules regarding the frequency, time, location, notice, and manner of record inspections and copying but may not

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require a member to demonstrate any purpose or state any reason for the inspection. The failure of an association to provide the records within 10 working days after receipt of a written request creates a rebuttable presumption that the association willfully failed to comply with this paragraph. A unit owner who is denied access to official records is entitled to the actual damages or minimum damages for the association's willful failure to comply. Minimum damages are \$50 per calendar day for up to 10 days, beginning on the 11th working day after receipt of the written request. The failure to permit inspection entitles any person prevailing in an enforcement action to recover reasonable attorney fees from the person in control of the records who, directly or indirectly, knowingly denied access to the records.

- 2. Any person who knowingly or intentionally defaces or destroys accounting records that are required by this chapter to be maintained during the period for which such records are required to be maintained, or who knowingly or intentionally fails to create or maintain accounting records that are required to be created or maintained, with the intent of causing harm to the association or one or more of its members, is personally subject to a civil penalty pursuant to s. 718.501(1)(d).
- 3. The association shall maintain an adequate number of copies of the declaration, articles of incorporation, bylaws, and rules, and all amendments to each of the foregoing, as well as the question and answer sheet as described in s. 718.504 and year-end financial information required under this section, on the condominium property to ensure their availability to unit owners and prospective purchasers, and may charge its actual costs for preparing and furnishing these documents to those

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requesting the documents. An association shall allow a member or his or her authorized representative to use a portable device, including a smartphone, tablet, portable scanner, or any other technology capable of scanning or taking photographs, to make an electronic copy of the official records in lieu of the association's providing the member or his or her authorized representative with a copy of such records. The association may not charge a member or his or her authorized representative for the use of a portable device. Notwithstanding this paragraph, the following records are not accessible to unit owners:

- a. Any record protected by the lawyer-client privilege as described in s. 90.502 and any record protected by the work-product privilege, including a record prepared by an association attorney or prepared at the attorney's express direction, which reflects a mental impression, conclusion, litigation strategy, or legal theory of the attorney or the association, and which was prepared exclusively for civil or criminal litigation or for adversarial administrative proceedings, or which was prepared in anticipation of such litigation or proceedings until the conclusion of the litigation or proceedings.
- b. Information obtained by an association in connection with the approval of the lease, sale, or other transfer of a unit.
- c. Personnel records of association or management company employees, including, but not limited to, disciplinary, payroll, health, and insurance records. For purposes of this subsubparagraph, the term "personnel records" does not include written employment agreements with an association employee or management company, or budgetary or financial records that

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indicate the compensation paid to an association employee.

- d. Medical records of unit owners.
- e. Social security numbers, driver license numbers, credit card numbers, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, emergency contact information, addresses of a unit owner other than as provided to fulfill the association's notice requirements, and other personal identifying information of any person, excluding the person's name, unit designation, mailing address, property address, and any address, e-mail address, or facsimile number provided to the association to fulfill the association's notice requirements. Notwithstanding the restrictions in this sub-subparagraph, an association may print and distribute to unit owners a directory containing the name, unit address, and all telephone numbers of each unit owner. However, an owner may exclude his or her telephone numbers from the directory by so requesting in writing to the association. An owner may consent in writing to the disclosure of other contact information described in this sub-subparagraph. The association is not liable for the inadvertent disclosure of information that is protected under this sub-subparagraph if the information is included in an official record of the association and is voluntarily provided by an owner and not requested by the association.
- f. Electronic security measures that are used by the association to safeguard data, including passwords.
- g. The software and operating system used by the association which allow the manipulation of data, even if the owner owns a copy of the same software used by the association. The data is part of the official records of the association.

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- h. All affirmative acknowledgments made pursuant to s. 718.121(4)(c).
 - Section 6. Paragraphs (e), (f), (g), and (h) of subsection
- 555 (2) of section 718.112, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 556 718.112 Bylaws.—
 - (2) REQUIRED PROVISIONS.—The bylaws shall provide for the following and, if they do not do so, shall be deemed to include the following:
 - (e) Budget meeting.-
 - 1. Any meeting at which a proposed annual budget of an association will be considered by the board or unit owners shall be open to all unit owners. At least 14 days prior to such a meeting, the board shall hand deliver to each unit owner, mail to each unit owner at the address last furnished to the association by the unit owner, or electronically transmit to the location furnished by the unit owner for that purpose a notice of such meeting and a copy of the proposed annual budget. An officer or manager of the association, or other person providing notice of such meeting, shall execute an affidavit evidencing compliance with such notice requirement, and such affidavit shall be filed among the official records of the association.
 - 2.a. If a board adopts in any fiscal year an annual budget which requires assessments against unit owners which exceed 115 percent of assessments for the preceding fiscal year, the board shall conduct a special meeting of the unit owners to consider a substitute budget if the board receives, within 21 days after adoption of the annual budget, a written request for a special meeting from at least 10 percent of all voting interests. The special meeting shall be conducted within 60 days after adoption

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of the annual budget. At least 14 days prior to such special meeting, the board shall hand deliver to each unit owner, or mail to each unit owner at the address last furnished to the association, a notice of the meeting. An officer or manager of the association, or other person providing notice of such meeting shall execute an affidavit evidencing compliance with this notice requirement, and such affidavit shall be filed among the official records of the association. Unit owners may consider and adopt a substitute budget at the special meeting. A substitute budget is adopted if approved by a majority of all voting interests unless the bylaws require adoption by a greater percentage of voting interests. If there is not a quorum at the special meeting or a substitute budget is not adopted, the annual budget previously adopted by the board shall take effect as scheduled.

- b. Any determination of whether assessments exceed 115 percent of assessments for the prior fiscal year shall exclude any authorized provision for reasonable reserves for repair or replacement of the condominium property, anticipated expenses of the association which the board does not expect to be incurred on a regular or annual basis, <u>insurance premiums</u>, or assessments for betterments to the condominium property.
- c. If the developer controls the board, assessments shall not exceed 115 percent of assessments for the prior fiscal year unless approved by a majority of all voting interests.
 - (f) Annual budget.-
- 1. The proposed annual budget of estimated revenues and expenses must be detailed and must show the amounts budgeted by accounts and expense classifications, including, at a minimum,

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any applicable expenses listed in s. 718.504(21). The board shall adopt the annual budget at least 14 days before the start of the association's fiscal year. In the event that the board fails to timely adopt the annual budget a second time, it is deemed a minor violation and the prior year's budget shall continue in effect until a new budget is adopted. A multicondominium association must adopt a separate budget of common expenses for each condominium the association operates and must adopt a separate budget of common expenses for the association. In addition, if the association maintains limited common elements with the cost to be shared only by those entitled to use the limited common elements as provided for in s. 718.113(1), the budget or a schedule attached to it must show the amount budgeted for this maintenance. If, after turnover of control of the association to the unit owners, any of the expenses listed in s. 718.504(21) are not applicable, they do not need to be listed.

2.a. In addition to annual operating expenses, the budget must include reserve accounts for capital expenditures and deferred maintenance. These accounts must include, but are not limited to, roof replacement, building painting, and pavement resurfacing, regardless of the amount of deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost, and any other item that has a deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost that exceeds \$10,000. The amount to be reserved for an item is determined by the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study that must be completed by December 31, 2024. If the amount to be reserved for an item is not in the association's initial or most recent structural integrity reserve study or the association has

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not completed a structural integrity reserve study, the amount must be computed using a formula based upon estimated remaining useful life and estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of the reserve item. In a budget adopted by an association that is required to obtain a structural integrity reserve study, reserves must be maintained for the items identified in paragraph (g) for which the association is responsible pursuant to the declaration of condominium, and the reserve amount for such items must be based on the findings and recommendations of the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study. With respect to items for which an estimate of useful life is not readily ascertainable or with an estimated remaining useful life of greater than 25 years, an association is not required to reserve replacement costs for such items, but an association must reserve the amount of deferred maintenance expense, if any, which is recommended by the structural integrity reserve study for such items. The association may adjust replacement reserve assessments annually to take into account an inflation adjustment and any changes in estimates or extension of the useful life of a reserve item caused by deferred maintenance. The members of a unit-ownercontrolled association may determine, by a majority vote of the total voting interests at a duly called meeting of the association, to provide no reserves or less reserves than required by this subsection. For a budget adopted on or after Effective December 31, 2024, the members of a unit-ownercontrolled association that must obtain a structural integrity reserve study may not determine to provide no reserves or less reserves than required by this subsection for items listed in

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paragraph (g), except that members of an association operating a multicondominium may determine to provide no reserves or less reserves than required by this subsection if an alternative funding method has been approved by the division.

- b. Before turnover of control of an association by a developer to unit owners other than a developer under s. 718.301, the developer-controlled association may not vote to waive the reserves or reduce funding of the reserves. If a meeting of the unit owners has been called to determine whether to waive or reduce the funding of reserves and no such result is achieved or a quorum is not attained, the reserves included in the budget shall go into effect. After the turnover, the developer may vote its voting interest to waive or reduce the funding of reserves.
- 3. Reserve funds and any interest accruing thereon shall remain in the reserve account or accounts, and may be used only for authorized reserve expenditures unless their use for other purposes is approved in advance by a majority vote of all the total voting interests at a duly called meeting of the association. Before turnover of control of an association by a developer to unit owners other than the developer pursuant to s. 718.301, the developer-controlled association may not vote to use reserves for purposes other than those for which they were intended. For a budget adopted on or after Effective December 31, 2024, members of a unit-owner-controlled association that must obtain a structural integrity reserve study may not vote to use reserve funds, or any interest accruing thereon, that are reserved for items listed in paragraph (g) for any other purpose other than the replacement or deferred maintenance costs of the

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components listed in paragraph (g) their intended purpose.

- 4. The only voting interests that are eligible to vote on questions that involve waiving or reducing the funding of reserves, or using existing reserve funds for purposes other than purposes for which the reserves were intended, are the voting interests of the units subject to assessment to fund the reserves in question. Proxy questions relating to waiving or reducing the funding of reserves or using existing reserve funds for purposes other than purposes for which the reserves were intended must contain the following statement in capitalized, bold letters in a font size larger than any other used on the face of the proxy ballot: WAIVING OF RESERVES, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OR ALLOWING ALTERNATIVE USES OF EXISTING RESERVES MAY RESULT IN UNIT OWNER LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT OF UNANTICIPATED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS REGARDING THOSE ITEMS.
 - (q) Structural integrity reserve study.-
- 1. A residential condominium An association must have a structural integrity reserve study completed at least every 10 years after the condominium's creation for each building on the condominium property that is three stories or higher in height as determined by the Florida Building Code which includes, at a minimum, a study of the following items as related to the structural integrity and safety of the building:
 - a. Roof.
- b. Structure, including load-bearing walls and $\frac{1}{2}$ other primary structural members and primary structural systems as those terms are defined in s. 627.706.
 - c. Floor.
 - d. Foundation.

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- 726 e. Fireproofing and fire protection systems.
- 727 d.f. Plumbing.

- 728 e.g. Electrical systems.
- 729 f.h. Waterproofing and exterior painting.
- g.i. Windows and exterior doors.
 - $\underline{\text{h.j.}}$ Any other item that has a deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost that exceeds \$10,000 and the failure to replace or maintain such item negatively affects the items listed in $\underline{\text{sub-subparagraphs a.-g.}}$ $\underline{\text{sub-subparagraphs a.-i.}}$, as determined by the $\underline{\text{licensed engineer or architect performing the}}$ visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study.
 - 2. A structural integrity reserve study is based on a visual inspection of the condominium property. A structural integrity reserve study may be performed by any person qualified to perform such study. However, the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study must be performed or verified by an engineer licensed under chapter 471, an architect licensed under chapter 481, or a person certified as a reserve specialist or professional reserve analyst by the Community Associations Institute or the Association of Professional Reserve Analysts.
 - 3. At a minimum, a structural integrity reserve study must identify each item of the condominium property being visually inspected, state the estimated remaining useful life and the estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of each item of the condominium property being visually inspected, and provide a reserve funding schedule with a recommended annual reserve amount that achieves the estimated replacement cost or

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deferred maintenance expense of each item of condominium property being visually inspected by the end of the estimated remaining useful life of the item. The structural integrity reserve study may recommend that reserves do not need to be maintained for any item for which an estimate of useful life and an estimate of replacement cost cannot be determined, or the study may recommend a deferred maintenance expense amount for such item. The structural integrity reserve study may recommend that reserves for replacement costs do not need to be maintained for any item with an estimated remaining useful life of greater than 25 years, but the study may recommend a deferred maintenance expense amount for such item.

- 4. This paragraph does not apply to buildings less than three stories in height; single-family, two-family, or three-family dwellings with three or fewer habitable stories above ground; any portion or component of a building that has not been submitted to the condominium form of ownership; or any portion or component of a building that is maintained by a party other than the association.
- 5. Before a developer turns over control of an association to unit owners other than the developer, the developer must have a <u>turnover inspection report in compliance with s. 718.301(4)(p)</u> and (q) structural integrity reserve study completed for each building on the condominium property that is three stories or higher in height.
- $\underline{6.3.}$ Associations existing on or before July 1, 2022, which are controlled by unit owners other than the developer, must have a structural integrity reserve study completed by December 31, 2024, for each building on the condominium property that is

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three stories or higher in height. An association that is required to complete a milestone inspection in accordance with s. 553.899 on or before December 31, 2026, may complete the structural integrity reserve study simultaneously with the milestone inspection. In no event may the structural integrity reserve study be completed after December 31, 2026.

- 7. If the milestone inspection required by s. 553.899, or an inspection completed for a similar local requirement, was performed within the past 5 years and meets the requirements of this paragraph, such inspection may be used in place of the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study.
- <u>8.4.</u> If the officers or directors of an association willfully and knowingly fail fails to complete a structural integrity reserve study pursuant to this paragraph, such failure is a breach of an officer's and director's fiduciary relationship to the unit owners under s. 718.111(1).
- (h) Mandatory milestone inspections.—If an association is required to have a milestone inspection performed pursuant to s. 553.899, the association must arrange for the milestone inspection to be performed and is responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of s. 553.899. The association is responsible for all costs associated with the milestone inspection attributable to the portions of the building which the association is responsible for maintaining under the governing documents of the association. If the officers or directors of an association willfully and knowingly fail to have a milestone inspection performed pursuant to s. 553.899, such failure is a breach of the officers' and directors' fiduciary

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relationship to the unit owners under s. 718.111(1)(a). Within 14 days after receipt of a written notice from the local enforcement agency that a milestone inspection is required, the association must notify the unit owners of the required 817 milestone inspection and provide the date by which the milestone inspection must be completed. Such notice may be given by electronic submission to unit owners who consent to receive notice by electronic submission or by posting on the association's website. Within 45 days after receiving Upon completion of a phase one or phase two milestone inspection and receipt of the inspector-prepared summary of the inspection report from the architect or engineer who performed the inspection, the association must distribute a copy of the 826 inspector-prepared summary of the inspection report to each unit 827 owner, regardless of the findings or recommendations in the report, by United States mail or personal delivery at the mailing address, property address, or any other address of the 830 owner provided to fulfill the association's notice requirements under this chapter and by electronic transmission to the e-mail address or facsimile number provided to fulfill the association's notice requirements to unit owners who previously consented to receive notice by electronic transmission; must post a copy of the inspector-prepared summary in a conspicuous 836 place on the condominium property; and must publish the full 837 report and inspector-prepared summary on the association's website, if the association is required to have a website. Section 7. Effective July 1, 2027, subsection (5) of 840 section 718.1255, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

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718.1255 Alternative dispute resolution; mediation; nonbinding arbitration; applicability.—

- (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term "dispute" means any disagreement between two or more parties that involves:
- (d) The failure of a board of administration, when required by this chapter or an association document, to:
- $\underline{\text{1. Obtain the milestone inspection required under s.}}$ 553.899.
- 2. Obtain a structural integrity reserve study required under s. 718.112(2)(g).
- 3. Fund reserves as required for an item identified in s. 718.112(2)(g).
- 4. Make or provide necessary maintenance or repairs of condominium property recommended by a milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study.

"Dispute" does not include any disagreement that primarily involves: title to any unit or common element; the interpretation or enforcement of any warranty; the levy of a fee or assessment, or the collection of an assessment levied against a party; the eviction or other removal of a tenant from a unit; alleged breaches of fiduciary duty by one or more directors; or claims for damages to a unit based upon the alleged failure of the association to maintain the common elements or condominium property.

(5) PRESUIT MEDIATION.—In lieu of the initiation of nonbinding arbitration as provided in subsections (1)-(4), a party may submit a dispute to presuit mediation in accordance

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with s. 720.311; however, election and recall disputes are not eligible for mediation and such disputes must be arbitrated by the division or filed in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Disputes identified in paragraph (1)(d) are not subject to nonbinding arbitration under subsection (4) and must be submitted to presuit mediation in accordance with s. 720.311.

Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 718.113, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

718.113 Maintenance; limitation upon improvement; display of flag; hurricane shutters and protection; display of religious decorations.—

(1) Maintenance of the common elements is the responsibility of the association, except for any maintenance responsibility for limited common elements assigned to the unit owner by the declaration. The association shall provide for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the condominium property for which it bears responsibility pursuant to the declaration of condominium. After turnover of control of the association to the unit owners, the association must perform any required maintenance identified by the developer pursuant to s. 718.301(4)(p) and (q) until the association obtains new maintenance protocols from a licensed professional engineer or architect or a person certified as a reserve specialist or professional reserve analyst by the Community Associations Institute or the Association of Professional Reserve Analysts. The declaration may provide that certain limited common elements shall be maintained by those entitled to use the limited common elements or that the association shall provide the maintenance, either as a common expense or with the cost shared only by those

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entitled to use the limited common elements. If the maintenance is to be by the association at the expense of only those entitled to use the limited common elements, the declaration shall describe in detail the method of apportioning such costs among those entitled to use the limited common elements, and the association may use the provisions of s. 718.116 to enforce payment of the shares of such costs by the unit owners entitled to use the limited common elements.

Section 9. Present paragraphs (q) and (r) of subsection (4) of section 718.301, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (r) and (s), respectively, a new paragraph (q) is added to that subsection, and paragraph (p) of that subsection is amended, to read:

718.301 Transfer of association control; claims of defect by association.—

- (4) At the time that unit owners other than the developer elect a majority of the members of the board of administration of an association, the developer shall relinquish control of the association, and the unit owners shall accept control.

 Simultaneously, or for the purposes of paragraph (c) not more than 90 days thereafter, the developer shall deliver to the association, at the developer's expense, all property of the unit owners and of the association which is held or controlled by the developer, including, but not limited to, the following items, if applicable, as to each condominium operated by the association:
- (p) Notwithstanding when the certificate of occupancy was issued or the height of the building, <u>a turnover inspection</u> report <u>a milestone inspection report in compliance with s.</u>

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553.899 included in the official records, under seal of an architect or engineer authorized to practice in this state or a person certified as a reserve specialist or professional reserve analyst by the Community Associations Institute or the Association of Professional Reserve Analysts, and attesting to required maintenance, condition, useful life, and replacement costs of the following applicable condominium property comprising a turnover inspection report:

- 1. Roof.
- 2. Structure, including load-bearing walls and primary structural members and primary structural systems as those terms are defined in s. 627.706.
 - 3. Fireproofing and fire protection systems.
 - 4. Plumbing Elevators.
 - 5. Electrical systems Heating and cooling systems.
 - 6. Waterproofing and exterior painting Plumbing.
 - 7. Windows and exterior doors Electrical systems.
 - 8. Swimming pool or spa and equipment.
- 9. Seawalls.
 - 10. Pavement and parking areas.
- 949 11. Drainage systems.
- 950 <u>12. Painting.</u>
- 951 13. Irrigation systems.
- 952 14. Waterproofing.
 - (q) Notwithstanding when the certificate of occupancy was issued or the height of the building, a turnover inspection report included in the official records, under seal of an architect or engineer authorized to practice in this state or a person certified as a reserve specialist or professional reserve

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Association of Professional Reserve Analysts, and attesting to
required maintenance, condition, useful life, and replacement
costs of the following applicable condominium property
comprising a turnover inspection report:

- 1. Elevators.
- 2. Heating and cooling systems.
- 3. Swimming pool or spa and equipment.
- 4. Seawalls.
- 5. Pavement and parking areas.
- 6. Drainage systems.
- 7. Irrigation systems.

Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 718.503, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) and paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:

718.503 Developer disclosure prior to sale; nondeveloper unit owner disclosure prior to sale; voidability.—

- (1) DEVELOPER DISCLOSURE. -
- (b) Copies of documents to be furnished to prospective buyer or lessee.—Until such time as the developer has furnished the documents listed below to a person who has entered into a contract to purchase a residential unit or lease it for more than 5 years, the contract may be voided by that person, entitling the person to a refund of any deposit together with interest thereon as provided in s. 718.202. The contract may be terminated by written notice from the proposed buyer or lessee delivered to the developer within 15 days after the buyer or

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lessee receives all of the documents required by this section. The developer may not close for 15 days after the execution of the agreement and delivery of the documents to the buyer as evidenced by a signed receipt for documents unless the buyer is informed in the 15-day voidability period and agrees to close before the expiration of the 15 days. The developer shall retain in his or her records a separate agreement signed by the buyer as proof of the buyer's agreement to close before the expiration of the voidability period. The developer must retain such proof for a period of 5 years after the date of the closing of the transaction. The documents to be delivered to the prospective buyer are the prospectus or disclosure statement with all exhibits, if the development is subject to s. 718.504, or, if not, then copies of the following which are applicable:

- 1. The question and answer sheet described in s. 718.504, and declaration of condominium, or the proposed declaration if the declaration has not been recorded, which shall include the certificate of a surveyor approximately representing the locations required by s. 718.104.
 - 2. The documents creating the association.
 - 3. The bylaws.
- 4. The ground lease or other underlying lease of the condominium.
- 5. The management contract, maintenance contract, and other contracts for management of the association and operation of the condominium and facilities used by the unit owners having a service term in excess of 1 year, and any management contracts that are renewable.
 - 6. The estimated operating budget for the condominium and a

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schedule of expenses for each type of unit, including fees assessed pursuant to s. 718.113(1) for the maintenance of limited common elements where such costs are shared only by those entitled to use the limited common elements.

- 7. The lease of recreational and other facilities that will be used only by unit owners of the subject condominium.
- 8. The lease of recreational and other common facilities that will be used by unit owners in common with unit owners of other condominiums.
 - 9. The form of unit lease if the offer is of a leasehold.
- 10. Any declaration of servitude of properties serving the condominium but not owned by unit owners or leased to them or the association.
- 11. If the development is to be built in phases or if the association is to manage more than one condominium, a description of the plan of phase development or the arrangements for the association to manage two or more condominiums.
- 12. If the condominium is a conversion of existing improvements, the statements and disclosure required by s. 718.616.
 - 13. The form of agreement for sale or lease of units.
- 14. A copy of the floor plan of the unit and the plot plan showing the location of the residential buildings and the recreation and other common areas.
- 15. A copy of all covenants and restrictions that will affect the use of the property and are not contained in the foregoing.
- 16. If the developer is required by state or local authorities to obtain acceptance or approval of any dock or

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marina facilities intended to serve the condominium, a copy of any such acceptance or approval acquired by the time of filing with the division under s. 718.502(1), or a statement that such acceptance or approval has not been acquired or received.

- 17. Evidence demonstrating that the developer has an ownership, leasehold, or contractual interest in the land upon which the condominium is to be developed.
- 18. A copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the milestone inspection report as described in <u>s. 553.899</u>, or a statement in conspicuous type indicating that the required milestone inspection described in s. 553.899 has not been completed or that a milestone inspection is not required, as applicable <u>ss. 553.899</u> and 718.301(4)(p).
- 19. A copy of the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study, or a statement in conspicuous type indicating that the association has not completed a required structural integrity reserve study has not been completed or that a structural integrity reserve study is not required, as applicable.
- 20. A copy of the turnover inspection report described in s. 718.301(4)(p) and (q) or a statement in conspicuous type indicating that a turnover inspection report has not been completed, as applicable.
- (d) Milestone inspection, turnover inspection report, or structural integrity reserve study.—If the association is required to have completed a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, and the association has not completed

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1074 the milestone inspection, the turnover inspection report, or the 1075 structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into 1076 after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit 1077 shall contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is required to have a milestone inspection, a 1078 turnover inspection report, or a structural integrity reserve 1079 1080 study and has not completed such inspection, report, or study, 1081 as appropriate. If the association is not required to have a 1082 milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899 or a structural 1083 integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall 1084 1085 contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the 1086 association is not required to have a milestone inspection or a 1087 structural integrity reserve study, as appropriate. If the 1088 association has completed a milestone inspection as described in 1089 s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover 1090 inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural 1091 integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after 1092 December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall 1093 contain in conspicuous type: 1. A clause which states: THE BUYER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES 1094 1095 THAT BUYER HAS BEEN PROVIDED A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-1096 PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED

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THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION
718.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A
COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY
RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 718.103(26) AND
718.112(2)(q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE, MORE THAN 15

1103 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, PRIOR TO 1104 EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT; and 1105 2. A clause which states: THIS AGREEMENT IS VOIDABLE BY 1106 BUYER BY DELIVERING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION TO 1107 CANCEL WITHIN 15 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL 1108 HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE 1109 BUYER AND RECEIPT BY BUYER OF A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-1110 PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED 1111 IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF 1112 THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1113 718.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A 1114 COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY 1115 RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 718.103(26) AND 1116 718.112(2)(q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE. ANY PURPORTED 1117 WAIVER OF THESE VOIDABILITY RIGHTS SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT. BUYER 1118 MAY EXTEND THE TIME FOR CLOSING FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 15 1119 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AFTER 1120 THE BUYER RECEIVES A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED 1121 SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN 1122 SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER 1123 INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 718.301(4)(p) AND (q), 1124 FLORIDA STATUTES; OR A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT 1125 STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 1126 718.103(26) AND 718.112(2)(q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF REQUESTED IN 1127 WRITING. BUYER'S RIGHT TO VOID THIS AGREEMENT SHALL TERMINATE AT 1128 CLOSING. 1129 1130 A contract that does not conform to the requirements of this 1131 paragraph is voidable at the option of the purchaser prior to

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- (2) NONDEVELOPER DISCLOSURE. -
- (a) Each unit owner who is not a developer as defined by this chapter must comply with this subsection before the sale of his or her unit. Each prospective purchaser who has entered into a contract for the purchase of a condominium unit is entitled, at the seller's expense, to a current copy of all of the following:
 - 1. The declaration of condominium.
 - 2. Articles of incorporation of the association.
 - 3. Bylaws and rules of the association.
 - 4. Financial information required by s. 718.111.
- 5. A copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the milestone inspection report as described in $\underline{s.553.899}$ and $\underline{718.301(4)(p)}$, if applicable.
- 6. The association's most recent structural integrity reserve study or a statement that the association has not completed a structural integrity reserve study.
- 7. A copy of the inspection report described in s.

 718.301(4)(p) and (q) for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023.
- 8. The document entitled "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers" required by s. 718.504.
- (e) If the association is required to have completed a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, and the association has not completed the milestone inspection, the turnover inspection report, or the structural integrity reserve

1161 study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for 1162 the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type 1163 a statement indicating that the association is required to have 1164 a milestone inspection, a turnover inspection report, or a 1165 structural integrity reserve study and has not completed such inspection, report, or study, as appropriate. If the association 1166 1167 is not required to have a milestone inspection as described in 1168 s. 553.899 or a structural integrity reserve study, each 1169 contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a 1170 residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type a statement 1171 indicating that the association is not required to have a 1172 milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study, as 1173 appropriate. If the association has completed a milestone 1174 inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection 1175 report for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 1176 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, each contract 1177 entered into after December 31, 2024, for the resale of a 1178 residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type: 1179 1. A clause which states: THE BUYER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES 1180 THAT BUYER HAS BEEN PROVIDED A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED 1181 IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF 1182 1183 THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1184 718.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A 1185 COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY 1186 RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 718.103(26) AND 1187 718.112(2)(g), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE, MORE THAN 3 1188 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, PRIOR TO 1189 EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT; and

1190	2. A clause which states: THIS AGREEMENT IS VOIDABLE BY
1191	BUYER BY DELIVERING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION TO
1192	CANCEL WITHIN 3 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL
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1195	PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED
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1198	718.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A
1199	COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY
1200	RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 718.103(26) AND
1201	718.112(2)(g), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE. ANY PURPORTED
1202	WAIVER OF THESE VOIDABILITY RIGHTS SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT. BUYER
1203	MAY EXTEND THE TIME FOR CLOSING FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 3
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1205	THE BUYER RECEIVES A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED
1206	SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN
1207	SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER
1208	INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 718.301(4)(p) AND (q),
1209	FLORIDA STATUTES; OR A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT
1210	STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS
1211	718.103(26) AND 718.112(2)(g), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF REQUESTED IN
1212	WRITING. BUYER'S RIGHT TO VOID THIS AGREEMENT SHALL TERMINATE AT
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(c) of subsection (21) of section 718.504, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

718.504 Prospectus or offering circular.—Every developer of a residential condominium which contains more than 20 residential units, or which is part of a group of residential condominiums which will be served by property to be used in common by unit owners of more than 20 residential units, shall prepare a prospectus or offering circular and file it with the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes prior to entering into an enforceable contract of purchase and sale of any unit or lease of a unit for more than 5 years and shall furnish a copy of the prospectus or offering circular to each buyer. In addition to the prospectus or offering circular, each buyer shall be furnished a separate page entitled "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers," which shall be in accordance with a format approved by the division and a copy of the financial information required by s. 718.111. This page shall, in readable language, inform prospective purchasers regarding their voting rights and unit use restrictions, including restrictions on the leasing of a unit; shall indicate whether and in what amount the unit owners or the association is obligated to pay rent or land use fees for recreational or other commonly used facilities; shall contain a statement identifying that amount of assessment which, pursuant to the budget, would be levied upon each unit type, exclusive of any special assessments, and which shall further identify the basis upon which assessments are levied, whether monthly, quarterly, or otherwise; shall state and identify any court cases in which the association is currently a party of record in which the

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association may face liability in excess of \$100,000; and which shall further state whether membership in a recreational facilities association is mandatory, and if so, shall identify the fees currently charged per unit type. The division shall by rule require such other disclosure as in its judgment will assist prospective purchasers. The prospectus or offering circular may include more than one condominium, although not all such units are being offered for sale as of the date of the prospectus or offering circular. The prospectus or offering circular must contain the following information:

- (7) A description of the recreational and other facilities that will be used in common with other condominiums, community associations, or planned developments which require the payment of the maintenance and expenses of such facilities, directly or indirectly, by the unit owners. The description shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (a) Each building and facility committed to be built <u>and a summary description of the structural integrity of each building</u> for which reserves are required pursuant to s. 718.112(2)(g).

Descriptions shall include location, areas, capacities, numbers, volumes, or sizes and may be stated as approximations or minimums.

- (21) An estimated operating budget for the condominium and the association, and a schedule of the unit owner's expenses shall be attached as an exhibit and shall contain the following information:
- (c) The estimated items of expenses of the condominium and the association, except as excluded under paragraph (b),

including, but not limited to, the following items, which shall be stated as an association expense collectible by assessments or as unit owners' expenses payable to persons other than the association:

- 1. Expenses for the association and condominium:
- a. Administration of the association.
- b. Management fees.
- c. Maintenance.
- d. Rent for recreational and other commonly used facilities.
- e. Taxes upon association property.
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- h. Security provisions.
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- j. Operating capital.
- k. Reserves for all applicable items referenced in s.
- 1294 718.112(2)(g).
 - 1. Fees payable to the division.
 - 2. Expenses for a unit owner:
- a. Rent for the unit, if subject to a lease.
- b. Rent payable by the unit owner directly to the lessor or agent under any recreational lease or lease for the use of commonly used facilities, which use and payment is a mandatory condition of ownership and is not included in the common expense or assessments for common maintenance paid by the unit owners to the association.
- Section 12. Subsection (24) of section 719.103, Florida 1305 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1306 719.103 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:
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(24) "Structural integrity reserve study" means a study of the reserve funds required for future major repairs and replacement of the cooperative property performed as required under s. 719.106(1)(k) common areas based on a visual inspection of the common areas. A structural integrity reserve study may be performed by any person qualified to perform such study. However, the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study must be performed by an engineer licensed under chapter 471 or an architect licensed under chapter 481. At a minimum, a structural integrity reserve study must identify the common areas being visually inspected, state the estimated remaining useful life and the estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of the common areas being visually inspected, and provide a recommended annual reserve amount that achieves the estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of each common area being visually inspected by the end of the estimated remaining useful life of each common area.

Section 13. Present subsections (5) through (11) of section 719.104, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6) through (12), respectively, a new subsection (5) is added to that section, and paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of that section is amended, to read:

- 719.104 Cooperatives; access to units; records; financial reports; assessments; purchase of leases.—
 - (2) OFFICIAL RECORDS. -
- (c) The official records of the association are open to inspection by any association member and any person authorized

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by an association member as a or the authorized representative of such member at all reasonable times. The right to inspect the records includes the right to make or obtain copies, at the reasonable expense, if any, of the association member and of the person authorized by the association member as a representative of such member. A renter of a unit has a right to inspect and copy only the association's bylaws and rules and the inspection reports described in ss. 553.899 and 719.301(4)(p). The association may adopt reasonable rules regarding the frequency, time, location, notice, and manner of record inspections and copying, but may not require a member to demonstrate any purpose or state any reason for the inspection. The failure of an association to provide the records within 10 working days after receipt of a written request creates a rebuttable presumption that the association willfully failed to comply with this paragraph. A member who is denied access to official records is entitled to the actual damages or minimum damages for the association's willful failure to comply. The minimum damages are \$50 per calendar day for up to 10 days, beginning on the 11th working day after receipt of the written request. The failure to permit inspection entitles any person prevailing in an enforcement action to recover reasonable attorney fees from the person in control of the records who, directly or indirectly, knowingly denied access to the records. Any person who knowingly or intentionally defaces or destroys accounting records that are required by this chapter to be maintained during the period for which such records are required to be maintained, or who knowingly or intentionally fails to create or maintain accounting records that are required to be created or

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maintained, with the intent of causing harm to the association or one or more of its members, is personally subject to a civil penalty under s. 719.501(1)(d). The association shall maintain an adequate number of copies of the declaration, articles of incorporation, bylaws, and rules, and all amendments to each of the foregoing, as well as the question and answer sheet as described in s. 719.504 and year-end financial information required by the department, on the cooperative property to ensure their availability to members and prospective purchasers, and may charge its actual costs for preparing and furnishing these documents to those requesting the same. An association shall allow a member or his or her authorized representative to use a portable device, including a smartphone, tablet, portable scanner, or any other technology capable of scanning or taking photographs, to make an electronic copy of the official records in lieu of the association providing the member or his or her authorized representative with a copy of such records. The association may not charge a member or his or her authorized representative for the use of a portable device. Notwithstanding this paragraph, the following records shall not be accessible to members:

1. Any record protected by the lawyer-client privilege as described in s. 90.502 and any record protected by the work-product privilege, including any record prepared by an association attorney or prepared at the attorney's express direction which reflects a mental impression, conclusion, litigation strategy, or legal theory of the attorney or the association, and which was prepared exclusively for civil or criminal litigation or for adversarial administrative

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proceedings, or which was prepared in anticipation of such litigation or proceedings until the conclusion of the litigation or proceedings.

- 2. Information obtained by an association in connection with the approval of the lease, sale, or other transfer of a unit.
- 3. Personnel records of association or management company employees, including, but not limited to, disciplinary, payroll, health, and insurance records. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "personnel records" does not include written employment agreements with an association employee or management company, or budgetary or financial records that indicate the compensation paid to an association employee.
 - 4. Medical records of unit owners.
- 5. Social security numbers, driver license numbers, credit card numbers, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, emergency contact information, addresses of a unit owner other than as provided to fulfill the association's notice requirements, and other personal identifying information of any person, excluding the person's name, unit designation, mailing address, property address, and any address, e-mail address, or facsimile number provided to the association to fulfill the association's notice requirements. Notwithstanding the restrictions in this subparagraph, an association may print and distribute to unit owners a directory containing the name, unit address, and all telephone numbers of each unit owner. However, an owner may exclude his or her telephone numbers from the directory by so requesting in writing to the association. An owner may consent in writing to the disclosure of other contact

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information described in this subparagraph. The association is not liable for the inadvertent disclosure of information that is protected under this subparagraph if the information is included in an official record of the association and is voluntarily provided by an owner and not requested by the association.

- 6. Electronic security measures that are used by the association to safeguard data, including passwords.
- 7. The software and operating system used by the association which allow the manipulation of data, even if the owner owns a copy of the same software used by the association. The data is part of the official records of the association.
- 8. All affirmative acknowledgments made pursuant to s. 719.108(3) (b) 3.
- (5) MAINTENANCE.—Maintenance of the common elements is the responsibility of the association, except for any maintenance responsibility for limited common elements assigned to the unit owner by the declaration. The association shall provide for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the cooperative property for which it bears responsibility pursuant to the declaration of cooperative. After turnover of control of the association to the unit owners, the association must perform any required maintenance identified by the developer pursuant to s. 719.301(4)(p) and (q) until the association obtains new maintenance protocols from a licensed professional engineer or architect or a person certified as a reserve specialist or professional reserve analyst by the Community Associations Institute or the Association of Professional Reserve Analysts. The declaration may provide that certain limited common elements shall be maintained by those entitled to use the limited common

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either as a common expense or with the cost shared only by those entitled to use the limited common elements. If the maintenance is to be by the association at the expense of only those entitled to use the limited common elements, the declaration shall describe in detail the method of apportioning such costs among those entitled to use the limited common elements, and the association may use the provisions of s. 719.108 to enforce payment of the shares of such costs by the unit owners entitled to use the limited common elements.

- Section 14. Paragraphs (e), (j), (k), and (l) of subsection (1) of section 719.106, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 719.106 Bylaws; cooperative ownership.—
- (1) MANDATORY PROVISIONS.—The bylaws or other cooperative documents shall provide for the following, and if they do not, they shall be deemed to include the following:
 - (e) Budget procedures.-
- 1. The board of administration shall mail, hand deliver, or electronically transmit to each unit owner at the address last furnished to the association, a meeting notice and copies of the proposed annual budget of common expenses to the unit owners not less than 14 days prior to the meeting at which the budget will be considered. Evidence of compliance with this 14-day notice must be made by an affidavit executed by an officer of the association or the manager or other person providing notice of the meeting and filed among the official records of the association. The meeting must be open to the unit owners.
- 2. If an adopted budget requires assessment against the unit owners in any fiscal or calendar year which exceeds 115

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percent of the assessments for the preceding year, the board upon written application of 10 percent of the voting interests to the board, shall call a special meeting of the unit owners within 30 days, upon not less than 10 days' written notice to each unit owner. At the special meeting, unit owners shall consider and enact a budget. Unless the bylaws require a larger vote, the adoption of the budget requires a vote of not less than a majority of all the voting interests.

- 3. The board of administration may, in any event, propose a budget to the unit owners at a meeting of members or by writing, and if the budget or proposed budget is approved by the unit owners at the meeting or by a majority of all voting interests in writing, the budget is adopted. If a meeting of the unit owners has been called and a quorum is not attained or a substitute budget is not adopted by the unit owners, the budget adopted by the board of directors goes into effect as scheduled.
- 4. In determining whether assessments exceed 115 percent of similar assessments for prior years, any authorized provisions for reasonable reserves for repair or replacement of cooperative property, anticipated expenses by the association which are not anticipated to be incurred on a regular or annual basis, insurance premiums, or assessments for betterments to the cooperative property must be excluded from computation. However, as long as the developer is in control of the board of administration, the board may not impose an assessment for any year greater than 115 percent of the prior fiscal or calendar year's assessment without approval of a majority of all voting interests.
 - (j) Annual budget.-

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- 1. The proposed annual budget of common expenses must be detailed and must show the amounts budgeted by accounts and expense classifications, including, if applicable, but not limited to, those expenses listed in s. 719.504(20). The board of administration shall adopt the annual budget at least 14 days before the start of the association's fiscal year. In the event that the board fails to timely adopt the annual budget a second time, it is deemed a minor violation and the prior year's budget shall continue in effect until a new budget is adopted.
- 2. In addition to annual operating expenses, the budget must include reserve accounts for capital expenditures and deferred maintenance. These accounts must include, but not be limited to, roof replacement, building painting, and pavement resurfacing, regardless of the amount of deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost, and for any other items for which the deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost exceeds \$10,000. The amount to be reserved for an item is determined by the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study that must be completed by December 31, 2024. If the amount to be reserved for an item is not in the association's initial or most recent structural integrity reserve study or the association has not completed a structural integrity reserve study, the amount must be computed by means of a formula which is based upon estimated remaining useful life and estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of the reserve item. In a budget adopted by an association that is required to obtain a structural integrity reserve study, reserves must be maintained for the items identified in paragraph (k) for which the association is responsible pursuant to the declaration, and the

1538 reserve amount for such items must be based on the findings and 1539 recommendations of the association's most recent structural 1540 integrity reserve study. With respect to items for which an 1541 estimate of useful life is not readily ascertainable or with an estimated remaining useful life of greater than 25 years, an 1542 1543 association is not required to reserve replacement costs for 1544 such items, but an association must reserve the amount of 1545 deferred maintenance expense, if any, which is recommended by the structural integrity reserve study for such items. The 1546 1547 association may adjust replacement reserve assessments annually 1548 to take into account an inflation adjustment and any changes in estimates or extension of the useful life of a reserve item 1549 caused by deferred maintenance. The members of a unit-owner-1550 1551 controlled association may determine, by a majority vote of the total voting interests at a duly called meeting of the 1552 1553 association, for a fiscal year to provide no reserves or 1554 reserves less adequate than required by this subsection. Before 1555 turnover of control of an association by a developer to unit 1556 owners other than a developer under s. 719.301, the developer-1557 controlled association may not vote to waive the reserves or 1558 reduce funding of the reserves. For a budget adopted on or after 1559 Effective December 31, 2024, a unit-owner-controlled association 1560 that must obtain a structural integrity reserve study may not 1561 determine to provide no reserves or reserves less adequate than 1562 required by this paragraph for items listed in paragraph (k). If 1563 a meeting of the unit owners has been called to determine to 1564 provide no reserves, or reserves less adequate than required, 1565 and such result is not attained or a quorum is not attained, the 1566 reserves as included in the budget shall go into effect.

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- 3. Reserve funds and any interest accruing thereon shall remain in the reserve account or accounts, and shall be used only for authorized reserve expenditures unless their use for other purposes is approved in advance by a vote of the majority of the total voting interests, voting in person or by limited proxy at a duly called meeting of the association. Before turnover of control of an association by a developer to unit owners other than the developer under s. 719.301, the developer may not vote to use reserves for purposes other than that for which they were intended. For a budget adopted on or after Effective December 31, 2024, members of a unit-owner-controlled association that must obtain a structural integrity reserve study may not vote to use reserve funds, or any interest accruing thereon, that are reserved for items listed in paragraph (k) for purposes other than the replacement or deferred maintenance costs of the components listed in paragraph (k) their intended purpose.
 - (k) Structural integrity reserve study.-
- 1. A residential cooperative An association must have a structural integrity reserve study completed at least every 10 years for each building on the cooperative property that is three stories or higher in height as determined by the Florida Building Code that includes, at a minimum, a study of the following items as related to the structural integrity and safety of the building:
 - a. Roof.
- b. Structure, including load-bearing walls and $\frac{1}{2}$ other primary structural members and primary structural systems as those terms are defined in s. 627.706.

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1603	$\underline{\text{h.j.}}$ Any other item that has a deferred maintenance expense
1604	or replacement cost that exceeds \$10,000 and the failure to
1605	replace or maintain such item negatively affects the items
1606	listed in sub-subparagraphs ag. sub-subparagraphs ai., as
1607	determined by the licensed engineer or architect performing the
1608	visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve
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1610	2. A structural integrity reserve study is based on a
1611	visual inspection of the cooperative property. A structural
1612	integrity reserve study may be performed by any person qualified
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1614	the structural integrity reserve study must be performed or
1615	verified by an engineer licensed under chapter 471, an architect
1616	licensed under chapter 481, or a person certified as a reserve
1617	specialist or professional reserve analyst by the Community
1618	Associations Institute or the Association of Professional
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1620	3. At a minimum, a structural integrity reserve study must
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and provide a reserve funding schedule with a recommended annual reserve amount that achieves the estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of each item of cooperative property being visually inspected by the end of the estimated remaining useful life of the item. The structural integrity reserve study may recommend that reserves do not need to be maintained for any item for which an estimate of useful life and an estimate of replacement cost cannot be determined, or the study may recommend a deferred maintenance expense amount for such item. The structural integrity reserve study may recommend that reserves for replacement costs do not need to be maintained for any item with an estimated remaining useful life of greater than 25 years, but the study may recommend a deferred maintenance expense amount for such item.

- 4. This paragraph does not apply to buildings less than three stories in height; single-family, two-family, or three-family dwellings with three or fewer habitable stories above ground; any portion or component of a building that has not been submitted to the cooperative form of ownership; or any portion or component of a building that is maintained by a party other than the association.
- $\underline{5}$. Before a developer turns over control of an association to unit owners other than the developer, the developer must have a <u>turnover inspection report in compliance with s. 719.301(4)(p)</u> and (q) structural integrity reserve study completed for each building on the cooperative property that is three stories or higher in height.
- $\underline{6.3.}$ Associations existing on or before July 1, 2022, which are controlled by unit owners other than the developer, must

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have a structural integrity reserve study completed by December 31, 2024, for each building on the cooperative property that is three stories or higher in height. An association that is required to complete a milestone inspection on or before

December 31, 2026, in accordance with s. 553.899 may complete the structural integrity reserve study simultaneously with the milestone inspection. In no event may the structural integrity reserve study be completed after December 31, 2026.

- 7. If the milestone inspection required by s. 553.899, or an inspection completed for a similar local requirement, was performed within the past 5 years and meets the requirements of this paragraph, such inspection may be used in place of the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study.
- 8.4. If the officers or directors of an association willfully and knowingly fail fails to complete a structural integrity reserve study pursuant to this paragraph, such failure is a breach of an officer's and director's fiduciary relationship to the unit owners under \underline{s} . 719.104(9) \underline{s} .
- (1) Mandatory milestone inspections.—If an association is required to have a milestone inspection performed pursuant to s. 553.899, the association must arrange for the milestone inspection to be performed and is responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of s. 553.899. The association is responsible for all costs associated with the milestone inspection attributable to the portions of the building which the association is responsible for maintaining under the governing documents of the association. If the officers or

1683 directors of an association willfully and knowingly fail to have 1684 a milestone inspection performed pursuant to s. 553.899, such 1685 failure is a breach of the officers' and directors' fiduciary 1686 relationship to the unit owners under s. 719.104(9)(a) s. 719.104(8)(a). Within 14 days after receipt of a written notice 1687 1688 from the local enforcement agency that a milestone inspection is 1689 required, the association must notify the unit owners of the 1690 required milestone inspection and provide the date by which the 1691 milestone inspection must be completed. Such notice may be given 1692 by electronic submission to unit owners who consent to receive 1693 notice by electronic submission or by posting on the association's website. Within 45 days after receiving Upon 1694 1695 completion of a phase one or phase two milestone inspection and 1696 receipt of the inspector-prepared summary of the inspection report from the architect or engineer who performed the 1697 1698 inspection, the association must distribute a copy of the 1699 inspector-prepared summary of the inspection report to each unit 1700 owner, regardless of the findings or recommendations in the 1701 report, by United States mail or personal delivery at the mailing address, property address, or any other address of the 1702 1703 owner provided to fulfill the association's notice requirements 1704 under this chapter and by electronic transmission to the e-mail 1705 address or facsimile number provided to fulfill the 1706 association's notice requirements to unit owners who previously 1707 consented to receive notice by electronic transmission; must post a copy of the inspector-prepared summary in a conspicuous 1708 1709 place on the cooperative property; and must publish the full 1710 report and inspector-prepared summary on the association's 1711 website, if the association is required to have a website.

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Section 15. Present paragraph (q) of subsection (4) of section 719.301, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (r), a new paragraph (q) is added to that subsection, and paragraph (p) of that subsection is amended, to read:

719.301 Transfer of association control.-

- (4) When unit owners other than the developer elect a majority of the members of the board of administration of an association, the developer shall relinquish control of the association, and the unit owners shall accept control. Simultaneously, or for the purpose of paragraph (c) not more than 90 days thereafter, the developer shall deliver to the association, at the developer's expense, all property of the unit owners and of the association held or controlled by the developer, including, but not limited to, the following items, if applicable, as to each cooperative operated by the association:
- (p) Notwithstanding when the certificate of occupancy was issued or the height of the building, a <u>turnover inspection</u>

 <u>report milestone inspection report in compliance with s. 553.899</u>
 included in the official records, under seal of an architect or engineer authorized to practice in this state <u>or a person</u>

 <u>certified as a reserve specialist or professional reserve</u>

 <u>analyst by the Community Associations Institute or the</u>

 <u>Association of Professional Reserve Analysts</u>, attesting to required maintenance, condition, useful life, and replacement costs of the following applicable cooperative property

 <u>comprising a turnover inspection report</u>:
 - 1. Roof.
 - 2. Structure, including load-bearing walls and primary

structural members and primary structural systems as those terms are defined in s. 627.706.

- 3. Fireproofing and fire protection systems.
- 4. Plumbing Elevators.
- 5. Electrical systems Heating and cooling systems.
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 - 7. Windows and exterior doors Electrical systems.
 - 8. Swimming pool or spa and equipment.

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- 1752 <u>12. Painting.</u>
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- 1754 14. Waterproofing.
- 1755 (q) Notwithstanding when the certificate of occupancy was 1756 issued or the height of the building, a turnover inspection 1757 report included in the official records, under seal of an 1758 architect or engineer authorized to practice in this state or a 1759 person certified as a reserve specialist or professional reserve 1760 analyst by the Community Associations Institute or the 1761 Association of Professional Reserve Analysts, and attesting to 1762 required maintenance, condition, useful life, and replacement 1763 costs of the following applicable cooperative property
- 1764 comprising a turnover inspection report:
- 1765 1. Elevators.
- 1766 2. Heating and cooling systems.
- 3. Swimming pool or spa and equipment.
- 1768 4. Seawalls.
- 5. Pavement and parking areas.

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- 6. Drainage systems.
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Section 16. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 719.503, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:

719.503 Disclosure prior to sale.-

- (1) DEVELOPER DISCLOSURE.
- (b) Copies of documents to be furnished to prospective buyer or lessee.-Until such time as the developer has furnished the documents listed below to a person who has entered into a contract to purchase a unit or lease it for more than 5 years, the contract may be voided by that person, entitling the person to a refund of any deposit together with interest thereon as provided in s. 719.202. The contract may be terminated by written notice from the proposed buyer or lessee delivered to the developer within 15 days after the buyer or lessee receives all of the documents required by this section. The developer may not close for 15 days after the execution of the agreement and delivery of the documents to the buyer as evidenced by a receipt for documents signed by the buyer unless the buyer is informed in the 15-day voidability period and agrees to close before the expiration of the 15 days. The developer shall retain in his or her records a separate signed agreement as proof of the buyer's agreement to close before the expiration of the voidability period. The developer must retain such proof for a period of 5 years after the date of the closing transaction. The documents to be delivered to the prospective buyer are the prospectus or

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disclosure statement with all exhibits, if the development is subject to s. 719.504, or, if not, then copies of the following which are applicable:

- 1. The question and answer sheet described in s. 719.504, and cooperative documents, or the proposed cooperative documents if the documents have not been recorded, which shall include the certificate of a surveyor approximately representing the locations required by s. 719.104.
 - 2. The documents creating the association.
 - 3. The bylaws.
- 4. The ground lease or other underlying lease of the cooperative.
- 5. The management contract, maintenance contract, and other contracts for management of the association and operation of the cooperative and facilities used by the unit owners having a service term in excess of 1 year, and any management contracts that are renewable.
- 6. The estimated operating budget for the cooperative and a schedule of expenses for each type of unit, including fees assessed to a shareholder who has exclusive use of limited common areas, where such costs are shared only by those entitled to use such limited common areas.
- 7. The lease of recreational and other facilities that will be used only by unit owners of the subject cooperative.
- 8. The lease of recreational and other common areas that will be used by unit owners in common with unit owners of other cooperatives.
 - 9. The form of unit lease if the offer is of a leasehold.
 - 10. Any declaration of servitude of properties serving the

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cooperative but not owned by unit owners or leased to them or the association.

- 11. If the development is to be built in phases or if the association is to manage more than one cooperative, a description of the plan of phase development or the arrangements for the association to manage two or more cooperatives.
- 12. If the cooperative is a conversion of existing improvements, the statements and disclosure required by s. 719.616.
 - 13. The form of agreement for sale or lease of units.
- 14. A copy of the floor plan of the unit and the plot plan showing the location of the residential buildings and the recreation and other common areas.
- 15. A copy of all covenants and restrictions that will affect the use of the property and are not contained in the foregoing.
- 16. If the developer is required by state or local authorities to obtain acceptance or approval of any dock or marina facilities intended to serve the cooperative, a copy of any such acceptance or approval acquired by the time of filing with the division pursuant to s. 719.502(1) or a statement that such acceptance or approval has not been acquired or received.
- 17. Evidence demonstrating that the developer has an ownership, leasehold, or contractual interest in the land upon which the cooperative is to be developed.
- 18. A copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the milestone inspection report as described in $\underline{s.553.899}$ $\underline{ss.553.899}$ and $\underline{719.301(4)(p)}$, or a statement in conspicuous type indicating that the required milestone inspection described in

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- s. 553.899 has not been completed or that a milestone inspection is not required, as if applicable.
- 19. A copy of the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study or a statement in conspicuous type indicating that the association has not completed a required structural integrity reserve study has not been completed or that a structural integrity reserve study is not required, as applicable.
- 20. A copy of the turnover inspection report described in s. 719.301(4)(p) and (q) or a statement in conspicuous type indicating that a turnover inspection report has not been completed, as applicable.
- (d) Milestone inspection, turnover inspection report, or structural integrity reserve study.—If the association is required to have completed a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, and the association has not completed the milestone inspection, the turnover inspection report, or the structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is required to have a milestone inspection, a turnover inspection report, or a structural integrity reserve study and has not completed such inspection, report, or study, as appropriate. If the association is not required to have a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899 or a structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall

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contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is not required to have a milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study, as appropriate. If the association has completed a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type:

- 1. A clause which states: THE BUYER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES
 THAT BUYER HAS BEEN PROVIDED A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTORPREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED
 IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF
 THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION
 719.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A
 COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY
 RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 719.103(24) AND
 719.106(1)(k), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE, MORE THAN 15
 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, PRIOR TO
 EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT; and
- 2. A clause which states: THIS AGREEMENT IS VOIDABLE BY BUYER BY DELIVERING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION TO CANCEL WITHIN 15 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE BUYER AND RECEIPT BY BUYER OF A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 719.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A

1915	COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY
1916	RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 719.103(24) AND
1917	719.106(1)(k), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE. ANY PURPORTED
1918	WAIVER OF THESE VOIDABILITY RIGHTS SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT. BUYER
1919	MAY EXTEND THE TIME FOR CLOSING FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 15
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1922	SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED IN
1923	SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER
1924	INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 719.301(4)(p) AND (q),
1925	FLORIDA STATUTES; OR A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT
1926	STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS
1927	719.103(24) AND 719.106(1)(k), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF REQUESTED IN
1928	WRITING. BUYER'S RIGHT TO VOID THIS AGREEMENT SHALL TERMINATE AT
1929	CLOSING.
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1931	A contract that does not conform to the requirements of this
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(2) NONDEVELOPER DISCLOSURE.-

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- (a) Each unit owner who is not a developer as defined by this chapter must comply with this subsection before the sale of his or her interest in the association. Each prospective purchaser who has entered into a contract for the purchase of an interest in a cooperative is entitled, at the seller's expense, to a current copy of all of the following:
 - 1. The articles of incorporation of the association.
 - 2. The bylaws and rules of the association.
 - 3. A copy of the question and answer sheet as provided in

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- 4. A copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the milestone inspection report as described in $\underline{s. 553.899}$ $\underline{ss.}$ $\underline{553.899}$ and $\underline{719.301(4)(p)}$, if applicable.
- 5. A copy of the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study or a statement that the association has not completed a structural integrity reserve study.
- 6. A copy of the inspection report described in s.

 719.301(4)(p) and (q) for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023.
- (d) If the association is required to have completed a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection report for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, and the association has not completed the milestone inspection, the turnover inspection report, or the structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is required to have a milestone inspection, a turnover inspection report, or a structural integrity reserve study and has not completed such inspection, report, or study, as appropriate. If the association is not required to have a milestone inspection as described in s. 553.899 or a structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into after December 31, 2024, for the sale of a residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is not required to have a milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study, as appropriate. If the association has completed a milestone

1973 inspection as described in s. 553.899, a turnover inspection 1974 report for a turnover inspection performed on or after July 1, 1975 2023, or a structural integrity reserve study, each contract 1976 entered into after December 31, 2024, for the resale of a 1977 residential unit shall contain in conspicuous type: 1. A clause which states: THE BUYER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES 1978 THAT BUYER HAS BEEN PROVIDED A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-1979 1980 PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED 1981 IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF 1982 THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 719.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A 1983 1984 COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY 1985 RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 719.103(24) AND 1986 719.106(1)(k), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE, MORE THAN 3 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, PRIOR TO 1987 1988 EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT; and 1989 2. A clause which states: THIS AGREEMENT IS VOIDABLE BY 1990 BUYER BY DELIVERING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION TO 1991 CANCEL WITHIN 3 DAYS, EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL 1992 HOLIDAYS, AFTER THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE 1993 BUYER AND RECEIPT BY BUYER OF A CURRENT COPY OF THE INSPECTOR-1994 PREPARED SUMMARY OF THE MILESTONE INSPECTION REPORT AS DESCRIBED 1995 IN SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; A COPY OF 1996 THE TURNOVER INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1997 719.301(4)(p) AND (q), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE; AND A 1998 COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY 1999 RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 719.103(24) AND 2000 719.106(1)(k), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF APPLICABLE. ANY PURPORTED 2001 WAIVER OF THESE VOIDABILITY RIGHTS SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT. BUYER

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SECTION 553.899, FLORIDA STATUTES; A COPY OF THE TURNOVER
INSPECTION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 719.301(4)(p) AND (q),
FLORIDA STATUTES; OR A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MOST RECENT
STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY RESERVE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS
719.103(24) AND 719.106(1)(k), FLORIDA STATUTES, IF REQUESTED IN
WRITING. BUYER'S RIGHT TO VOID THIS AGREEMENT SHALL TERMINATE AT
CLOSING.

A contract that does not conform to the requirements of this paragraph is voidable at the option of the purchaser prior to closing.

Section 17. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) and paragraph (c) of subsection (20) of section 719.504, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

719.504 Prospectus or offering circular.—Every developer of a residential cooperative which contains more than 20 residential units, or which is part of a group of residential cooperatives which will be served by property to be used in common by unit owners of more than 20 residential units, shall prepare a prospectus or offering circular and file it with the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes prior to entering into an enforceable contract of purchase and sale of any unit or lease of a unit for more than 5 years and shall furnish a copy of the prospectus or offering circular to each buyer. In addition to the prospectus or offering circular,

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each buyer shall be furnished a separate page entitled "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers," which must be in accordance with a format approved by the division. This page must, in readable language: inform prospective purchasers regarding their voting rights and unit use restrictions, including restrictions on the leasing of a unit; indicate whether and in what amount the unit owners or the association is obligated to pay rent or land use fees for recreational or other commonly used facilities; contain a statement identifying that amount of assessment which, pursuant to the budget, would be levied upon each unit type, exclusive of any special assessments, and which identifies the basis upon which assessments are levied, whether monthly, quarterly, or otherwise; state and identify any court cases in which the association is currently a party of record in which the association may face liability in excess of \$100,000; and state whether membership in a recreational facilities association is mandatory and, if so, identify the fees currently charged per unit type. The division shall by rule require such other disclosure as in its judgment will assist prospective purchasers. The prospectus or offering circular may include more than one cooperative, although not all such units are being offered for sale as of the date of the prospectus or offering circular. The prospectus or offering circular must contain the following information:

(7) A description of the recreational and other facilities that will be used in common with other cooperatives, community associations, or planned developments which require the payment of the maintenance and expenses of such facilities, directly or

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indirectly, by the unit owners. The description shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Each building and facility committed to be built and a summary description of the structural integrity of each building for which reserves are required pursuant to s. 719.106(1)(k).

Descriptions shall include location, areas, capacities, numbers, volumes, or sizes and may be stated as approximations or minimums.

- (20) An estimated operating budget for the cooperative and the association, and a schedule of the unit owner's expenses shall be attached as an exhibit and shall contain the following information:
- (c) The estimated items of expenses of the cooperative and the association, except as excluded under paragraph (b), including, but not limited to, the following items, which shall be stated as an association expense collectible by assessments or as unit owners' expenses payable to persons other than the association:
 - 1. Expenses for the association and cooperative:
 - a. Administration of the association.
 - b. Management fees.
 - c. Maintenance.
 - d. Rent for recreational and other commonly used areas.
 - e. Taxes upon association property.
- f. Taxes upon leased areas.
 - g. Insurance.
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- 2090 k. Reserves for all applicable items referenced in s. 2091 719.106(1)(k).
 - 1. Fee payable to the division.
 - 2. Expenses for a unit owner:
 - a. Rent for the unit, if subject to a lease.
 - b. Rent payable by the unit owner directly to the lessor or agent under any recreational lease or lease for the use of commonly used areas, which use and payment are a mandatory condition of ownership and are not included in the common expense or assessments for common maintenance paid by the unit owners to the association.

2101 Section 18. Subsection (2) of section 558.002, Florida 2102 Statutes, is amended to read:

558.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(2) "Association" has the same meaning as in $\underline{s.718.103}$ $\underline{s.718.103}$ (2), s. 719.103(2), s. 720.301(9), or s. 723.075.

Section 19. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 718.116, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

718.116 Assessments; liability; lien and priority; interest; collection.—

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- (b)1. The liability of a first mortgagee or its successor or assignees who acquire title to a unit by foreclosure or by deed in lieu of foreclosure for the unpaid assessments that became due before the mortgagee's acquisition of title is limited to the lesser of:
- a. The unit's unpaid common expenses and regular periodic assessments which accrued or came due during the 12 months

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immediately preceding the acquisition of title and for which payment in full has not been received by the association; or

- b. One percent of the original mortgage debt. The provisions of this paragraph apply only if the first mortgagee joined the association as a defendant in the foreclosure action. Joinder of the association is not required if, on the date the complaint is filed, the association was dissolved or did not maintain an office or agent for service of process at a location which was known to or reasonably discoverable by the mortgagee.
- 2. An association, or its successor or assignee, that acquires title to a unit through the foreclosure of its lien for assessments is not liable for any unpaid assessments, late fees, interest, or reasonable attorney's fees and costs that came due before the association's acquisition of title in favor of any other association, as defined in $\underline{s.718.103} \ \underline{s.718.103(2)} \ \text{or s.}$ 720.301(9), which holds a superior lien interest on the unit. This subparagraph is intended to clarify existing law.

Section 20. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 720.3085, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

720.3085 Payment for assessments; lien claims.—

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(d) An association, or its successor or assignee, that acquires title to a parcel through the foreclosure of its lien for assessments is not liable for any unpaid assessments, late fees, interest, or reasonable attorney's fees and costs that came due before the association's acquisition of title in favor of any other association, as defined in $\underline{s.718.103} \ \underline{s.718.103(2)}$ or $\underline{s.720.301(9)}$, which holds a superior lien interest on the parcel. This paragraph is intended to clarify existing law.

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Section 21. Effective July 1, 2027, for the purpose of incorporating the amendments made by this act to section 718.1255, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 719.1255, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

719.1255 Alternative resolution of disputes.—The Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall provide for alternative dispute resolution in accordance with s. 718.1255.

Section 22. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 718.501, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

718.501 Authority, responsibility, and duties of Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes.—

(1) The division may enforce and ensure compliance with this chapter and rules relating to the development, construction, sale, lease, ownership, operation, and management of residential condominium units and complaints related to the procedural completion of milestone inspections under s. 553.899. In performing its duties, the division has complete jurisdiction to investigate complaints and enforce compliance with respect to associations that are still under developer control or the control of a bulk assignee or bulk buyer pursuant to part VII of this chapter and complaints against developers, bulk assignees, or bulk buyers involving improper turnover or failure to turnover, pursuant to s. 718.301. However, after turnover has occurred, the division has jurisdiction to investigate complaints related only to financial issues, elections, and the maintenance of and unit owner access to association records under s. 718.111(12), and the procedural completion of

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2176 structural integrity reserve studies under s. 718.112(2)(g).

2177 (f) The division may adopt rules to administer and enforce 2178 this chapter.

Section 23. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 719.501, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

719.501 Powers and duties of Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes.—

- (1) The Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, referred to as the "division" in this part, in addition to other powers and duties prescribed by chapter 718, has the power to enforce and ensure compliance with this chapter and adopted rules relating to the development, construction, sale, lease, ownership, operation, and management of residential cooperative units; complaints related to the procedural completion of the structural integrity reserve studies under s. 719.106(1)(k); and complaints related to the procedural completion of milestone inspections under s. 553.899. In performing its duties, the division shall have the following powers and duties:
- (f) The division has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement and enforce the provisions of this chapter.

Section 24. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the sums of \$1,301,928 in recurring funds and \$67,193 in nonrecurring funds from the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes Trust Fund are appropriated to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and 10 full-time equivalent positions with associated salary rate of 487,264 are

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auth	orized for the purpose of implementing this act.		
	Section 25. Except as otherwise expressly provided	in	this
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