### CHURCHILL ESTATES HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.

## DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BEXAR

WHEREAS, the Churchill Estates Homes Association, Inc., (hereinafter "Association"), is charged with administering and enforcing those certain covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in the Declaration for the Association; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 209 of the Texas Property Code was amended effective January 1, 2012, to add Section 209.005 (Section 209.005"), thereto regarding the Association's Document Retention Policy ("Document Retention Policy"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Churchill Estates Homes Association, Inc., desires to hereby establish a document retention policy consistent with the provisions of Section 209.005 and to additionally provide clear and definitive guidance to its members.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board has duly adopted the following *Document Retention Policy*.

#### **SECTION ONE**

#### Introduction

# 1. Scope

This Document Retention Policy applies to the Churchill Estates Homes Association, Inc., the Association's employees and the Association's Board of Directors.

The documents maintained by the Association's legal counsel are not subject to this Document Retention Policy.

# 1.2 Purpose

To adopt a policy regarding Association record availability and to adopt a standard procedure to be followed concerning a records retention schedule.

# 1.3 Policy

A. It is the Association's policy to maintain complete, accurate and quality Documents. Documents are to be retained for the period of their immediate use, unless longer retention is required for historical reference, contractual or legal requirements, or for other purposes as set forth in this Document and Retention Policy.

- B. Documents which are no longer required, or have satisfied their recommended period of retention, are to be destroyed in an appropriate manner.
- C. The Association's Board shall be primarily responsible for maintaining the documents for the Association.

# 1.4 <u>Compliance</u>

This Documentation Retention Policy is not intended to be all inclusive and accordingly, must be tailored to meet the specific needs of the Association. The retention periods set forth herein are guidelines based on the current retention periods set forth in federal, state and local statutes and regulations and industry custom and practice.

# 1.5 Board Members

The Association does not require board members to maintain any Documents. Board members, in their discretion may dispose of Documents generated by the Association because the Association has maintained such documents in the Official Files. However, if Board members received Documents relating to the Association, which were not generated by the Association, or not received through the Association, Board members shall send the originals of such Documents to the Manager to be maintained in the Official Files.

# 1.6 <u>Annual Purge of Files</u>

The Association's Board shall conduct an annual purge of files. The annual purge shall be completed within the quarter of each calendar year.

## 1.7 Miscellaneous

There may be an immediate destruction of copies of any Document, regardless of age, provided that an original is maintained in the Official Files of the Association.

## 1.8 Litigation

At the onset of litigation, or if it is reasonably foreseeable that litigation may be imminent, all Documents potentially relevant to the dispute must be preserved.

Thus, at the direction of legal counsel, the Association's property manager will advise the Board Members, and any other person who may maintain Association Documents, of the facts relating to litigation. Thereafter, all Documents potentially relevant to the dispute shall be deemed "held" until such litigation is concluded and all appeals have expired. At the conclusion of the litigation, the "hold" period will cease and the time periods provided in the Document and Retention and

Destruction Guidelines will recommence.

#### **SECTION 2**

#### **Definitions**

## 2.1 Current

"Current" means the calender year in which the Document was created, obtained or received.

## 2.2 **Document**

"Document" means any documentary material, that is generated or received by the Association in connection with transacting its business, is related to the Association's legal obligations, and is retained for any period of time. The term "Document" includes, among others, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, tape, disc, audio recordings, microforms, and any other electronic documents from which information can be obtained or translated such as electronic mail, voice mail, floppy discs, hard discs and CD ROM.

## 2.3 Official Files

"Official Files" means the files maintained by the Association.

Legal documents and documents subject to the attorney-client privilege and the work product privilege maintained by the Association's legal counsel are not part of the "Official Files" of the Association.

#### 2.4 Permanent

"Permanent" means that the retention period for that document is permanent.

#### **SECTION 3**

## **Document Retention and Destruction Guidelines**

The Association's Documents are grouped into four functional categories as set forth below. Although every conceivable Document is not listed, the following list should provided guidance as to which subcategory a particular Document relates.

The retention periods identified with particular Documents are intended as guidelines. In particular circumstances, the Board Members shall have the discretion to determine that either a longer or shorter retention period is warranted.

<u>Financial Documents</u> <u>Retention Period</u>

General Ledgers and Journals Current year plus 7

Year End Financial Statements Current year plus 7

Tax Returns Current year plus 7

Audit Reports Current year plus 7

Depreciation Schedules / Capital Inventory Plan Current year plus 7

Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable Ledgers Current year plus 7

Expense Records Current year plus 7

Canceled Checks Current year plus 7

Electronic Payment Records Current year plus 7

Purchase Orders and Vendor Invoices Current year plus 7

Bank Statements Current year plus 7

Deposit Slips Current year plus 7

Budgets Current year plus 7

Petty Cash Vouchers Current year plus 7

Billing (Owners) Records Current Owner period plus 1 year after sale or

transfer to new owner.

**Governing Documents** Retention Period

Deed Covenants and Restrictions Permanent

Bylaws Permanent

Articles of Incorporation Permanent

Rules and Regulations Permanent

Policies Permanent

<u>Corporate Documents</u> <u>Retention Period</u>

Board meeting minutes Current year plus 7

Membership Meeting Minutes Current year plus 7

Proxies and Voting Records Current year plus 7

Attendance Records at Membership Current year plus 7

Meeting where quorum is required

Committee Meeting Minutes Current year plus 7

A CC Applications, Approved or Denied Permanent

ACC Variances, Approved or Denied Permanent

<u>Legal / Insurance / Claims</u> <u>Retention Period</u>

Contract - Active Current Version

Contracts - Expired Current Year plus 7

Insurance Policies - Active Current Version

Insurance Policies - Expired Current Year plus 7

Insurance Records Current Year plus 7

Settled Insurance Claims Current Year plus 7

Court Files, Pleadings (liens, foreclosure, Current Year plus 7, or until case has been

small claims actions) settled, whichever is longer.

Attorney Legal Opinions Permanent

## **Destruction of Records**

The Association's board of directors shall be responsible for the complying with the records retention policy and the destruction of such records. The destruction of records may be done one of several ways, including shredding, incinerating, pulverizing, and deleting/destroying of electronic

files. While no particular method is mandatory, the method chosen should preserve the confidentiality of the documents.

# **Amendment**

This policy may be amended from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Association.

This Document Retention Policy is effective upon recordation in the Public Records of Bexar County, Texas, and shall supercede any policy regarding document retention which may have previously been in effect. Except as affected by Section 209.005 and/or this Policy, all other provisions contained within the Association's Declaration or any other dedicatory instruments of the Association shall remain in full force and effect.

| Approve and a   | dopted by the Board on this _ | day of December, 2011.   |
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|                 |                               | Edward A. Duchin President Churchill Estates Homes Association, Inc. |
| STATE OF TEXAS  | §                             |  |
| COUNTY OF BEXAF | §<br>§                        |  |

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Edward A. Duchin, President of the Churchill Estates Homes Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, known to be to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she had executed the same as the act of said corporation for the purpose and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein state.

| Given under my hand and seal of office | this day of December, 2011.   |
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|  | Notary Public, State of Texas |
|  | Printed Name                  |
|  | My commission expires:        |