

Summerlakes Homeowners' Association

RULES GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS AND VOTING

A. Candidate Information Form: Any qualified homeowner may be a candidate for the Board of Managers. A Candidate Information Form, with instructions and a deadline for submission will be mailed to all Owners prior to the election. A candidate is recognized and will be included on the official Association ballot and proxy, if the Candidate Information Form is received not later than 5:00 p.m. on the date set by the Board. No Candidate Information Forms will be accepted after the deadline and no nominations will be allowed from the floor. Any write-in candidates indicated on a proxy or ballot will be subject to Section B below.

B. Qualifications: In order to run for the Board of Directors, in addition to being an owner, the candidate must complete a Candidate Information Form by the deadline described above. In the event that a homeowner is a legal entity, such as a corporation, partnership or a trustee under a land trust, a candidate for director may be a beneficiary, an officer, partner or employee of the entity in title. Note, however, in the event of a question, candidates may be required to verify that they are qualified by exhibiting written documentation acceptable to the present Board.

C. Notice, Ballot and Proxy: The names of all official candidates will be included on the proxy and ballot, which will be mailed to the owners with the meeting notice prior to the election.

D. Voting: In accordance with the Illinois Common Interest Community Association Act, owners may vote:

- (1) by proxy executed in writing by the member or by his or her duly authorized attorney in fact, provided, however, that the proxy bears the date of execution. Unless the written proxy itself provides otherwise, proxies will not be valid for more than 11 months after the date of its execution; or
- (2) by submitting an Association-issued ballot in person at the election meeting; or
- (3) by submitting an Association-issued ballot to the Association or its designated agent by mail or other means of delivery specified in the Declaration or By-Laws; or
- (4) by any electronic or acceptable technological means.

E. Agenda: The Board shall adhere to the written agenda, with any amendments in the Board's discretion.

F. Election Judges: Election Judges may be appointed by the Board, during the annual election meeting, to monitor the election and count the ballots. Election Judges may not be candidates or family members of candidates.

G. Election and Tabulation of Ballots: At the Annual Meeting, during check-in, all proxies will be reviewed and verified, and exchanged for an official ballot. Ballots will be tallied when indicated on the agenda. The aggregate vote totals shall be determined for each nominee under the supervision of the Election Judges, and all candidates may observe the counting of the ballots. The candidates receiving the greatest vote totals shall be elected to the open positions on the Board.

H. Results of Election: As soon as the results are known, the names of the individuals elected will be announced. The ballots, proxies, owner listing, and the results of the election (including the master tally sheets) will be kept for a period of one year. After the results have been announced, the Board shall convene as soon as possible to elect officers for the next year.