

**AMENDED AND RESTATED**  
**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CODES, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR**  
**12 SOUTH TOWERS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

PREFACE

This document contains the original articles from the Declaration Of Covenants Conditions And Restrictions of St. Martins Square written in May of 1972. It also reflects the Declaration of Corrections, Amendments and Ratification written in May of 1973 and amendments made in 2003 to change the name of the association to 12 South Towers Homeowners Association.

The goal in preparing this document was to provide some background of rules and regulations for the residents of 12 South Towers. In doing so, we tried to preserve the original clauses as best we could. Some changes were made to correct grammar (spelling, punctuation, etc.) and some words were illegible on the copies of the original that were presented.

ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to 12 South Towers Homeowners Association, Inc., its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record Owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 3. "Properties" shall mean and refer to that certain real property hereinabove described, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

Each of the cluster-type buildings shall be numbered 1 through 14, both inclusive, and each building shall have 4 Family Units numbered A, B, C, and D, with the exception that building number 10 and building number 14 shall each have 5 Family Units, numbered A, B, C, D and E. Building number 9 will contain no Family Units but will consist of a laundry and maintenance room shared by all Owners as a common element.

Section 4. "Common Area" shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners. The Common Area to be owned by the Association at the time of the conveyance of the first lot is described as follows:

All areas designated "Common Area" as shown on the plan of record in Book 4460, page 186, said Register's Office, which include all streets, walkways, parking spaces, Building No. 9 (Laundry and Maintenance Room), and all open areas exclusive of all individual lots and buildings being shown as Map 118-5A, parcels 1 through, and including parcel 54 on said plan.

Each owner shall have an easement in common with the owners of all of the lots to use all of the above-named common areas located in and serving his or other lots.

Section 5. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown upon any [illegible word] subdivision map of the Properties with the exception of the Common Area.

Section 6. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to 12 South Towers Homeowners Association, Inc., its successors and assigns if such successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped Lot from the Declarant for the purpose of development.

## ARTICLE II PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 1. Owners' Easements of Enjoyment. Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to the following provisions:

(a) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreational facility situated upon the Common Area;

(b) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities by an Owner for any period during which any assessment against his Lot remains unpaid; and for a period not to exceed 60 days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations;

(c) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members.

No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument signed by two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members agreeing to such dedication or transfer has been recorded.

Section 2. Delegation of Use. Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws, his right of enjoyment to the Common Area and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants, or contract purchasers who reside on the property.

## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Every Owner of a lot which is subject to assessment shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from Ownership of any Lot with is subject to assessment.

Section 2. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A membership shall be all Owners with the exception of the Declarant and shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any lot.

Class B. The Class B member(s) shall be the Declarant and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each lot owned. The class b member ship shall cease and be converted to class A membership on the happening of either of the two following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- (a) when the total votes outstanding in the class A membership equal the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership
- (b) on January 1, 1974.

#### ARTICLE IV COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Creation Of The Lien And Personal Obligation Of Assessment. The Declarant for each lot owned within the Properties, hereby covenants and each Owner of any Lot by acceptance of a deed therefore, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such a deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association (1) annual assessments or charges and (2) special assessments for capital improvements such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. The annual and special assessments together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien up on the property against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest, cots, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such property at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

Section 2. Purpose Of Assessments. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively to promote the recreation, health, safety, and welfare of the residents in the Properties and for the improvement and maintenance of the Common Area and of the homes situated upon the Properties.

Section 3. Maximum Annual Assessment. Until January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment shall be three hundred thirty and no/100 dollars (\$330.00) per Lot.

- (a) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased each year not more than 3% above the maximum assessment for the previous year without a vote of the membership.

- (b) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increase above 3% by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose.
- (c) The Board of Directors may fix the annual assessment at an amount not in excess of the maximum.

Section 4. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In Addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Associate may levy in an assessment year a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying in whole or in part the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area including fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose.

Section 5. Notice And Quorum For Any Action Authorized Under Sections 3 And 4. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under section 3 or 4 shall be sent to all members not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the meeting. At the first such meeting called the presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice and requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than 60 days following the preceding meeting.

Section 6. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly basis.

Section 7. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments: Due Dates. The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all lots on the first day on the month following the conveyance of the Common Area. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. The board of directors shall fix the amount of the annual assessment against each lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period. Written notice of the annual assessment shall be sent o every Owner subject thereto. The due dates shall be established by the board of directors. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified lot have been paid.

Section 8. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any assessment not paid within thirty days after the due date shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of 6 percent per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the property. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his lot.

Section 9. Subordination Of The Lien To Mortgage. The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage. Sale or transfer of any lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any lot pursuant to mortgage foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer. No sale or transfer shall relieve such lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

## ARTICLE V ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

No building Fence wall or other structure shall be commenced, erected or maintained upon the Properties, nor shall any exterior addition to or change or alteration therein be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature kind, shape, height, materials, and locations of the same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing as to harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography by the Board of Directors of the Association, or by an architectural committee composed of three (3) or more representatives appointed by the Board. In the event said Board, or its designated committee fail to approve or disapprove such a design and location within thirty (30) days after said plans and specifications have been submitted to it, approval will not be required and this article will be deemed to have been fully complied with.

## ARTICLE VI GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Enforcement. Association, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this declaration. Failure by the Association or by any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

Section 2. Severability. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restriction by judgment or court order shall in no wise affect any other provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Amendment. The covenants and restrictions of this declaration shall run with the land, for term of twenty (20) years from the date this declaration is recorded, after which time they shall automatically extend for successive periods of ten (10) years. This declaration may be amended during the first twenty (20) year period by an instrument signed by not less than ninety percent (90%) of the lot Owners, and thereafter by an instrument signed by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the lot Owners. Any amendment must be recorded.

Section 4. Annexation. Additional residential property and Common Area may be annexed to the Properties with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members.

Section 5. FHA/VA Approval. As long as there is a class B membership, the following actions will require the prior approval of the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans

Administration: Annexation of additional Properties, dedication of Common Area, and amendment of this declaration of covenants, conditions, and restrictions.

## ARTICLE VII EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

In addition to maintenance upon the Common Area, the Association shall provide exterior maintenance upon each lot which I subject to assessment hereunder as follows: paint, repair, replace, and care for roofs, gutters, downspouts, exterior building surfaces, trees, shrubs, grass, walks, and other exterior improvements. Such exterior maintenance shall not include glass surfaces.

In the event that the need for maintenance or repair is caused through the willful or negligent act of the Owner, his family, or guests, or invitees, the cost of such maintenance or repairs shall be added to and become part of the assessment to which the lot is subject.

## ARTICLE VIII PARKING RIGHTS

Ownership of each lot shall entitle the Owner or Owners thereof to the use of not more than one (1) automobile parking space, which shall be as near and convenient to said lot as reasonable possible, together with the right of ingress and egress in and upon said parking area. The Association shall permanently assign one (1) vehicle parking space for each dwelling.

## ARTICLE IX PARTY WALLS

Section 1. General Rules Of Law To Apply. Each wall which is built as part of the original construction of the homes upon the Properties and placed on the dividing line between the lots shall constitute a party wall, and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.

Section 2. Sharing of Repair and Maintenance. The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party wall shall be shared by the Owners who make use of the wall in proportion to such use.

Section 3. Destruction of Fire or other Casualty. If a party wall is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, any Owner who has used the wall may restore it, and if the other Owners thereafter make use of the wall, they shall contribute to the cost of restoration thereof in proportion to such use without prejudice, however, to the right of any such Owners to call for a larger contribution from the others under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.

Section 4. Weatherproofing. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, and Owner who by his negligent or willful act causes the part wall to be exposed to the elements shall bear the whole cost of furnishing the necessary protection against such elements.

Section 5. Right To Contribution Runs With The Land. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this article shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors in title.

Section 6. Arbitration. In the event of any dispute arising concerning a party wall, or under the provisions of this article, each party shall choose one arbitrator, and such arbitrators shall choose one additional arbitrator and the decision shall be by a majority of all the arbitrators.