

Powhatan Crossing Homeowners' Association, Inc.  
Complaint Procedure  
Policy Resolution 2012-001

WHEREAS, in accordance with Va. Code Ann. § 55-530 E, Powhatan Crossing Homeowners' Association, Inc. (the "Association") is required to have a written process for resolving Association Complaints from members and citizens. The Association's Complaint Procedure shall conform to the requirements set forth in Va. Code Ann. § 55530, the Common Interest Community Ombudsman Regulations (the "Regulations"), and the Association governing documents, which shall not be in conflict with Va. Code Ann. § 55-530 or the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Directors to adopt a Complaint Procedure and Complaint Form that comply with Va. Code Ann. § 55-530, the Regulations, and the Association governing documents.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Powhatan Crossing Homeowners' Association, Inc. hereby adopts the following policy:

A. PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING AN ASSOCIATION COMPLAINT.

1. Members and citizens wishing to file an Association Complaint shall use the attached Complaint Form. All Association Complaints must be in writing.
2. An Association Complaint shall concern a matter regarding the action, inaction, or decision by the Board of Directors, managing agent, or the Association inconsistent with applicable laws and regulations.
3. The completed Complaint Form shall be delivered to the Association as follows:

Powhatan Crossing Homeowners' Association, Inc.  
Email (with return receipt request) to – [pcha.news@gmail.com](mailto:pcha.news@gmail.com)  
USPS official mail address – **PCHA, PO Box 5622, Williamsburg, VA 23188-5210**
4. The Association shall provide written acknowledgment of receipt of the Complaint Form to the complainant within seven (7) days of receipt.
5. The complainant shall describe the nature of the Association Complaint, including dates, locations and persons involved. The complainant shall include references to the specific facts and circumstances at issue. The complainant must set forth the specific documents, provisions, statutes or regulations that support his/her Association Complaint, and provide copies of any specific documents referenced. The complainant shall describe the specific action or resolution requested.

6. If the Association requires additional information that is necessary in order to continue processing the Association Complaint, the Association shall notify the complainant of the request within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of the completed Complaint Form. If the additional information is not received by the Association within ten (10) days of the Association's request, the Association shall send a letter notifying the complainant of the non-compliance, and close the Association Complaint.
7. Once the Association has received all of the requested information, the Association will schedule a date and time to consider the Association Complaint. Notice of the date, time, and location that the matter will be considered shall be sent to the complainant seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date.
8. After the Board of Directors makes its final determination, written notice shall be sent to the complainant within (7) seven days. The notice of final determination shall be dated as of the date of issuance and include specific citations to applicable Association governing documents, laws, or regulations that led to the final determination, as well as the registration number of the Association. If applicable, the name and license number of the common interest community manager shall also be provided.
9. The notice of final determination shall include the complainant's right to file a Notice of Final Adverse Decision with the Common Interest Community Board via the Common Interest Community Ombudsman and the applicable contact information.
10. A record of each Association Complaint filed with the association shall be maintained by the Association for one year after notice of the final determination is sent to the complainant.
11. Any correspondence required to be sent by the Association to the complainant, as set forth above, shall be hand delivered or mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the complainant at the address provided, or if agreed to by the complainant, by electronic means provided the Association retains sufficient proof of the electronic delivery.

**B. NOTICE OF ADVERSE DECISION.**

1. A complainant may file a notice of final adverse decision in accordance with Va. Code Ann. § 55-530 F concerning any final adverse decision that has been issued by the Association in response to an Association Complaint.
2. The notice shall be filed within 30 days of the date of the final adverse decision.

3. The notice shall be in writing on forms provided by the Office of the Common Interest Community Ombudsman. The notice shall include a copy of the Complaint Form, and supporting documentation, the final adverse decision, reference to the laws and regulations the final adverse decision may have violated, any supporting documentation related to the final adverse decision, and a copy of the Association's Complaint Procedure.
4. The notice shall be accompanied by a \$25 filing fee or a request for waiver.
5. The contact information for the Office of the Common Interest Community Ombudsman is as follows:

Heather Gillespie, Ombudsman  
Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400  
Richmond, Virginia 23233-1463  
Phone: 804-367-2941  
Email: [CICombudsman@dpor.virginia.gov](mailto:CICombudsman@dpor.virginia.gov)

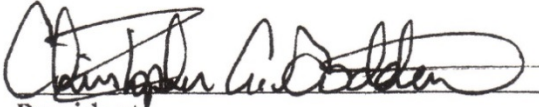
6. Upon receipt of the notice of final adverse decision from the complainant, along with the filing fee or a waiver of the filing fee approved by the Common Interest Community Board ("CIC Board"), the Office of the Common Interest Community Ombudsman shall provide written acknowledgment of receipt of the notice to the complainant and shall provide a copy of the written notice to the Association. The notice of adverse decision will not be reviewed until the filing fee has been received or a waiver of filing fee has been granted by the CIC Board.
7. Upon request, the Association shall provide information requested by the Office of the Common Interest Community Ombudsman within a reasonable time.
8. Upon review of the notice of final adverse decision in accordance with Va. Code Ann. § 55-530 G, if the Director of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (the "Director") determines that the final adverse decision may be in conflict with laws or regulations governing common interest communities or interpretations thereof by the CIC Board, the Director may, in his sole discretion, provide the complainant and the Association with information concerning such laws or regulations governing common interest communities or interpretations thereof by the CIC Board.
9. The determination of whether the final adverse decision may be in conflict with laws or regulations governing common interest communities or interpretations thereof by the CIC Board shall be a matter within the sole discretion of the Director. Such decision is final and not subject to further review. As set forth in Va. Code Ann. 55-530 E, the determination of the Director shall not be binding upon the complainant or the Association that made the final adverse decision.

C. NOTIFICATION OF COMPLAINT PROCEDURE.

1. The Complaint Procedure is available to all members of the Association and citizens upon request made to Powhatan Crossing Homeowners' Association, email – [pcha.news@gmail.com](mailto:pcha.news@gmail.com)  
USPS – PCHA, PO Box 5622, Williamsburg, VA 23188-5210
2. The Complaint Procedure shall be included as an attachment to the resale certificate or the association disclosure packet.

This Resolution is effective December 11, \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors on December 11 \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President

12-11-12  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

12/11/12  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### COMPLAINT FORM

This form must be completed and signed to have your complaint processed by the Association.

#### Contact Information

Name of Complainant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work)

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of communication:

- I request that you use my  email address or  
 certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to my address listed above.

#### Complaint

Please describe the nature of your complaint, including dates, locations and persons involved. You should include references to the specific facts and circumstances at issue. Please reference any specific documents, provisions, statutes or regulations that support your complaint. Please provide copies of any referenced documents or provisions of the documents. If the space below is insufficient, please attach a separate sheet of paper to this form.

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**Submission of Complaint**

Submit your complaint and all attachments via US Mail or email using the address below:

Powhatan Crossing Homeowners' Association, Inc.

Email (with return receipt request) to – [pcha.news@gmail.com](mailto:pcha.news@gmail.com)

USPS official mail address – **PCHA, PO Box 5622, Williamsburg, VA 23188-5210**

**Processing of Complaint**

The Association will acknowledge receipt of your complaint, in writing, within seven (7) days after receiving your complaint. If you do not receive acknowledgment of your complaint, please notify the Association immediately. If the Association requires any additional information to process your complaint, you will be notified in writing, within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of your completed Complaint Form. If the Association requests additional information you will have ten (10) days to deliver the additional information. The Board of Directors will notify you, in writing, of the date, time and location that your complaint will be considered. After final determination is made, written notice of the decision will be sent to you. All notices will be sent to you by electronic mail or mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, as you have selected above. If you did not select a preferred method of communication, notices will be mailed to you by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested

**Notice of Final Adverse Decision**

Pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 55-530F, you have the right to file a notice with the Common Interest Community Board (the "CIC Board") if you receive an Adverse decision from the Association. An Adverse decision means the final determination issued by the Association pursuant to the Association's Complaint Procedure that is opposite of, or does not provide for, either wholly or in part, the cure or corrective action sought by the complainant. In accordance with Va. Code Ann. § 55-530F, (i) your notice must be filed with the CIC Board within thirty (30) days of the date of the final adverse decision; (ii) your notice shall be in writing on forms provided by the Office of the Common Interest Community Ombudsman; (iii) your notice shall include copies of all records pertinent to the decision; and (iv) your notice shall be accompanied by a \$25.00 filing fee. Please note that the CIC Board may, for good cause shown, waive or refund the filing fee upon a finding that payment of the filing fee will cause undue financial hardship for the complainant. The notice shall be sent to the Common Interest Community Board, Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Maryland Drive, Richmond, VA 23233-1463. The phone number and email address for the Office of the Common Interest Community Board is (804) 367-8500 and [cic@dpor.virginia.gov](mailto:cic@dpor.virginia.gov)

**Required Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_   
Date

\_\_\_\_\_   
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_   
Signature

THIS PAGE IS FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Date Complaint Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Printed Name of Person Receiving Complaint:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Date Acknowledgment Sent to Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_  by email  by U.S. Mail

Signature and Printed Name of Person Sending Acknowledgment:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Date of Decision of Board of Directors: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Acknowledgment Sent to Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_  by email  by U.S. Mail

Signature and Printed Name of Person Sending Decision to Complainant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

*Tarley Robinson, PLC*  
*6/2012*