



## Special Meeting – Bylaws Amendment

### Tuesday, October 29 at 7PM

Dear Neighbors,

This serves as official notice that the Salem Square Board of Administration is holding a special meeting on Tuesday, October 29 at 7PM in the Clubhouse.

The proposal is to replace Bylaws Article V, Section 8, Subsection i.

#### **Remove**

A Co-Owner shall not place or cause to be placed in the public hallways, walkways, parking lots or other common areas or common facilities, other than a patio or balcony to which such Co-Owner has sole access, any furniture, packages or objects of any kind. The public walkways shall be used for no purpose other than for normal transit through them.

#### **Add**

The Board has the authority to regulate any objects, furniture, or items of any kind in the common areas or common facilities.

#### **Why are we proposing this change?**

After nearly two years of evaluation, we have determined that Bylaws Article V, Section 8(i) does not represent our community values. During this meeting we will discuss and vote upon repealing and replacing this section of the Bylaws.

Co-Owners have asked for this bylaw to be enforced, leading to new landscaping rules and the removal of objects from hallways. Once enforcement began, several Co-Owners complained against enforcement.

#### **How long will the meeting last?**

We expect this meeting to be around 30 minutes. We will not discuss any other topic than this proposal.

What about objects currently in the hallway?

We are not enforcing the removal of hallway objects until the results of the Special Meeting are confirmed.

How will this work?

The guidelines for changing this Bylaw are outlined in our governing documents. Of note, residents with account delinquencies are ineligible to vote. At the Special Meeting, 66% of Co-Owners, including proxies, must vote to approve the change. Votes do not count equally—they are weighed according to the percent valuation of each unit as defined in the Master Deed.

The proposal will be brought for discussion amongst residents. Residents will be able to comment on the proposal. Voting will then commence via paper ballot. The ballots will be counted at the meeting and the results will be announced.

What if I cannot make it to the Special Meeting?

You must assign a proxy and submit the request, in writing, to the Board by Tuesday, October 27 at 7pm. We have provided a form you can fill out. Proxies not submitted by Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> will be invalid. The vote will be final as of the meeting.

This is your community and it is your responsibility to participate in this process. We strongly encourage everyone to attend in person or, at the very least, to assign a proxy.

What happens if the amendment fails?

If 61 Co-Owners do not approve of the amendment, the Bylaw remains as-is and will be enforced as such. This means no objects of any kind will be allowed in hallways or gardens and will supersede existing Rules and Regulations.

Signed proxies must be submitted to the office no later than Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.



## **Proxy Form for Special Meeting on Objects**

By signing the below, I hereby authorize the following Co-Owner to vote on my behalf at the Special Meeting called on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. The vote cast by the assigned proxy is binding. I understand that my proxy will be invalidated if the assigned Co-Owner represents more than one other proxy, if I submit it after October 27<sup>th</sup>, or if I rescind the proxy via written letter to the Secretary.

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Proxy's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Proxy's Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

My Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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