

The Wilderness Property Owners Association, Inc.  
**DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY**

STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
  §     KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:  
COUNTY OF FREESTONE       §

WHEREAS, The Wilderness Property Owners Association, Inc. (the “Association”) is charged with administering and enforcing those certain covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in the Association’s Restated and Amended Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of The Wilderness recorded in Volume 01360, Page 00793, *et seq.*, of the Real Property Records of Freestone County, Texas (the “Declaration”); and

WHEREAS, chapter 209 of the Texas Property Code was amended effective January 1, 2012, to add Section 209.005(m) (“Section 209.005”) thereto regarding retention of Association documents and records (“Documents”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Association (“Board”) desires to establish a policy for document retention consistent with Section 209.005 and to provide clear and definitive guidance to owners.

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

1. Association Documents may be maintained in paper format or in an electronic format that can be readily transferred to paper.
2. Association Documents shall be retained for the durations listed below:
  - a. certificate of formation or articles of incorporation, bylaws, restrictive covenants, other dedicatory instruments and any amendments to same shall be retained permanently; and
  - b. financial books and records, including annual budgets, reserve studies, monthly financial statements and bank statements, shall be retained for seven (7) years (for example the July 2011 financial statements shall be retained until July 31, 2018); and
  - c. account records of current owners shall be retained for five (5) years (for example, invoice, payment and adjustment records on an owner’s account with a transaction date of 08/15/2011 will be retained until 08/15/2016 subject to section (d) below); and
  - d. account records of former owners shall be retained as a courtesy to that former owner for one (1) year after they no longer have an ownership interest in the property; and
  - e. contracts with a term of one year or more shall be retained for four (4) years after the expiration of the contract term (for example, a contract expiring on 06/30/2011 and not extended by amendment must be retained until 06/30/2015); and
  - f. minutes of meetings of the owners and the Board shall be retained for seven (7) years after the date of the meeting (for example, minutes from a 07/20/2011 board meeting must be retained until 07/20/2018); and

- g. tax returns and CPA audit records shall be retained for seven (7) years after the last date of the return or audit year (for example, a tax return for the calendar year 2011 shall be retained until 12/31/2018); and
  - h. decisions of the Architectural Control Committee or Board regarding applications, variances, waivers or related matters associated with individual properties shall be retained for seven (7) years from the decision date (for example, an application for a swimming pool approved on 10/31/2011 must be retained until 10/31/2018).
- 3. Any Documents not described above may be retained for the duration deemed to be useful to the purpose of the Association, in the discretion of the Board, its attorney or its managing agent.
- 4. Upon expiration of the retention period listed above, the Documents shall no longer be considered Association records and may be destroyed, discarded, deleted, purged or otherwise eliminated.

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

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Approved and adopted by the Board on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011.

THE WILDERNESS PROPERTY OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION, INC., a Texas nonprofit corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ §

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of The Wilderness Property Owners Association, Inc., a Texas nonprofit corporation, known to me 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 stated.

Given under my hand and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Texas

[Notarial Seal]

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

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Document was approved and adopted by the Board on 12/2/2011