

Copper Lakes Residents Update: 11.20.25

We are approaching the 1-year anniversary of the unprecedented actions taken by 3 of 5 members of the Copper Lakes HOA Board that removed long-standing voting rights from Copper Lakes residents and concentrated all decision-making authority in the hands of 3 members of the 5 member HOA Board of Directors.

To date we have not received notice of a scheduled date or time for our community-petitioned Special Meeting of Members to consider the adoption of three important amendments to our bylaws, submitted March 10, 2025, that reverse the actions of the 3-member board majority and protect our rights as Member-residents going forward.

We will continue our effort until the community's voting rights and checks-and-balances are fully restored to our HOA. We ask you to share this information with your neighbors broadly and continually so that all of our neighbors are fully informed on all that is at stake.

Below are the three proposed bylaw amendments submitted on March 10, 2025, to the HOA Board and Inframark, for a vote of the community at the requested Special Meeting of the Members:

(1) Article IV, Section 4.09: Removal of Directors

This community-proposed amendment to Bylaw 4.09 prohibits a 3-member board majority from removing an elected Director from the Board.

- *Adoption of this proposed bylaw amendment REVERSES changes made by a 3-member board majority in November 2024 and RETURNS the authority to remove a Director BACK to the Member-residents of the community.... which was what had been in place for our HOA for 30 years before November 2024.*
- *The November 2024 change to the bylaws was an egregious act by 3 of 5 voting board members and has negatively impacted the operations of the Board itself. Duly elected Board members are currently not able to lead with freedom of thought or speech for fear 3 other board members can and will remove them without notice, proven cause or due process, if they don't agree with the majority. Any director removed can then be replaced at will by the 3-member majority with no input from the Member-residents.*
- *The voice and vote of the residents are thereby muted or nullified unless we reverse their November 2024 action and adopt this community petitioned amendment.*

(2) Article III, Sections 3.05 and 3.07: Informal Action by Members and Proxies

This community-proposed amendment to Bylaws 3.05 & 3.07 allows all valid methods of voting to include proxies, absentee ballots, in-person voting and digital on-line voting, so that every Member-resident has free and full access to casting their vote.

- *Adoption of this proposed amendment REVERSES the November 2024 action by the 3-member board majority that granted themselves the authority to restrict the voting method for Member-residents to electronic means only, which is what they did in the last Board of Directors election.*

(3) Article XIII, 13.01: Amendments to Bylaws

This community-proposed amendment to Bylaw 13.01 grants the Member-residents as the ONLY authority to amend the bylaws AND prohibits the Board of Directors from amending bylaws without a vote of the community.

- *Adoption of this amendment returns our policy to what has been in place for 30 years, granting the Member-residents the sole authority to amend bylaws*
- *Adoption of this amendment prohibits the Board from changing bylaws without a vote of the community. It protects the community from actions such as their actions in November 2024 when the 3 of 5 HOA Board members voted to **change the bylaws** regarding who can remove a board member-- from a community-wide vote--to board-only vote requiring only 3 of 5 board members, in effect nullifying the member-residents election of a board member.*

We look forward to the Special Meeting of Members where a free and fair vote by the community on the adoption of these amendments can take place. When adopted, our governing documents will again protect the community from further unilateral changes and will be restored to the 30-year policy requiring Member-resident approval for all bylaw amendments.

Any member-residents not receiving these updates can be added by requesting such via copperlakesupdates@gmail.com