## REVISED PROPOSED REGULATION OF

## THE COMMISSION FOR COMMON-INTEREST

## **COMMUNITIES AND CONDOMINIUM HOTELS**

## LCB File No. R125-12

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 116.670.

A REGULATION relating to common-interest communities; revising provisions governing the subsidization of proceedings for the mediation or arbitration of certain claims involving residential property within a planned community; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- **Section 1.** NAC 116.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 116.520 1. The Division may subsidize proceedings for **[binding]** *mediation or* arbitration conducted pursuant to NRS 38.300 to 38.360, inclusive **[**:
- (a) For the parties that agree to binding arbitration; and
- (b) To], to the extent that funds are available in the Account for Common-Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels in the State General Fund for that purpose.
  - 2. A party who wishes to have a proceeding for *mediation or* arbitration subsidized must:
  - (a) Submit an application to the Division on a form prescribed by the Division;
- (b) File a claim for **[binding]** *mediation or* arbitration within 1 year after the date of discovery of the alleged violation; and
- (c) If the applicant is an association, be registered and in good standing with the Office of the Ombudsman for Owners in Common-Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels.

- 3. A unit's owner is eligible to have one proceeding for *mediation or* arbitration subsidized per fiscal year for each unit that he or she owns.
- 4. An association is eligible to have one proceeding for *mediation or* arbitration subsidized per fiscal year against the same unit's owner for each unit that he or she owns.
- 5. The funds used to subsidize a proceeding for *mediation or* arbitration pursuant to this section:
- (a) Must not be applied to the fee required when filing a written claim pursuant to NRS 38.320 or any attorneys' costs or fees associated with the claim; and
- (b) Must be the lesser of 50 percent of the fees owed by a party to the *mediator or* arbitrator or \$500.
- 6. The Division shall provide notice to [an] the mediator or arbitrator that a proceeding for mediation or arbitration may be subsidized by forwarding to the mediator or arbitrator a copy of the application received pursuant to subsection 2.
- 7. If an application for subsidy is approved by the Division, the *mediator or* arbitrator shall, within 10 business days after [his or her] the issuance of the mediator's statement concerning whether the mediation was successful or unsuccessful or the final arbitration decision, whichever is applicable, submit to the Division:
- (a) On a form prescribed by the Division, a request for payment of the cost of *mediation or* arbitration; and
- (b) [A] If a proceeding for arbitration is being subsidized, a copy of the final arbitration decision [] or, if a proceeding for mediation is being subsidized, a copy of the mediator's statement concerning whether the mediation was successful or unsuccessful.

- 8. The Division shall pay the cost of *mediation or* arbitration pursuant to this section at the time the Division receives a copy of the *mediator's statement or the* final *arbitration* decision, *whichever is applicable*, from the *mediator or* arbitrator, *whichever is applicable*, and issues a certificate pursuant to NAC 38.350.
  - 9. As used in this section, "arbitration" includes binding and nonbinding arbitration.