

**AMENDMENT #7: ENFORCEMENT**

*The Whispering Oaks Homeowners Association shall be authorized to enforce Restrictive Covenants within the Unit below (as shown on ballot).*

**Why is this amendment being proposed?**

Every homeowner is legally empowered to insist upon Covenant compliance, but only within his or her Unit. You could not demand remedy of a violation in a different Unit which may be directly adjacent to your property. This amendment seeks to enable WOHA and its attorney to provide community-wide assistance when called upon. You could petition its Board to assist you when all else has failed.

**Why should we centralize this community-wide assistance with WOHA?**

Because any homeowner can join or even lead the organization. Everyone has the option to get involved and ensure WOHA operates in a fair and prudent manner. And new rules can be established that mandate that community input be gathered before some types of actions are undertaken.

**Couldn't I simply rely upon homeowners in other Units to solve a violation which I can't?**

That's a real gamble. Some Units are comprised of just one or two households, and it's possible that none would be willing to step forward. If so, an intrusive violation could linger for years and there's nothing city staff or WOHA could do to stop it. And ultimately, most homeowners are reluctant to wrangle with neighbors or pay an attorney to get involved. But you may be able to convince the WOHA Board to tamp down a serious violation that poses a troubling precedent.

**How can I be assured WOHA wouldn't misuse an expanded power?**

Remember that homeowners within your Unit have always had to right to pursue you for a Covenant violation and convince WOHA to assist them with formal action. But that has happened very rarely in the organization's 50 year history. Our volunteers are your neighbors and they like getting all with y'all.

**Would WOHA pursue all violations submitted to it?**

No. The WOHA Board is not obligated to seek remedy of any violation brought to its attention. Requests for its support are considered on a case-by-case basis.