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Join our effort by signing up on our web site and receive all our communications and newsletters: no fee membership.

Write the <u>Colorado Information Office and Resource Center</u> and <u>legislators</u> about your concerns with HOA governance and homeowner's rights.

<u>Get our free brochures</u> on just about any HOA topic: read before and after you purchase your HOA home. Get informed, make better home buying decisions.

Before you pursue any HOA complaint, read your HOA governing documents, determine "what is" as opposed to what you "want things to be".



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HOA Sign/Flag Restrictions mostly a thing of the past

# What is an Apartment HOA Fee?



The money pit-falls of Boulder's permanently affordable housing within an HOA

Recall Board Members

Colorado Metro Districts Require Oversight

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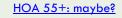
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Rules vs Covenants

Foreclosure Overview (right column)

"Open" vs "Executive Session" Meetings (right column)

## All About Foreclosures



Little Known or Discussed HOA Issues

Request a Presentation or a Zoom Call

<u>Buyer and Realtor Should be required to</u> read HOA Governing Documents Prior to closing

HOA Reserve Funds: an ever present flaw with HOAs (HB 22-1387)

Court Rejects Owner's Affirmative Defenses and Orders Owner to Remove Unapproved Wall Constructed in Front Yard

#### Call to Action: write us

If you have/had issues with Liens, Super-liens, Foreclosures, home sale transfer fees and/or access to HOA records <u>LET US KNOW.</u> We are involved in several studies and legal issues and <u>homeowner feedback is essential</u>.







Read your HOA Governing Documents to understand the covenants, controls and restrictions prior to pursuing any complaint!



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How to make voluntary HOA assessments mandatory

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Worth Repeating: HOA Management Companies Don't **Own Your Governing Documents, Financial Information**, Homeowner Account Data, etc.

HOAs Right of entry into your home

Are HOAs Racist?

Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) for Board Members insulting, guestionable use and likely illegal



HOA Home Sale Transfer Fees: become an expert on this misunderstood and abusive fee

If you or anyone you know has paid an HOA Transfer Fee when they sold their home in 2022 we want to hear from them. We will be pursuing full or partial refund of this fee through the court system over the next several months. We need home buyers/ sellers documents showing this charge and amount. Learn about this abusive, excessive and duplicate billing fee.

## **Small Claims Court for any and all HOA**

Homeowner Complaints: We are still pursuing this issue addressed in HB 22-1137. If you go to Small Claims and seek injunctive relief against the HOA this may not happen due to the confusing verbiage in this Bill. The HOA Office and the Small Claims Court in your area need to publish rules for Small Claims

Court use for homeowner has not detail. The will involve a recommend



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attorney as the HOA will have legal representation (expect to pay \$1,000++) and the HOA will incur several thousand in legal costs. If the HOA wins you most likely will pay their legal costs and if they lose the HOA homeowners will pay HOA and your legal costs: someone will pay for HOA legal costs. This process could skyrocket HOA legal costs for representation in Small Claims over any and all homeowner complaints. Before you use Small Claims (effective mid August 2022) call the court to find out if your case is acceptable.

Our HOA homeowner dispute resolution process, endorsed by several State studies, places this function within the State HOA Office, saves homeowners and HOAs millions each year, no cost to taxpayers or businesses, no costly attorney fees for nearly all complaints, total costs to file a complaint and get a decision \$50 or less, paid for with \$1.75 fee per home per year.. Read about this and ask your legislator to support us in this matter.

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Send us your ideas for topics to research and any criticisms or corrections to content on our website. Also, before going to a lawyer think about asking us for a comment. We try to keep homeowners out of court and provide options to your problems. We are not lawyers and we are not a substitute for legal counsel but can provide insight on your issue based others experiences.