

## MEADOW COURT CONDOMINIUM 12 Meadow Avenue Bronxville, New York

TO:

All Unit Owners

FROM:

**Board of Managers** 

RE:

RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE CONDOMINIUM

Date:

April 7, 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers of Meadow Court has voted to adopt a new rule pursuant to Rule #24 of Schedule A of the Meadow Court Condominium By-Laws.

#### The new rule is:

#### **RULE #27**

Any unit owner in violation of the leasing provisions of the Declaration and By-Laws will be subject to fine pursuant to Art II, Section 2, paragraph (m) of the By-Laws of the Condominium. The payment of such fines will not be construed to be permission to act in such a manner.

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Dated:	30 <sup>th</sup> December 2011		
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		Corporate Secretary	

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#### **Rental Status**

Currently, there are three Units rented in the residential portion of Meadow Court. The Board has received and approved requests from Myshalov, Ryan and Philopena to rent for an additional 2 years after their first 2 years of rental. Mangold, currently not renting, is aware of the requirement and should she decide to rent, she will submit a request to do so to The Board. Meanwhile, Myshalov will have rented for 4 years as of Dec 31, 2011. Hence the need for an Owner discussion now.

Given that prospective buyers agree to live by the Declaration, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations of the Condominium, we should be sure said buyers have read and digested what they are agreeing to.

We are an 'owner occupied' entity by Declaration "so as to promote the harmony, security and stability of the condominium, as well as to secure the optimum compliance with the condominium's By-Laws and Rules and Regulations."

To be discussed at Annual Meeting:

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**Rental Policy** 

Date:

4/14/2012 12:28:47 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time

From:

vandy.walker@gmail.com

To:

PIGLTD@aol.com

CC:

kathrynphilopena@yahoo.com, formerba@aol.com

Harrin,

Not sure how your Rental Memo may be structured but have the following 'talking point' to consider. Change the By-Laws to the following to ensure we maintain our intent of being an owner occupied building:

1. Owner in residence for at least 3 (5?) years. - obviously prevents buying and renting.

2. In any 10 year period, an owner may rent for a maximum of 6 years. - prevents continuous renting once an apt. qualified.

May have trouble getting six years from owners but worth a try. Co-ops, I believe - limit rentals to 2 or 4 years period.

3. No more than 4 apts rented at a time with the rule in place that longest rental up at end of lease...

#1 and #3 are new to our policy and should encourage owners to approve #2 also. Gets the Board out of the process - except for the APPLICATION review (include in memo also) and is fairly cut and dry. Vandy

Subj:

**Points of Clarification!** 

Date:

3/27/2012 12:23:06 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time

From: <a href="mailto:vandy.walker@gmail.com">vandy.walker@gmail.com</a>
To: <a href="mailto:plGLTD@aol.com">plGLTD@aol.com</a>, <a href="mailto:kathrynphilopena@yahoo.com">kathrynphilopena@yahoo.com</a>, <a href="mailto:formerba@aol.com">formerba@aol.com</a>
By-laws state \$5,000 limit is for Additions, Alterations, and Improvements. Board is to maintain and repair - i.e. eave is at our discretion.

Meanwhile, By-Laws written in 1974. \$5,000 then is \$20,800 today (\$4.26) according to Google.

Yes perhaps more communication needed but the above should be clarified with owners with 'today's' dollars discussed.

Meanwhile, let's hit Rental Policy head on to get it behind us.

Vandy

Subj:

rental rules

Date:

10/11/2012 11:45:01 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time

From:

vandy.walker@gmail.com

To:

PIGLTD@aol.com

Harrin.

Please come to meeting with a draft of Rental Rule Provision that would eliminate minority shareholders, trustees, trust beneficiaries... Rule to prevent circumventing our Owner Occupied intent.

Other changes will be:

1. Four year residency before an owner may rent.

2. Rent for two years in any ten year period.

3. Only four units to be rented simultaneously. Thank you.

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# RESIDENTIAL RENTAL POLICY SURVEY

Please return by mail to the Management Office, by e-mail (Harrin@platznerinternational.com), or fax (914-235-1037) or you may give it to Lugo for delivery to our office. Please respond no later than May

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The Board of Directors suggests: A. Three Years  B. Two years
C. Four years D. Five years E. Other
What percentage/number of the 26 Units should be rented at any one time?
The Board of Directors suggests: A. 20% or 5 units  B. 10% (2 units)  C. 15% (4 units)
D. Other
How many years may an owner rent?
The Board of Directors suggests: A. Same as existing policy (see above)  B. Two year leases with a maximum of 4 years in a 10 year period  C. Two year leases with a maximum of 6 years in a 10 year period
If the maximum number of units allowed are rented, should an owner who then wants to rent
The Board of Directors suggests: A. Be allowed to rent with the longest rented unit ceasing to rent at end of their lease
B. Be given precedent to rent as soon as the longest rented unit's lease is up  C. Have to wait until the longest rented unit has exhausted their right to rent
Comments: (below or on back)

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