

**COMPENDIUM OF EXISTING MANUFACTURED
HOUSING PARK LAWS THAT FOSTER RESIDENT
OWNERSHIP**

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CALIFORNIA:

Cal. Civ. Code § 798.80 (West)

§ 798.80. Offer to sell park or entry into listing agreement for sale of park; notice by owner to officers of resident organization

(a) Not less than 30 days nor more than one year prior to an owner of a mobilehome park entering into a written listing agreement with a licensed real estate broker, as defined in Article 1 (commencing with Section 10130) of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code, for the sale of the park, or offering to sell the park to any party, the owner shall provide written notice of his or her intention to sell the mobilehome park by first-class mail or by personal delivery to the president, secretary, and treasurer of any resident organization formed by homeowners in the mobilehome park as a nonprofit corporation, pursuant to Section 23701v of the Revenue and Taxation Code, stock cooperative corporation, or other entity for purposes of converting the mobilehome park to condominium or stock cooperative ownership interests and for purchasing the mobilehome park from the management of the mobilehome park. An offer to sell a park shall not be construed as an offer under this subdivision unless it is initiated by the park owner or agent.

(b) An owner of a mobilehome park shall not be required to comply with subdivision (a) unless the following conditions are met:

(1) The resident organization has first furnished the park owner or park manager a written notice of the name and address of the president, secretary, and treasurer of the resident organization to whom the notice of sale shall be given.

(2) The resident organization has first notified the park owner or manager in writing that the park residents are interested in purchasing the park. The initial notice by the resident organization shall be made prior to a written listing or offer to sell the park by the park owner, and the resident organization shall give subsequent notice once each year thereafter that the park residents are interested in purchasing the park.

(3) The resident organization has furnished the park owner or park manager a written notice, within five days, of any

change in the name or address of the officers of the resident organization to whom the notice of sale shall be given.

(c) Nothing in this section affects the validity of title to real property transferred in violation of this section, although a violation shall subject the seller to civil action pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 798.84) by homeowner residents of the park or the resident organization.

(d) Nothing in this section affects the ability of a licensed real estate broker, as defined in Article 1 (commencing with Section 10130) of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code, to collect a commission pursuant to an executed contract between the broker and the mobilehome park owner.

(e) Subdivision (a) does not apply to any of the following:

(1) Any sale or other transfer by a park owner who is a natural person to any relation specified in Section 6401 or 6402 of the Probate Code.

(2) Any transfer by gift, devise, or operation of law.

(3) Any transfer by a corporation to an affiliate. As used in this paragraph, "affiliate" means any shareholder of the transferring corporation, any corporation or entity owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the transferring corporation, or any other corporation or entity controlled, directly or indirectly, by any shareholder of the transferring corporation.

(4) Any transfer by a partnership to any of its partners.

(5) Any conveyance resulting from the judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure of a mortgage or deed of trust encumbering a mobilehome park or any deed given in lieu of such a foreclosure.

(6) Any sale or transfer between or among joint tenants or tenants in common owning a mobilehome park.

(7) The purchase of a mobilehome park by a governmental entity under its powers of eminent domain.

CONNECTICUT:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 21-70

§ 21-70. Disclosure statement. Rental agreements and renewals. Notice when home or lot located in common interest community. Adoption of rules and regulations. Documents filed with department. Notice of proposed land use change or sale. Purchase of mobile manufactured home park by association of unit homeowners

(a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,1 providing for a disclosure statement which shall be used by mobile manufactured home park owners. The disclosure statement shall be a plain language summary of the rights and obligations listed in this chapter and shall not add to or diminish the rights and obligations provided by this chapter. Such disclosure statement shall include at least the following information: (1) The monthly rental fee and all considerations payable by the resident to the owner; (2) the length of the rental term; (3) the amount of land granted by the rental agreement; (4) an enumeration of goods and services to be provided to the resident, including those goods and services to be provided free of charge; (5) notice if the owner plans to terminate the operation of the park during the term of the rental agreement; (6) a statement of conditions to be complied with by the owner and resident in the event of the sale of the mobile manufactured home by the resident, including aesthetic standards for resale, which conditions shall not be altered by the owner after the rental agreement has been entered into; (7) the rights of residents regarding eviction under section 21-80; (8) the rights of residents regarding the resale of a mobile manufactured home under section 21-79; (9) the rights of residents in the event that alterations of the rules concerning the resident's use and occupancy of the premises under subsection (b) of this section are to be made; (10) notice that outstanding property taxes may be owed on the mobile manufactured home; and (11) notice that there may be liens and other encumbrances on the mobile manufactured home and that the resident or purchaser should check with the town clerk, tax assessor and tax collector to determine whether any taxes are due on the mobile manufactured home and whether any liens or encumbrances on the mobile manufactured home exist. Owners shall provide each prospective resident, before any rental agreement is entered into, and each resident, at the time of the

1 C.G.S.A. § 4-166 et seq.

first renewal of his rental agreement which occurs after the effective date of the regulations providing for a disclosure statement, with a completed disclosure statement. No rental agreement entered into on or after the effective date of the regulations providing for a disclosure statement shall be enforceable until the requirements of this subsection are met. A copy of such statement shall be signed by the resident at the time of the rental, acknowledging receipt of a completed, signed copy and such completed, signed copy shall be kept on file by the owner for a period of four years after such resident vacates the park.

(b) No owner may offer a mobile manufactured home or a mobile manufactured home space or lot for rent without providing the prospective resident with a copy of an initial written rental agreement before the resident occupies such mobile manufactured home or lot. No owner may rent a mobile manufactured home or mobile manufactured home space or lot to a new resident until a written rental agreement has been signed by the resident and the owner. The initial rental agreement and all renewals offered to a resident by the owner shall be in writing. The term of each rental agreement and renewal shall not be less than one year unless the resident requests, in writing, a term for less than one year. If the owner fails to offer the resident a written renewal of a rental agreement, or if the owner offers a renewal but the resident fails or refuses to sign it, unless there is a disagreement as to the amount of the rent, the prior rental agreement shall be deemed to be extended for one year at the then prevailing park rental and the resident shall be bound by all terms of the prior rental agreement and any prevailing park rental adopted after the prior rental and all rules and regulations properly applicable to such prior rental agreement pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. If there is a disagreement as to the amount of the rent, unless the owner terminates the lease and brings an action of summary process, the prior rental agreement shall be deemed to be extended on a month-to-month basis at the last agreed-upon rent, and the resident shall be bound by all terms of the prior rental agreement and all rules and regulations properly applicable to such prior rental agreement pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. In such an event, the owner may bring an action of summary process pursuant to section 21-80, or the resident may seek relief under section 47a-23c or sections 7-148b to 7-148f, inclusive, if applicable.

(c) Whenever a resident rents a mobile manufactured home or a mobile manufactured home space or lot in a mobile manufactured

home park which is also a common interest community from a declarant, successor declarant or person acting on the declarant's or successor declarant's behalf, such declarant, successor declarant or person shall, prior to entering into a rental agreement, provide the resident with a written notice that the mobile manufactured home or the mobile manufactured home space or lot is located in a common interest community.

(d) An owner, from time to time, may adopt a rule or regulation, however described, concerning the resident's use and occupancy of the premises. Such rule or regulation shall be enforceable against the resident only if (1) the purpose of the rule or regulation is to promote the convenience, safety or welfare of the residents, preserve the owner's property from abusive use or make a fair distribution of services and facilities held out for the residents generally; (2) such rule or regulation is reasonably related to the purpose for which it is adopted; (3) such rule or regulation applies to all residents on the premises in a fair manner, provided reasonable exemptions may be made for good cause; (4) such rule or regulation is sufficiently explicit in its prohibition, direction or limitation of the resident's conduct to fairly inform him of what he shall or shall not do to comply, and (5) the resident has written notice of such rule or regulation at the time he enters into the rental agreement or when such rule or regulation is adopted. A rule or regulation having the effect of substantially modifying the terms of a rental agreement previously entered into by a resident shall not apply to such rental agreement without the written consent of the resident.

(e) Each owner shall file with the Department of Consumer Protection copies of the park's rental agreements, aesthetic standards to be complied with by the owner and resident in the event of the sale of the mobile manufactured home by the resident, and rules or regulations concerning the resident's use and occupancy of the premises. Any change in the documents required to be filed under this subsection, other than a change in rent, shall be filed with the Department of Consumer Protection. No rental agreements, aesthetic standards, or rules or regulations, and no changes in the terms or provisions of such documents, other than a change in rent, shall be effective until such documents or changes are filed with the Department of Consumer Protection.

(f) (1) Any person making an application to appear before any municipal, state or federal agency with respect to any matter changing the land use of a specific mobile manufactured

home park shall give written notice of the application by first class mail addressed to the affected units of the park or by personal delivery to the units not later than seven days after its filing. The notice shall state the reasons for which the application was filed.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (5) of this subsection, any mobile manufactured home park owner who intends to discontinue the use of the land as a mobile manufactured home park or to sell land used as a mobile manufactured home park to any person who intends to discontinue its use as a mobile manufactured home park shall give written notice by first class mail addressed to each mobile manufactured home unit or by personal delivery to each unit upon such land if such transaction will entail the discontinuance of the use of the land for mobile manufactured home park purposes. If an owner of a mobile manufactured home has given the park owner written notice that the owner resides in a place other than the owner's unit, notice shall be sent by first class mail to the address so provided. The notice shall include a statement advising the recipient of the intended discontinuance of use or sale and, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (5) of this subsection, shall be mailed or delivered at least one hundred twenty days prior to the discontinuance of the use of the land as a mobile manufactured home park. The notice may run concurrently with the notice required by subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 21-80 or subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21-80. A copy of such notice from the park owner shall be sent to any association of residents of the mobile manufactured home park which has made a written request for such notice.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (5) of this subsection, within one hundred twenty days after the notice provided for in subdivision (2) of this subsection has been mailed, any association representing twenty-five per cent or more of the units in the park, including an association formed after the issuance of the notice, may notify the owner of the park that it is interested in purchasing the mobile manufactured home park. A copy of such notice may be filed on the land records of the town in which the mobile manufactured home park is located. If such notice is given, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (5) of this subsection, the association shall have three hundred sixty-five days after the notice required in subdivision (2) of this subsection has been given to purchase the park through negotiation or the method set forth in subdivision (4) of this subsection. Upon the request of the

association, the Department of Economic and Community Development shall assist the association in developing financing for the purchase of the park.

(4) If the association and the park owner cannot agree upon a purchase price, the association shall have the right to purchase the property: (A) If the association matches the essential provisions of any existing bona fide offer to purchase the park made by another potential purchaser which offer by such other purchaser the owner is prepared to accept; or (B) if there is no such offer, at a purchase price to be established by an appraiser chosen by the association and the park owner. If the two parties cannot agree upon one appraiser, either party may notify the other, in writing, of such disagreement, and the association shall choose an appraiser, the park owner shall choose an appraiser, and the two appraisers shall choose a third appraiser, which three appraisers shall establish a value of the park. If the park owner refuses to select an appraiser within fifteen days of such notice, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall choose an appraiser for the park owner. The costs of all appraisers shall be paid equally by the association and the park owner. Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (5) of this subsection, if, within three hundred sixty-five days from the mailing of the notice required in subdivision (2) of this subsection, no agreement for such sale signed by the association and the park owner has been filed upon the land records, or if the association has not filed a certified statement to purchase the park at the appraised value which value shall also be certified on the land records by the appraiser or appraisers, the right provided in this subsection to purchase the park shall be void and any recorded notice filed pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be void.

(5) In any case in which a mobile manufactured home park with two hundred or more units in which a majority of residents have been given written notice, prior to June 10, 1999, of the intended discontinuance of the use of the land as a mobile manufactured home park, regardless of whether one or more of such notices or the service of such notices is subsequently deemed invalid or ineffective, (A) any subsequent notice of such intended discontinuance that is given or required to be given after June 23, 1999, by the owner pursuant to this subsection, and (B) any notice given or action taken pursuant to this subsection after June 23, 1999, by any association representing twenty-five per cent or more of the units in the park shall be subject to the time limitations contained in this subsection that were in effect immediately prior to June 23, 1999.

DELAWARE:

Del. Code tit. 25, § 7026

§ 7026. Right of first offer; notice required before sale of manufactured home community

(a) Upon reaching a decision to sell, transfer, or convey all or part of a manufactured home community, the manufactured home community's owner shall provide notice of the home owner association's right of first offer to purchase all or part of the community to the community's home owner association if one exists, to the Delaware Manufactured Home Owners Association (DMHOA) or its successor, and to the Delaware Manufactured Home Relocation Authority (Authority).

(1) The Authority shall send, pursuant to § 7024 of this subchapter, an annual notice to all registered community owners, stating that the community owner is required to comply with the requirements of this section if the community owner decides to sell, transfer, or convey all or part of the community. In addition, the notice must state that every manufactured home community must be registered with the Delaware Manufactured Home Relocation Authority, and that all fund assessments must be paid to date prior to the sale, transfer, or conveyance of the community.

(2) The Authority shall notify the manufactured home community's owner if a home owner association for that community has been registered with the Authority.

(b)(1) A home owner who is a community owner, or an employee, agent, or servant of, or who has any business relationship with, the community owner may not directly or indirectly participate in the process, except that the home owner may vote. Nothing herein prevents a home owner association, after a vote of the members present, from excluding a community owner, or an employee, agent, or servant of the community owner from a meeting where confidential information relating to the home owner association's strategies in connection with the purchase will be discussed.

(2) There can be only one home owner association per community eligible to participate in the process of this section. That

home owner association must register with the Delaware Manufactured Home Relocation Authority as prescribed by the Authority. The first association to register in compliance with the requirements of this section will be the official home owner association eligible to participate in the process. In order to be eligible for registration with the Authority, the home owner association must adopt by-laws.

(c) If a home owner association wishes to use its right of first offer pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, either directly through a community owner or its designated agent, or indirectly through DMHOA or its successor or through the Authority, the association must have written bylaws. The bylaws of the incorporated home owner association will conform substantially to the material in the following model form:

"MODEL BYLAWS

OF

[INSERT COMMUNITY NAME] HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the corporation is "[INSERT COMMUNITY NAME] HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION", hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

The principal office of the Association is located at the home of the acting President of the Association, but meetings of members and directors may be held at places designated by the Board of Directors within the State of Delaware, [NAME OF COUNTY] County, where the manufactured home community is located.

The name and address of the Association's registered agent in the State of Delaware is as set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation.

ARTICLE II

CORPORATE SEAL

The corporate seal shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Association and the year of its incorporation.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERS

Each home owner of each home site, as defined in the record plan of the community on tax parcel maps, for as long as the owner is and remains as such, is automatically a member of the Association. At all meetings of the Association, the owner or owners of each home are entitled collectively to cast the vote or votes provided for by the Certificate of Incorporation for the Association and in these bylaws. The vote or votes may be cast in person or by proxy. The owner or owners of each home are collectively entitled to one vote on all matters. If more than one person holds an interest in a home, all persons holding an interest are members of the Association, and the vote for the home is to be exercised as they among themselves determine; but in no event may more than one (1) total vote be cast with respect to the home.

ARTICLE IV

MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. First Meeting of the Members. The first meeting of the Members shall be called by the initial Board of Directors for the purpose of nominating and electing a Board of Directors consisting of the owners of the community's homes. The initial Board of Directors shall send each home owner notice of the meeting at least [INSERT NUMBER] days before the meeting. The notice shall specify the place, day, and hour of the meeting and shall state that the purpose of the meeting is to nominate and elect a new Board of Directors. Nominations shall be accepted by the initial Board of Directors in any form up and until the time of the election. A list of nominations, including the offices in which the nominee is interested, shall be prepared by the initial Board of Directors. Elections shall be by ballot, by plurality vote. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in the governing documents, quorum requirements for nomination and election of the first Board of Directors consisting of home owners are satisfied if the meeting is properly noticed in conformance with this section.

Section 2. Annual Meeting of the Members. The members of the Association shall meet at least once each year, which means a period of 12 consecutive months, at a time and place established by the Directors, for the purpose of nominating and electing a Board of Directors, or replacements thereto, and conducting other business that may come before the meeting. Members of the Board of Directors must be members of the Association. Nominations may be by proxy received by the Board of Directors prior to the election of the Directors, and may also be made at the meeting. A list of nominations, including the offices in which the nominee is interested, shall be prepared by the Board

of Directors. The Board of Directors shall oversee the election. A Director shall remain in office until his or her replacement is elected. Elections shall be by ballot, by plurality vote.

Section 3. Special meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President, and must be called upon a request in writing or by the vote of the majority of the Directors, or at the request in writing of six (6) or more members of the Association.

Section 4. Notice of meetings. Written notice of each meeting of the members of the Association must be given by, or at the direction of, the secretary or the person authorized to call the meeting. Notice must be mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered by hand at least [INSERT NUMBER] days before the meeting to each member entitled to vote at the meeting, addressed to the member's address last appearing on the books of the Association, or supplied by the member to the Association for the purpose of notice. The notice shall specify the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting. No change in the time or place of a meeting for the election of Directors, as fixed by these Bylaws, may be made within the [INSERT NUMBER] days immediately before the day on which the election is to be held. In case of any change in the time or place for an election of Directors, notice must be given in person to each member entitled to vote, or be mailed to the member's last known post office address, at least [INSERT NUMBER] days before the election is held.

Section 5. List of members. The Secretary shall prepare a complete alphabetical list of members entitled to vote. The list must be open for examination by any member at the principal office of the Association and the place of election for [INSERT NUMBER] days prior to the election.

Section 6. Proxies. Each member entitled to vote is, at every meeting of the members, entitled to vote in person or by proxy, in writing and signed by the member; but no proxy may be voted after one (1) year from its date, unless it specifically provides for a longer period. A proxy is revocable at any time, and shall automatically cease upon conveyance of the home. The right to vote by proxy is subject to the right of the Board of Directors to close the transfer books or to fix a record date for voting members as hereinafter provided; and, if the Directors do not exercise this right, no vote may be cast at an election for Directors by anyone who has become a member of the Association within [INSERT NUMBER] days of the election. Only one (1) vote may be cast with respect to each home in the Community. If joint owners are unable to agree among themselves about how to vote on any given matter, they lose their right to

vote on the matter, in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of these Bylaws.

Section 7. Quorum. At a noticed meeting of members entitled to cast votes, or of proxies entitled to cast votes, 33% of the total votes constitute a quorum for any action, except as otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation or in these Bylaws. If, however, a quorum is not present at a meeting, the members entitled to vote have the power to adjourn the meeting, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum is present.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SELECTION; TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. The property and business of the Association shall be managed and controlled by its Board of Directors, consisting of three (3) or more Directors, not to exceed [INSERT NUMBER]. Except for the initial Board of Directors, Directors must be members of the Association.

Section 2. Election. At the first meeting of the members, as set forth above, the members shall elect the Directors for a one (1) year term. The Directors shall hold office until the next annual election and until their successors are elected and qualify.

Section 3. Removal. Any Director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members of the Association. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal of a Director, a successor shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board, though less than a quorum, by majority vote, and shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of the Director's predecessor.

Section 4. Compensation. A Director may not receive compensation for any service rendered to the Association. However, a Director may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties.

Section 5. Action taken without a meeting. Directors have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting which they could take at a meeting by obtaining the written approval of all the Directors. Any action so approved has the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the Directors.

ARTICLE VI

MEETING OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Regular meetings. After each annual election of Directors, the newly elected Directors shall meet for the purpose of organization, the election of officers, and the

transaction of other business, at a place and time fixed by the members at the annual meeting. If a majority of the Directors are present at that place and time, no prior notice of the meeting is required to be given to the Directors. The place and time of the meeting may also be fixed by written consent of the Directors.

Section 2. Special meetings. Meetings of the Directors may be called by the President on [INSERT NUMBER] days notice in writing or on [INSERT NUMBER] days notice by telephone to each Director, and shall be called by the President in like manner on the written request of two (2) Directors. A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time, without further notice, until a quorum is secured.

ARTICLE VII

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

Section 1. Powers. The Board of Directors has the power to:

- (a) exercise for the Association all powers, duties, and authority vested in or delegated to the Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of these Bylaws or the Certificate of Incorporation;
- (b) declare the office of a member of the Board of Directors to be vacant if the member is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors;
- (c) employ a manager, an independent contractor, or other employees as the Board considers necessary, and to prescribe their duties;
- (d) close the membership rolls of the Association for a period not exceeding [INSERT NUMBER] days preceding the date of any meeting of members; and
- (e) purchase the community on behalf of the home owners.

Section 2. Duties. The Board of Directors has the duty to:

- (a) cause to be kept a complete record of all of its acts and corporate affairs, and to present a statement of its acts and corporate affairs to the members at the annual meeting of the members or at any special meeting when the statement is requested in writing by five (5) or more members of the Association;
- (b) supervise all officers, agents, and employees of the Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;
- (c) procure and maintain adequate liability and other insurance considered necessary or desirable in connection with the services to be performed by the Association under these Bylaws;

- (d) cause all officers, employees, or independent contractors having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as the Board considers appropriate; and
- (e) perform other duties as provided in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors may, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board of Directors, designate committees that the Board considers necessary or desirable. Each committee shall consist of one (1) or more of the Directors of the Board of Directors and other member(s) of the Association as designated by the Board of Directors in the resolution. Committees shall meet at stated times or on notice to all by any of their own number. They shall adopt their own rules of procedure. A majority of committee members constitutes a quorum; the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole committee is necessary in every case. A committee has and may exercise the powers of the Board of Directors to the extent provided in the resolution that establishes it.

ARTICLE IX

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The officers of the Association are a president, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and other officers that may, from time to time, be chosen by the Board of Directors. The president and vice-presidents must be chosen from among the Directors. The officers of the Association hold office until their successors are chosen and qualify in their stead. An officer chosen or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed with or without cause at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole Board of Directors. If the office of an officer becomes vacant for any reason, the vacancy must be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole Board of Directors.

Section 1. Duties of the President. The President is the chief executive officer of the Association. The President has the duty to preside at all meetings of the members and Directors; to have general and active management of the business of the Association; to see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect; to execute all agreements and other instruments in the name of the Association and to affix the corporate seal thereto when authorized by the Board of Directors.

The President oversees the general supervision and direction of the other officers of the Association to ensure that their duties are properly performed.

The President shall submit a report of the operations of the Association for the year to the Directors at their meeting next preceding the annual meeting of the members, and to the members at their annual meeting.

The President is an ex-officio member of all committees and has the general duties and powers of supervision and management usually vested in the office of the president of a corporation.

Section 2. Vice-President. The Vice-President or Vice-Presidents, in the order designated by the Board of Directors, are vested with all the powers and are required to perform all the duties of the President in the President's absence or disability, and shall perform other duties that may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. President Pro Tempore. In the absence or disability of the President and the Vice-Presidents, the Board may appoint from their own number a president pro tempore.

Section 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors, and all committee meetings. The Secretary acts as clerk of these meetings and shall record all of the proceedings of the meetings in a book kept for that purpose. The Secretary shall give proper notice of meetings of members and Directors, and shall perform other duties that are assigned to the Secretary by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer has custody of the funds and securities of the Association, and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Association in the depositories designated by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Association as may be ordered by the Board or President, taking proper vouchers for these disbursements, and shall render to the President and Directors, whenever they may require it, an account of all the Treasurer's transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Association; and at the regular meeting of the Board next preceding the annual members' meeting, a like report for the preceding year.

The Treasurer shall keep an account of the members of record in the manner and subject to whatever regulations that the Board of Directors may prescribe.

The Treasurer shall give the Association a bond, if required in writing by the Board of Directors, in sum and in form and with

corporate security satisfactory to the Board for the faithful performance of the duties of the Treasurer's office and for the restoration to the Association, in case of the Treasurer's death, resignation, or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money, and other property of whatever kind in the Treasurer's possession and belonging to the Association. The bond and security must, if required, be provided at the Association's expense. The Treasurer shall perform other duties that the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe or require.

Section 6. Delegation of duties. In case of the absence or disability of any officer of the Association or for any other reason considered sufficient by the majority of the Board of Directors, the Board may temporarily delegate the officer's powers or duties to any other officer or to any Director.

ARTICLE X

BOOKS AND RECORDS

The books, records and papers of the Association are at all times, during reasonable business hours, subject to inspection by any member. The Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Association are available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association. Copies may be purchased at a reasonable cost, to be determined by the Board of Directors, to defray copying and administrative costs, but not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00) for both documents.

ARTICLE XI

ASSOCIATION PAYMENTS

All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money must be signed by the President and the Treasurer, or by such other officer or officers as the members of the Association may approve.

ARTICLE XII

MEMBERS OF RECORD

The Association is entitled to treat the title holder or holders of record of any home as members in fact of the Association, and accordingly are not bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such home or memberships on the part of any other person, whether or not it has express or other notice thereof, save as expressly provided by the laws of Delaware.

ARTICLE XIII

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association begins on the first day of January of each year.

ARTICLE XIV

AMENDMENT

Section 1. Amendment. These Bylaws may be amended, altered, repealed, or added to at any regular meeting of the members or at any special meeting called for that purpose, by affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the Association.

ARTICLE XV

INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

All of the terms, conditions, matters, and information contained and more fully set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws are incorporated by reference.

ARTICLE XVI

MISCELLANEOUS

All reference herein to the masculine is deemed to include the feminine or neuter genders, and vice versa, as appropriate. All reference herein to the singular is deemed to include the plural, and vice versa, as appropriate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all of the Directors of the Association, have hereunto set their hands this day of, 20....

Witness:

_____	_____	Director
_____	_____	Director
_____	_____	Director

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the elected and acting secretary of the [COMMUNITY] Home Owners Association, a Delaware corporation, and that the foregoing Bylaws constitute the original Bylaws of the Association, as adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors thereof, held on the day of, 20....

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Association this day of, 20....

Secretary."

(d)(1) If the Authority has sent the required annual notice to a community owner and the community owner then decides to sell, transfer, or convey all or part of the manufactured home community, a right of first offer must be extended. If the Authority has informed the community owner that a registered home owner association exists in the community, the community owner must extend the right of first offer directly to the home owner association. The right of first offer must also be extended indirectly to the home owner association through DMHOA or its successor and through the Authority. The right of first offer must be sent by overnight service with signature receipt. Copies of the right of first offer must be sent pursuant to § 7024 of this subchapter to the Consumer Protection Unit of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Delaware and to each home owner in the affected community. If the Authority has not informed the community owner that a registered home owner association exists in the community, the community owner's notice to the Authority must include a list of the names and addresses of all home owners in the community. The Authority shall then, within 5 business days of receipt of the community owner's notice, send the notice to all home owners on the list.

(2) The notice of a right of first offer must state:

(A) that the community owner has decided to sell, transfer, or convey all or part of the community;

(B) the price and any special conditions material to the transaction for the sale, transfer, or conveyance of the community;

(C) all significant and material information, including operating expenses and other relevant operating and capital expenditure costs related to the community. The release of this information must be preceded by a signed reasonable confidentiality statement. The statement may include penalties for breach of confidentiality;

(D) that the information and confidentiality statement must be identical if a third party is reviewing the potential transaction;

(E) that the home owner association has 30 calendar days from the date of mailing of the notice to respond to the offer.

(e)(1) A home owner association must respond in writing to the notice of a right of first offer and send the response by overnight service with signature receipt within 30 calendar days from the date of the mailing of the notice sent by the community owner to the association. The response must clearly indicate that:

(A) the members of the association intend to accept the purchase price and any special conditions material to the transaction for the sale, transfer, or conveyance of the community, as described in the notice of right of first offer; or,

(B) the members of the association do not accept the price and any special conditions material to the transaction for the sale, transfer, or conveyance of the community, as described in the notice of right of first offer, but that they intend to offer to purchase the community at an alternative price; or,

(C) the members of the association have no interest in purchasing the community and that they do not intend to proceed any further in the transaction, or, if the members of the association do not respond, they shall be deemed to have notified the community owner that they have no interest in purchasing the community.

(2) An alternative offer of price for the sale, transfer, or conveyance of the community from the home owner association remains valid for 12 months, unless withdrawn by the home owner association in writing and sent to the community owner by overnight service with signature receipt.

(A) A notice to withdraw an alternative offer must be approved by the members of the home owners association. The approval percentage must be stated in the notice to the community owner.

(B) The community owner may not sell the community at or less than the price offered in the alternative offer from the home owner association during the 12-month period of the alternative offer, unless the offer is withdrawn as described in subsection (e)(2)(A) of this section.

(C) The community owner may accept an offer higher than the original price or the alternative price, if any, offered by the home owner association without further obligation to the home owner association, regardless of the 12-month period of the alternative offer, unless there are significant and material changes in terms and conditions. However, the home owner association must be given 7 business days to match the higher offer under the following circumstances:

(i) If the higher offer is less than \$40 million and the home owner association's alternate price is within 6% of the offer;

(ii) If the higher offer is \$40 million or greater and the home owner association's alternate price is within 4.5% of the offer.

(3) If the home owner association responds that it has no interest in purchasing the community, or fails to respond within the 30-day response period pursuant to subsection (e)(1) of this section, or fails to respond within 7 business days pursuant to subsection (e)(2)(C) of this section, the community owner may file an affidavit of compliance, pursuant to subsection (m) of this section, at the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in the appropriate county.

(4) Failure of the home owner association to accept the price and any special conditions material to the transaction for the sale, transfer, or conveyance of the community as stated in the notice of right of first offer, or failure to state an alternative price pursuant to subsection (e)(1)(B) of this section within the 30-day response period, or failure to respond within 7 business days pursuant to subsection (e)(2)(C) of this section eliminates the right of the home owner association to purchase the community during the remainder of the 12-month period that commenced on the date of the community owner's notice of intention to sell, transfer, or convey all or part of the community.

(f) If a community owner has decided to sell, transfer, or convey all or part of the community, the community owner and the home owner association shall negotiate in good faith for the sale, transfer, or conveyance of the community to the home owner association. If a party fails to negotiate in good faith, the court shall award reasonable attorney's fees to the prevailing party.

(g) If a home owner association gives written notice to a community owner within 30 calendar days of the association's intent to purchase the community at the community owner's specified price, along with any special conditions material to the transaction, or if the community owner agrees to sell the community at the alternative price offered by the home owner association, the home owner association has an additional 30 days to formalize the agreed price, terms, and conditions into a contract of sale. This 30-day period may not be used to re-negotiate the price, terms, or conditions agreed to during the first 30-calendar-day period unless mutually agreed to in writing. Time is of the essence. Failure of the home owner association to formalize a contract of sale during the 30-day period following an agreement of price, terms, and conditions eliminates any right of the home owner association to purchase the community during the remainder of the 12-month period that commenced on the date of the community owner's notice of intention to sell, transfer, or convey all or part of the community.

(h)(1) Upon a formalized contract of sale being signed by both parties, the change of ownership of the community must be completed within 90 days. Time is of the essence.

(2) The completion date may be extended beyond the 90-day period if both parties agree to an extension. However, neither party is obligated to agree to an extension. An agreement to extend the settlement date must be in writing and signed by both parties to the transaction.

(3) If, for any reason except default by the community owner, the home owner association and the community owner do not complete the sale within the 90-day period as specified by paragraph (1) of this subsection before the expiration of the extension period agreed to by the parties under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the right-of-first-offer obligations of the community owner to the home owner association are terminated, and the community owner may sell, transfer, or convey all or part of the community to any third party at the price offered in the right of first offer, or at a higher price or lower price, for the remainder of the 12-month period that commences on the date of the community owner's notice of intention to sell, transfer, or convey all or part of the community.

(i)(1) If the Authority has sent the required annual notice to a community owner and the community owner then decides to sell, transfer, or convey all or part of the manufactured home

community at auction, the community owner shall notify the home owner association directly of its intention if the Authority has informed the community owner of a registered home owner association in that community. The community owner's notice must also be sent to DMHOA or its successor, to the Authority, and to the Consumer Protection Unit of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Delaware. A copy must be sent pursuant to § 7024 of this subchapter to each home owner in the affected community.

(2) The notice of a community owner's intention to sell, transfer, or convey all or part of the manufactured home community at auction must be sent within 10 days after a date for the auction has been established and at least 60 days prior to the date of the auction. The notice must be sent by overnight service with signature receipt. The notice must state:

(A) the intention to sell the community at auction;

(B) the date, time, and place of the auction; and

(C) the terms of the auction, which must be similar to other auction practices and standards in the area.

(3) At least 60 days prior to a scheduled auction, the community owner shall provide all pertinent information directly to the home owner association if the Authority has informed the community owner of a registered home owner association in the community. Copies of the pertinent information must also be sent to DMHOA or its successor, to the Authority, and to the Consumer Protection Unit of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Delaware. Pertinent information, to be provided by third-party professionals, includes, but is not limited to, descriptions of topography, soils (including but not limited to a Phase I environmental soil study and a Phase II study, if required), flood plain study, wetlands study, water system, water quality, distribution system, sanitary survey, wastewater disposal, access, egress, and interior community roads, storm water drainage, electrical, telephone, and cable utility services, boundary survey, and home lot plan if available, along with a USGS plan, aerial photo, tax map, flood zone map, soils map, site photographs, and a future repair and capital improvement analysis. A community owner may not be held liable for misinformation provided by a third-party professional.

(4) Within 30 days of receiving the notice of the auction, a home owner association in the affected community may make an

offer to purchase the community. If the home owner association makes an offer, and the community owner accepts the offer, the parties shall negotiate in good faith for the sale, transfer, or conveyance of the community to the home owner association. If the community owner accepts the offer, a contract shall be formalized and ownership shall be transferred as provided in subsections (g) and (h) of this section.

(5) If the home owner association makes an offer to purchase the community within 30 days after receiving the notice of the auction sale, but the community owner does not accept the offer, the community owner may proceed to auction the community. The home owner association's offer must be the minimum bid at the auction and the community owner may not accept a bid of less than the home owner association's offer.

(6) If a home owner association participates in the auction process by providing deposit monies, if required, the home owner association has the right to purchase the community within 7 days after the date of the auction for 1% higher than the winning bid with the same terms and conditions. If a home owner association decides to purchase the community for 1% higher than the winning bid under the same terms and conditions, a contract of sale must be formalized within 20 calendar days, and the change of ownership must be completed within 90 days. However, if the home owner association does not participate in the auction process, or if the home owner association fails to respond within 7 business days and to formalize a contract within 20 calendar days, or to complete the change of ownership within 90 calendar days, the community owner has no further obligation to the home owner association.

(7) If the winning bidder does not complete the transaction, and if the association still does not have the next highest bid, and if the community owner still intends to sell the community to the next highest bidder, the association must repeat the procedure set forth in paragraph (6) of this subsection.

(8) A community owner has the right to accept or reject any auction bids.

(j) If a community owner intends to offer more than one community for sale in a single transaction, a simple majority of members of the respective home owner associations in Delaware must vote in the affirmative to support their letter of response to the community owner. If a community owner offers a Delaware community for sale, along with one or more communities not

located in the State of Delaware, the community owner must afford the residents of the Delaware community a right of first offer as prescribed by this section for their community, separate and apart from the community or communities not located in the State of Delaware.

(k) A home owner association may transfer or assign a right of first offer only to an organization formed or controlled by the home owners to assist only in the purchase and operation of the community. Therefore, other than the preceding condition in this subsection, a right of first offer is neither transferable nor assignable.

(l) If a community owner or a home owner association fails to comply with any provision of this section, either party has standing to seek equitable relief, including declaratory relief, injunctive relief, and the appointment of a receiver. The offending party is liable for actual damages. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that the offending party willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the requirements of this section, it is a per se violation of the Consumer Fraud Statute, Title 6, § 2511 et seq., and the aggrieved party may be entitled to recover treble damages. In any action under this section, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

(m) Affidavit of compliance with the requirements of this section.

(1) A community owner may, if appropriate under the circumstances, record in the Registry of Deeds of the county in which the community is located an affidavit in which the community owner certifies that:

(A) the manufactured home community owner has complied with the requirements of this section, and has included a copy of the notice sent to the residents of the community; or

(B) the sale, transfer, or conveyance of the community is exempt from this section, pursuant to subsection (n) of this section.

(2) A party acquiring an interest in a manufactured home community, and title insurance companies and attorneys preparing, furnishing, or examining any evidence of title, have the right to rely on the truth and accuracy of all statements appearing in an affidavit recorded pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, and are under no obligation to inquire further

as to any matter or fact relating to the community owner's compliance with the provisions of this section.

(n) Chapter 71 of Title 25 does not apply to the sale, transfer, or conveyance of manufactured home communities under this section.

(o) Right of first offer; exceptions to notice required before the sale of a manufactured home community.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a manufactured home community owner is not required to give notice of or extend a right of first offer to a home owner association, to DMHOA or its successor, or to the Authority under the following circumstances:

(1) a bank, mortgage company, or any other mortgagee has foreclosed on the community and the mortgagee is selling the community at a foreclosure sale, or is selling the community after having purchased the community at a foreclosure sale;

(2) the sale, transfer, or conveyance of the community is to a family member of the community owner on the modified Table of Consanguinity or to a trust, the beneficiaries of which are family members of the owner on the modified Table of Consanguinity; or the sale, transfer, or conveyance is to a family member on the modified Table of Consanguinity who is included within the line of intestate succession if the community owner dies intestate;

(3) the sale, transfer, or conveyance is by a partnership to one or more of its partners;

(4) the sale, transfer, or conveyance is between joint tenants or tenants-in-common;

(5) the sale, transfer, or conveyance is by gift, devise, or operation of law;

(6) the sale, transfer, or conveyance is pursuant to eminent domain;

(7) the sale, transfer, or conveyance is to an affiliate: An "affiliate" means any individual, corporation, limited partnership, unincorporated association, or entity which holds any direct or indirect ownership interest in the community; provided, however, that the notice and extension of the right of first offer provided for herein must be granted to a home owner

association where the majority interest in the ownership of the community or the power, directly or indirectly, to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies over the community, whether through ownership of voting stock, by contract, or otherwise, is sold, transferred, or conveyed to any individual, corporation, limited partnership, unincorporated association, or other entity which has not held such a direct or indirect ownership interest in the community for three (3) or more years;

(8) the sale, transfer, or conveyance is an exchange of the manufactured housing community for all, or substantially all, of other real property under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code or any other provision of the Internal Revenue Code that allows for exchanges or tax-free exchanges, regardless of whether the exchange also involves the payment of cash or other consideration.

(9) a change in use of the manufactured home community by the existing community owner.

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 Members

Numbers Show Degree of Relationship

				Great-Great 4
			Great 3	Great-Grand 5
		Grand Parents 2	Great 4	First Cousins 6
	Parents 1	Uncles/Aunts 3	First Cousins 5	
Home Owner & Spouse Or Community Owner	Brothers 2	First Cousins 4	Second Cousins 6	
Children 1	Nephews 3	First Cousins 5		
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FLORIDA:

Fla. Stat. § 723.071

§ 723.071. Sale of mobile home parks

(1)(a) If a mobile home park owner offers a mobile home park for sale, she or he shall notify the officers of the homeowners' association created pursuant to §§ 723.075-723.079 of the offer, stating the price and the terms and conditions of sale.

(b) The mobile home owners, by and through the association defined in § 723.075, shall have the right to purchase the park, provided the home owners meet the price and terms and conditions of the mobile home park owner by executing a contract with the park owner within 45 days, unless agreed to otherwise, from the date of mailing of the notice and provided they have complied with §§ 723.075-723.079. If a contract between the park owner and the association is not executed within such 45-day period, then, unless the park owner thereafter elects to offer the park at a price lower than the price specified in her or his notice to the officers of the homeowners' association, the park owner has no further obligations under this subsection, and her or his only obligation shall be as set forth in subsection (2).

(c) If the park owner thereafter elects to offer the park at a price lower than the price specified in her or his notice to the home owners, the home owners, by and through the association, will have an additional 10 days to meet the price and terms and conditions of the park owner by executing a contract.

(2) If a mobile home park owner receives a bona fide offer to purchase the park that she or he intends to consider or make a counteroffer to, the park owner's only obligation shall be to notify the officers of the homeowners' association that she or he has received an offer and disclose the price and material terms and conditions upon which she or he would consider selling the park and consider any offer made by the home owners, provided the home owners have complied with §§ 723.075-723.079. The park owner shall be under no obligation to sell to the home owners or to interrupt or delay other negotiations and shall be free at any time to execute a contract for the sale of the park to a party or parties other than the home owners or the association.

(3)(a) As used in subsections (1) and (2), the term "notify" means the placing of a notice in the United States mail addressed to the officers of the homeowners' association. Each such notice shall be deemed to have been given upon the deposit of the notice in the United States mail.

(b) As used in subsection (1), the term "offer" means any solicitation by the park owner to the general public.

(4) This section does not apply to:

(a) Any sale or transfer to a person who would be included within the table of descent and distribution if the park owner were to die intestate.

(b) Any transfer by gift, devise, or operation of law.

(c) Any transfer by a corporation to an affiliate. As used herein, the term "affiliate" means any shareholder of the transferring corporation; any corporation or entity owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the transferring corporation; or any other corporation or entity owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any shareholder of the transferring corporation.

(d) Any transfer by a partnership to any of its partners.

(e) Any conveyance of an interest in a mobile home park incidental to the financing of such mobile home park.

(f) Any conveyance resulting from the foreclosure of a mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument encumbering a mobile home park or any deed given in lieu of such foreclosure.

(g) Any sale or transfer between or among joint tenants or tenants in common owning a mobile home park.

(h) Any exchange of a mobile home park for other real property, whether or not such exchange also involves the payment of cash or other boot.

(i) The purchase of a mobile home park by a governmental entity under its powers of eminent domain.

Fla. Stat. § 723.075

§ 723.075. Homeowners' associations

(1) In order to exercise the rights provided in § 723.071, the mobile home owners shall form an association in compliance with this section and §§ 723.077, 723.078, and 723.079, which

shall be a corporation for profit or not for profit and of which not less than two-thirds of all of the mobile home owners within the park shall have consented, in writing, to become members or shareholders. Upon such consent by two-thirds of the mobile home owners, all consenting mobile home owners in the park and their successors shall become members of the association and shall be bound by the provisions of the articles of incorporation, the bylaws of the association, and such restrictions as may be properly promulgated pursuant thereto. The association shall have no member or shareholder who is not a bona fide owner of a mobile home located in the park. Upon incorporation and service of the notice described in § 723.076, the association shall become the representative of the mobile home owners in all matters relating to this chapter.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature that any homeowners' association properly created pursuant to chapter 715 prior to the effective date of this act be deemed an association created pursuant to the provisions of this section and have all rights and powers granted under this section and §§ 723.077 and 723.079. Any inconsistency in the provisions of the charter of such previously created homeowners' association shall be deemed amended to conform herewith.

Fla. Stat. § 723.076

§ 723.076. Incorporation; notification of park owner

(1) Upon receipt of its certificate of incorporation, the homeowners' association shall notify the park owner in writing of such incorporation and shall advise the park owner of the names and addresses of the officers of the homeowners' association by personal delivery upon the park owner's representative as designated in the prospectus or by certified mail, return receipt requested. Thereafter, the homeowners' association shall notify the park owner in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, of any change of names and addresses of its president or registered agent.

(2) Upon written request by the homeowners' association, the park owner shall notify the homeowners' association by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the name and address of the park owner, the park owner's agent for service of process, and the legal description of the park. Thereafter, in the event of a change in the name or address of the park owner or the park owner's agent for service of process, the park owner

shall notify in writing the president or registered agent of the homeowners' association of such change by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(3) The homeowners' association shall file a notice of its right to purchase the mobile home park as set forth in § 723.071. The notice shall contain the name of the association, the name of the park owner, and the address or legal description of the park. The notice shall be recorded with the clerk of the circuit court in the county where the mobile home park is located. Within 10 days of the recording, the homeowners' association shall provide a copy of the recorded notice to the park owner at the address provided by the park owner by certified mail, return receipt requested.

MAINE:

Me. Rev. Stat Ann. tit. 10, § 9094-A

§ 9094-A. Restrictions on sale when a mobile home park is sold

1. *Notice of offer to purchase the mobile home park.* Except as provided in subsection 3, if the owner of a mobile home park receives an offer to purchase the mobile home park and the park owner intends to accept that offer, the owner shall give 45 days' written notice to tenants of the mobile home park. The notice must indicate that the owner has received an offer to purchase the mobile home park and that the owner intends to accept that offer. During the 45-day notice period, the owner may not execute a contract for the purchase and sale of the mobile home park. The owner must mail by regular mail a separate notice to each park tenant.

2. *Option contract.* Nothing in this subsection prohibits the owner of a mobile home park from obtaining at any time from a buyer an option to sell the mobile home park if:

A. The option does not bind the owner who obtains the option to sell the park to the buyer; and

B. The option of the owner may not be exercised prior to expiration of the 45-day notice provided for in subsection 1.

3. *Exception; no change of use for 2 years.* The owner of a mobile home park may sell the park without notifying tenants in the manner provided by subsection 1 if the purchase and sale agreement for the mobile home park provides for a deed

containing a covenant, enforceable by tenants of the mobile home park, that forbids the purchaser from changing the use of the mobile home park for 2 years after the transfer.

4. *Enforcement.* A mobile homeowner, group of mobile homeowners or a mobile homeowners' association aggrieved by a violation of this section may bring an action in Superior Court against the violator for injunctive relief, damages and attorney's fees.

5. *Supplemental notice and use restrictions.* Nothing in this section prohibits the owner of a mobile home park from providing notice or establishing use restrictions in addition to those required under this section.

MASSACHUSETTS:

Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 140, § 32

§ 32R. Sale or lease of manufactured housing community; home owners' association; notice; right of first refusal

(a) A manufactured housing community owner shall give notice to each resident of the manufactured housing community of any intention to sell or lease all or part of the land on which the community is located for any purpose. Such notice shall be mailed by certified mail, with a simultaneous copy to the attorney general, the director of housing and community development, and the local board of health, within fourteen days after the date on which any advertisement, listing, or public notice is first made that the community is for sale or lease and, in any event, at least forty-five days before the sale or lease occurs; provided, that such notice shall also include notice of tenants rights under this section.

(b) Before a manufactured housing community may be sold or leased for any purpose that would result in a change of use or discontinuance, the owner shall notify each resident of the community, with a simultaneous copy to the attorney general, the director of housing and community development, and the local board of health, by certified mail of any bona fide offer for such a sale or lease that the owner intends to accept. Before any other sale or lease other than leases of single lots to individual residents, the owner shall give each resident such a notice of the offer only if more than fifty percent of the tenants residing in such community or an incorporated home owners' association or group of tenants representing more than

fifty percent of the tenants residing in such community notifies the manufactured housing community owner or operator, in writing, that such persons desire to receive information relating to the proposed sale or lease. Any notice of the offer required to be given under this subsection shall include the price, calculated as a single lump sum amount which reflects the present value of any installment payments offered and of any promissory notes offered in lieu of cash payment or, in the case of an offer to rent, the capitalized value of the annual rent and the terms and conditions of the offer.

(c) A group or association of residents representing at least fifty-one percent of the manufactured home owners residing in the community which are entitled to notice under paragraph (b) shall have the right to purchase, in the case of a third party bona fide offer to purchase that the owner intends to accept, or to lease in the case of a third party bona fide offer to lease that the owner intends to accept, the said community for purposes of continuing such use thereof, provided it (1) submits to the owner reasonable evidence that the residents of at least fifty-one percent of the occupied homes in the community have approved the purchase of the community by such group or association, (2) submits to the owner a proposed purchase and sale agreement or lease agreement on substantially equivalent terms and conditions within forty-five days of receipt of notice of the offer made under subsection (b) of this section, (3) obtains a binding commitment for any necessary financing or guarantees within an additional ninety days after execution of the purchase and sale agreement or lease, and (4) closes on such purchase or lease within an additional ninety days after the end of the ninety-day period under clause (3).

No owner shall unreasonably refuse to enter into, or unreasonably delay the execution or closing on a purchase and sale or lease agreement with residents who have made a bona fide offer to meet the price and substantially equivalent terms and conditions of an offer for which notice is required to be given pursuant to paragraph (b). Failure of the residents to submit such a purchase and sale agreement or lease within the first forty-five day period, to obtain a binding commitment for financing within the additional ninety day period or to close on the purchase or lease within the second ninety-day period, shall serve to terminate the rights of such residents to purchase or lease the manufactured housing community. The time periods herein provided may be extended by agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed to require an owner to provide financing to such residents except to the extent such financing would be

provided to the third party offeror in the case of a sale or lease for a use which would result in a change of use or discontinuance or to prohibit an owner from requiring such residents who are offering to lease a community to provide a security deposit, not to exceed the lesser of one-year's rent or the amount which would have been required to be provided by the third party offeror, to be kept in escrow for such purposes during the term of the lease. A group or association of residents which has the right to purchase hereunder, at its election, may assign its purchase right hereunder to the city, town, housing authority, or agency of the commonwealth for the purpose of continuing the use of the manufactured housing community.

(d) The right of first refusal created herein shall inure to the residents for the time periods hereinbefore provided, beginning on the date of notice to the residents under paragraph (b). The effective period for such right of first refusal shall obtain separately for each substantially different bona fide offer to purchase or lease the community, and for each offer substantially equivalent to an offer made more than three months prior to the later offer; provided however, that in the case of a substantially equivalent offer made by a prospective buyer who has previously made an offer for which notice to residents was required by said paragraph (b), the right of first refusal shall obtain only if such subsequent offer is made more than six months after the earlier offer. The right of first refusal shall not apply with respect to any offer received by the owner for which a notice is not required pursuant to said paragraph (b). No right of first refusal shall apply to a government taking by eminent domain or negotiated purchase, a forced sale pursuant to a foreclosure by an unrelated third party, transfer by gift, devise or operation of law, or a sale to a person who would be an heir at law if there were to be a death intestate of a manufactured housing community owner.

(e) In any instance where the residents of the manufactured housing community are not the successful purchaser or lessee of such manufactured housing community, the seller or lessor of such community shall provide evidence of compliance with this section by filing an affidavit of compliance with the attorney general, the director of housing and community development, the local board of health, and the official records of the county where the property is located within seven days of the sale or lease of the community. Any lease of five years or less shall specifically require that such lessee shall not discontinue or

change the use of the manufactured housing community during the term of such lease.

(f) In any instance of a sale or lease for which a notice from the owner of the manufactured housing community is not required to be, and is not, given under paragraph (b) and within one year of such sale or lease the new owner or lessee delivers a notice of change of use or discontinuance under paragraph (8) of section thirty-two L, such notice shall provide each tenant in the manufactured housing community with at least four years prior notice of the effective date of the proposed change of use or discontinuance.

MINNESOTA:

Minn. Stat. §§ 327C.095, 327C.096

§ 327C.095. Park closings

Subdivision 1. *Conversion of use; minimum notice.* At least nine months before the conversion of all or a portion of a manufactured home park to another use, or before closure of a manufactured home park or cessation of use of the land as a manufactured home park, the park owner must prepare a closure statement and provide a copy to the commissioners of health and the housing finance agency, the local planning agency, and a resident of each manufactured home where the residential use is being converted. A resident may not be required to vacate until 60 days after the conclusion of the public hearing required under subdivision 4. If a lot is available in another section of the park that will continue to be operated as a park, the park owner must allow the resident to relocate the home to that lot unless the home, because of its size or local ordinance, is not compatible with that lot.

Subd. 2. *Notice of hearing; proposed change in land use.* If the planned conversion or cessation of operation requires a variance or zoning change, the municipality must mail a notice at least ten days before the hearing to a resident of each manufactured home in the park stating the time, place, and purpose of the public hearing. The park owner shall provide the municipality with a list of the names and addresses of at least one resident of each manufactured home in the park at the time application is made for a variance or zoning change.

Subd. 3. *Closure statement.* Upon receipt of the closure statement from the park owner, the local planning agency shall

submit the closure statement to the governing body of the municipality and request the governing body to schedule a public hearing. The municipality must mail a notice at least ten days before the hearing to a resident of each manufactured home in the park stating the time, place, and purpose of the public hearing. The park owner shall provide the municipality with a list of the names and addresses of at least one resident of each manufactured home in the park at the time the closure statement is submitted to the local planning agency.

Subd. 4. *Public hearing; relocation costs.* The governing body of the municipality shall hold a public hearing to review the closure statement and any impact that the park closing may have on the displaced residents and the park owner. Before any change in use or cessation of operation and as a condition of the change, the governing body may require a payment by the park owner to be made to the displaced resident for the reasonable relocation costs. If a resident cannot relocate the home to another manufactured home park within a 25 mile radius of the park that is being closed, the resident is entitled to relocation costs based upon an average of relocation costs awarded to other residents.

The governing body of the municipality may also require that other parties, including the municipality, involved in the park closing provide additional compensation to residents to mitigate the adverse financial impact of the park closing upon the residents.

Subd. 5. *Park conversions.* If the planned cessation of operation is for the purpose of converting the part of the park occupied by the resident to a common interest community pursuant to chapter 515B, the provisions of section 515B.4-111, except subsection (a), shall apply. The nine-month notice required by this section shall state that the cessation is for the purpose of conversion and shall set forth the rights conferred by this subdivision and section 515B.4-111, subsection (b). Not less than 120 days before the end of the nine months, the park owner shall serve upon the resident a form of purchase agreement setting forth the terms of sale contemplated by section 515B.4-111, subsection (d). Service of that form shall operate as the notice described by section 515B.4-111, subsection (a). This subdivision does not apply to the conversion of a manufactured home park to a common interest community:

(1) that is a cooperative incorporated under chapter 308A or 308B;

(2) in which at least 90 percent of the cooperative's members are residents of the park at the time of the conversion; and

(3) that does not require persons who are residents of the park at the time of the conversion to become members of the cooperative.

Subd. 6. *Intent to convert use of park at time of purchase.* Before the execution of an agreement to purchase a manufactured home park, the purchaser must notify the park owner, in writing, if the purchaser intends to close the manufactured home park or convert it to another use within one year of the execution of the agreement. The park owner shall provide a resident of each manufactured home with a 45-day written notice of the purchaser's intent to close the park or convert it to another use. The notice must state that the park owner will provide information on the cash price and the terms and conditions of the purchaser's offer to residents requesting the information. The notice must be sent by first class mail to a resident of each manufactured home in the park. The notice period begins on the postmark date affixed to the notice and ends 45 days after it begins. During the notice period required in this subdivision, the owners of at least 51 percent of the manufactured homes in the park or a nonprofit organization which has the written permission of the owners of at least 51 percent of the manufactured homes in the park to represent them in the acquisition of the park shall have the right to meet the cash price and execute an agreement to purchase the park for the purposes of keeping the park as a manufactured housing community. The park owner must accept the offer if it meets the cash price and the same terms and conditions set forth in the purchaser's offer except that the seller is not obligated to provide owner financing. For purposes of this section, cash price means the cash price offer or equivalent cash offer as defined in section 500.245, subdivision 1, paragraph (d).

Subd. 7. *Intent to convert use of park after purchase.* If the purchaser of a manufactured home park decides to convert the park to another use within one year after the purchase of the park, the purchaser must offer the park for purchase by the residents of the park. For purposes of this subdivision, the date of purchase is the date of the transfer of the title to the purchaser. The purchaser must provide a resident of each manufactured home with a written notice of the intent to close the park and all of the owners of at least 51 percent of the

manufactured homes in the park or a nonprofit organization which has the written permission of the owners of at least 51 percent of the manufactured homes in the park to represent them in the acquisition of the park shall have 45 days to execute an agreement for the purchase of the park at a cash price equal to the original purchase price paid by the purchaser plus any documented expenses relating to the acquisition and improvement of the park property, together with any increase in value due to appreciation of the park. The purchaser must execute the purchase agreement at the price specified in this subdivision and pay the cash price within 90 days of the date of the purchase agreement. The notice must be sent by first class mail to a resident of each manufactured home in the park. The notice period begins on the postmark date affixed to the notice and ends 45 days after it begins.

Subd. 8. *Required filing of notice.* Subdivisions 6 and 7 apply to manufactured home parks upon which notice has been recorded with the county recorder or registrar of titles in the county where the manufactured home park is located. Any person may file the notice required under this subdivision with the county recorder or registrar of titles. The notice must be in the following form:

"MANUFACTURED HOME PARK NOTICE
THIS PROPERTY IS USED AS A MANUFACTURED HOME PARK

PARK OWNER

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PARK

COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION (IF APPLICABLE)"

Subd. 9. *Effect of noncompliance.* If a manufactured home park is finally sold or converted to another use in violation of subdivision 6 or 7, the residents do not have any continuing right to purchase the park as a result of that sale or conversion. A violation of subdivision 6 or 7 is subject to section 8.31, except that relief shall be limited so that questions of marketability of title shall not be affected.

Subd. 10. *Exclusion.* Subdivisions 6 and 7 do not apply to:

(1) a conveyance of an interest in a manufactured home park incidental to the financing of the manufactured home park;

(2) a conveyance by a mortgagee subsequent to foreclosure of a mortgage or a deed given in lieu of a foreclosure; or

(3) a purchase of a manufactured home park by a governmental entity under its power of eminent domain.

Subd. 11. *Affidavit of compliance.* After a park is sold, a park owner or other person with personal knowledge may record an affidavit with the county recorder or registrar of titles in the county in which the park is located certifying compliance with subdivision 6 or 7 or that subdivisions 6 and 7 are not applicable. The affidavit may be used as proof of the facts stated in the affidavit. A person acquiring an interest in a park or a title insurance company or attorney who prepares, furnishes, or examines evidence of title may rely on the truth and accuracy of statements made in the affidavit and is not required to inquire further as to the park owner's compliance with subdivisions 6 and 7. When an affidavit is recorded, the right to purchase provided under subdivisions 6 and 7 terminate, and if registered property, the registrar of titles shall delete the memorials of the notice and affidavit from future certificates of title.

§ 327C.096. Notice of sale

When a park owner offers to sell a manufactured home park to the public through advertising in a newspaper or by listing the park with a realtor licensed by the department of commerce, the owner must provide concurrent written notice to a resident of each manufactured home in the park that the park is being offered for sale. Written notice provided once within a one-year period satisfies the requirement under this section. The notice provided by the park owner to a resident of each manufactured home does not grant any property rights in the park and is for informational purposes only. This section does not apply in the case of a taking by eminent domain, a transfer by a corporation to an affiliate, a transfer by a partnership to one or more of its partners, or a sale or transfer to a person who would be an heir of the owner if the owner were to die intestate. If at any time a manufactured home park owner receives an unsolicited bona fide offer to purchase the park that the owner intends to consider or make a counter offer to, the owner is under no obligation to notify the residents as required under this section.

NEVADA:

**Nev. Rev. Stat. §§ 118B.173, 118B.177, 118B.180,
118B.183**

§ 118B.173. Notice of listing of park for sale; entitlement to notice

1. Any landlord who lists a manufactured home park or any part of a manufactured home park for sale with a licensed real estate broker shall, not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days before listing the park for sale, mail written notice of that listing to any association of tenants of the park that requested the notice. A landlord is not required to provide notice of a listing for sale that is not initiated by the owner of the park or his authorized agent.

2. To receive the notice required by subsection 1, an association of tenants of a manufactured home park shall:

(a) Submit to the landlord a written request for that notice;

(b) Furnish the landlord with a written list of the names and addresses of three members of the association; and

(c) Give written notice to the landlord that the tenants of the park are interested in buying the park and renew that notice at least once each year after the initial notice.

3. The provisions of this section do not apply to a corporate cooperative park.

§ 118B.177. Obligations of landlord before closure of park: Liability for payment of cost of moving or fair market value of manufactured home; notices; restrictions regarding increase in rent

1. If a landlord closes a manufactured home park, or if a landlord is forced to close a manufactured home park because of a valid order of a state or local governmental agency or court requiring the closure of the manufactured home park permanently for health or safety reasons, the landlord shall pay the amount described in subsection 2 or 3, in accordance with the choice of the tenant.

2. If the tenant chooses to move the manufactured home, the landlord shall pay to the tenant:

(a) The cost of moving each tenant's manufactured home and its appurtenances to a new location within 50 miles from the manufactured home park; or

(b) If the new location is more than 50 miles from the manufactured home park, the cost of moving the manufactured home for the first 50 miles,

including fees for inspection, any deposits for connecting utilities, and the cost of taking down, moving, setting up and leveling the manufactured home and its appurtenances in the new lot or park.

3. If the tenant chooses not to move the manufactured home, the manufactured home cannot be moved without being structurally damaged, or there is no manufactured home park within 50 miles that is willing to accept the manufactured home, the landlord:

(a) May remove and dispose of the manufactured home;
and

(b) Shall pay to the tenant the fair market value of the manufactured home less the reasonable cost of removing and disposing of the manufactured home.

4. Written notice of any closure must be served timely on each:

(a) Tenant in the manner provided in NRS 40.280, giving the tenant at least 180 days after the date of the notice before he is required to move his manufactured home from the lot.

(b) Prospective tenant by:

(1) Handing each prospective tenant or his agent a copy of the written notice; and

(2) Maintaining a copy of the written notice at the entrance of the manufactured home park.

5. For the purposes of this section, the fair market value of a manufactured home and the reasonable cost of removing and disposing of a manufactured home must be determined by:

(a) A dealer licensed pursuant to chapter 489 of NRS who is agreed upon by the landlord and tenant; or

(b) If the landlord and tenant cannot agree pursuant to paragraph (a), a dealer licensed pursuant to chapter 489 of NRS who is selected for this purpose by the Division.

6. A landlord shall not increase the rent of a tenant after notice is served on the tenant as required by subsection 4.

7. As used in this section, "timely" means not later than 3 days after the landlord learns of a closure.

§ 118B.180. Obligations of landlord for conversion of park into lots: Notices; offers to sell lots; liability for payment of cost of moving manufactured home

1. A landlord may convert an existing manufactured home park into individual manufactured home lots for sale to manufactured home owners if the change is approved by the appropriate local zoning board, planning commission or governing body. In addition to any other reasons, a landlord may apply for such approval if the landlord is forced to close the manufactured home park because of a valid order of a state or local governmental agency or court requiring the closure of the manufactured home park for health or safety reasons.

2. The landlord may undertake a conversion pursuant to this section only if:

(a) The landlord gives notice in writing to each tenant within 5 days after he files his application for the change in land use with the local zoning board, planning commission or governing body;

(b) The landlord offers, in writing, to sell the lot to the tenant at the same price the lot will be offered to the public and holds that offer open for at least 90 days or until the landlord receives a written rejection of the offer from the tenant, whichever occurs earlier;

(c) The landlord does not sell the lot to a person other than the tenant for 90 days after the termination of the offer required pursuant to paragraph (b) at a price or on terms that are more favorable than the price or terms offered to the tenant;

(d) If a tenant does not exercise his option to purchase the lot pursuant to paragraph (b), the landlord pays:

(1) The cost of moving the tenant's manufactured home and its appurtenances to a comparable location within 50 miles from the manufactured home park; or

(2) If the new location is more than 50 miles from the manufactured home park, the cost of moving the manufactured home for the first 50 miles,

including fees for inspection, any deposits for connecting utilities and the cost of taking down, moving, setting up and leveling his manufactured home and its appurtenances in the new lot or park; and

(e) After the landlord is granted final approval of the change by the appropriate local zoning board, planning commission or governing body, notice in writing is served on each tenant in the manner provided in NRS 40.280, giving the tenant at least 180 days after the date of the notice before he is required to move his manufactured home from the lot.

3. Notice sent pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 or an offer to sell a manufactured home lot to a tenant required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 does not constitute notice of termination of the tenancy.

4. Upon the sale of a manufactured home lot and a manufactured home which is situated on that lot, the landlord shall indicate what portion of the purchase price is for the manufactured home lot and what portion is for the manufactured home.

5. The provisions of this section do not apply to a corporate cooperative park.

§ 118B.183. Obligations of landlord for conversion of park to other use: Notices; liability for payment of cost of moving or fair market value of manufactured home; restrictions regarding increase in rent

1. A landlord may convert an existing manufactured home park to any other use of the land if the change is approved by the appropriate local zoning board, planning commission or governing body. In addition to any other reasons, a landlord may apply for such approval if the landlord is forced to close

the manufactured home park because of a valid order of a state or local governmental agency or court requiring the closure of the manufactured home park for health or safety reasons.

2. The landlord may undertake a conversion pursuant to this section only if:

(a) The landlord gives notice in writing to each tenant within 5 days after he files his application for the change in land use with the local zoning board, planning commission or governing body;

(b) The landlord pays the amount described in subsection 3 or 4, in accordance with the choice of the tenant; and

(c) After the landlord is granted final approval of the change by the appropriate local zoning board, planning commission or governing body, written notice is served on each tenant in the manner provided in NRS 40.280, giving the tenant at least 180 days after the date of the notice before he is required to move his manufactured home from the lot.

3. If the tenant chooses to move the manufactured home, the landlord shall pay to the tenant:

(a) The cost of moving the tenant's manufactured home and its appurtenances to a new location within 50 miles from the manufactured home park; or

(b) If the new location is more than 50 miles from the manufactured home park, the cost of moving the manufactured home for the first 50 miles,

including fees for inspection, any deposits for connecting utilities and the cost of taking down, moving, setting up and leveling his manufactured home and its appurtenances in the new lot or park.

4. If the tenant chooses not to move the manufactured home, the manufactured home cannot be moved without being structurally damaged, or there is no manufactured home park within 50 miles that is willing to accept the manufactured home, the landlord:

(a) May remove and dispose of the manufactured home; and

(b) Shall pay to the tenant the fair market value of the manufactured home less the reasonable cost of removing and disposing of the manufactured home.

5. A landlord shall not increase the rent of any tenant:

(a) For 180 days before filing an application for a change in land use, permit or variance affecting the manufactured home park; or

(b) At any time after filing an application for a change in land use, permit or variance affecting the manufactured home park unless:

(1) The landlord withdraws the application or the appropriate local zoning board, planning commission or governing body denies the application; and

(2) The landlord continues to operate the manufactured home park after the withdrawal or denial.

6. For the purposes of this section, the fair market value of a manufactured home and the reasonable cost of removing and disposing of a manufactured home must be determined by:

(a) A dealer licensed pursuant to chapter 489 of NRS who is agreed upon by the landlord and tenant; or

(b) If the landlord and tenant cannot agree pursuant to paragraph (a), a dealer licensed pursuant to chapter 489 of NRS who is selected for this purpose by the Division.

7. The provisions of this section do not apply to a corporate cooperative park.

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 205-A:21, 205-A:22, 205-A:23, 205-A:24

§ 205-A:21. Notice Required Before Sale

I. No manufactured housing park owner shall make a final unconditional acceptance of any offer for the sale or transfer of a manufactured housing park without first giving 60 days' notice:

(a) To each tenant:

(1) That the owner intends to sell the manufactured housing park; and

(2) Of the price, terms and conditions of an acceptable offer the park owner has received to sell the park or the price, terms and conditions for which the park owner intends to sell the park. This notice shall include a copy of the signed written offer which sets forth a description of the property to be purchased and the price, terms and conditions of the acceptable offer.

(b) To the New Hampshire housing finance authority that the owner intends to sell the manufactured housing park.

II. During the notice period required under paragraph I, the manufactured housing park owner shall consider any offer received from the tenants or a tenants' association, if any, and the owner shall negotiate in good faith with the tenants concerning a potential purchase. If during the notice period, the tenants decide to make an offer to purchase the manufactured housing park, such offer shall be evidenced by a purchase and sale agreement; however, the tenants shall have a reasonable time beyond the 60-day period, if necessary, to obtain financing for the purchase.

III. The notice required by paragraph I shall be served by certified mail, return receipt requested, to each tenant at such tenant's abode and to the New Hampshire housing finance authority at its main office. A receipt from the United States Postal Service that is signed by any adult member of the household to which it was mailed, or a notation on the letter that the letter was refused by any adult member of the tenant household, or that the addressee no longer resides there, or that the letter was returned to the post office unclaimed, shall constitute a conclusive presumption that service was made in any court action in this state. A receipt from the United States Postal Service that is signed by an employee of the New Hampshire housing finance authority shall constitute a conclusive presumption that service was made on the authority in any court action in this state.

§ 205-A:22. Penalty

I. The owner of a manufactured housing park who sells or transfers a park and willfully fails to comply with RSA 205-A:21

shall be liable to the tenants in the amount of \$10,000 or 10 percent of the total sales price. The total of damages to all tenants, in the aggregate, shall not exceed \$10,000 or 10 percent, whichever is greater, of the total sales price. This civil penalty shall constitute the sole and exclusive remedy for violation of RSA 205-A:21 and the failure by a park owner to comply with said section shall not affect the validity of any sale or transfer of title nor shall such noncompliance constitute grounds to set aside a sale or transfer in any court proceedings. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to permit a tenant to attach the real estate for the penalty established by this section.

II. Lack of knowledge of this section by a park owner shall not be deemed to be a defense to an action for damages based on failure to comply with RSA 205-A:21, I.

§ 205-A:23. Exceptions

Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 205-A:21, the owner of a manufactured housing park shall not be required to give notice to the tenants if:

I. A bank, mortgage company, or any other mortgagee has foreclosed on the park and said mortgagee:

(a) Is selling the park at a foreclosure sale; or

(b) Is selling the park after having purchased the park at a foreclosure sale.

II. The sale or transfer is to a family member of the owner or to a trust, the beneficiaries of which are family members of the owner.

III. The sale or transfer is by a partnership to one or more of its partners.

IV. The conveyance of an interest in the park is incidental to the financing of such park.

V. The sale or transfer is between joint tenants or tenants in common.

VI. The sale is pursuant to eminent domain.

§ 205-A:24. Affidavit of Compliance

I. A park owner may, as shall be appropriate under the circumstances, record in the registry of deeds of the county in which the park is located an affidavit in which the park owner certifies that:

(a) The park owner has complied with the requirements of RSA 205-A:21.

(b) The sale or transfer of the park is exempted from this chapter pursuant to RSA 205-A:23.

II. Any party acquiring an interest in a manufactured housing park, and any and all title insurance companies and attorneys preparing, furnishing, or examining any evidence of title, shall have the absolute right to rely on the truth and accuracy of all statements appearing in such affidavit, and shall be under no obligation to inquire further as to any matter or fact relating to the park owner's compliance with the provisions of this section. It is the purpose and intention of this paragraph to preserve the marketability of title to manufactured housing parks, and, accordingly, the provisions hereof shall be liberally construed in order that all persons may rely on the record title to manufactured housing parks.

NEW JERSEY:

N.J. Stat. Ann. §§ 46:8C-11, 46:8C-12, 46:8C-13, 46:8C-15, 46:8C-16, 46:8C-21 (West)

§ 46:8C-11. Landowner to notify homeowners' association of offer to sell; right of purchase

a. If a private residential leasehold community landowner offers private residential leasehold community land for sale, he shall notify the board of directors of the homeowners' association created pursuant to this act of his offer, stating the price and the terms and conditions of sale.

b. The affected homeowners, by and through an association duly formed in accordance with section 6 of this act, [§ 46:86-15] shall have the right to purchase such land, provided two-thirds of the unit owners in the private residential leasehold community have approved the purchase, and further provided that the homeowners meet the price and terms and conditions of the private residential leasehold community landowner by executing a contract with the landowner within 45 days of being notified

under subsection a., except as an extension of time may be mutually agreed upon by the landowner and the association; provided, however, that if there is no homeowners' association at the time a private residential leasehold community landowner offers private residential leasehold community land for sale and the landowner notifies homeowners individually as required under subsection b. of section 6 of this act, the period within which the terms and conditions of the private residential leasehold community landowner may be met by execution of a contract between the landowner and a homeowners' association shall be 60 days from the date of the notification of individual homeowners and at any time after notification to the landowner that a homeowners' association has been formed, in accordance with the provisions of subsection a. of section 7 of this act. [§ 46:8C-16] If a contract between the landowner and the association is not executed within that extension period, then, unless the landowner thereafter elects to offer the land at the same price or at a lower price than specified in his notice to the directors or trustees of the association, he shall have no further obligations under this subsection, and his only obligation shall be as set forth in section 3 of this act. [§ 46:8C-12]

c. If the landowner thereafter elects to offer the land at the same price or at a lower price than specified in his notice to the directors or trustees of the association pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the homeowners, by and through the association, shall have an additional 10 days after receipt of that offer to meet the price and terms of conditions of the landowner by executing a contract; provided, however, that if more than three months have elapsed since the receipt by the homeowners' association of the previous offer to sell the land under this subsection, the association shall have 30 days after receipt of the subsequent offer to meet the price and terms of conditions of the landowner by executing a contract.

§ 46:8C-12. Notification by private residential leasehold community landowner of receipt of bona fide offer to purchase; negotiation committee; consent required to constitute contract of sale

a. If a private residential leasehold community landowner receives a bona fide offer to purchase the land that he intends to consider or make a counter-offer to, he shall notify the directors or trustees of the homeowners' association within 10 business days of receiving the offer, if such an association has been formed in accordance with the provisions of sections 6

through 8 of this act [§§ 46:8C-15 to 46:8C-17, that he has received the offer. If a homeowners' association has not been formed, the landowner shall, within 10 business days, notify individual homeowners as required under section 6 of this act. The landowner shall not conclude any agreement to sell the land until after the 30 day period therein specified has elapsed.

b. Upon receipt of such notice the board of directors or trustees of the homeowners' association shall appoint from among its members a committee, not exceeding three persons, who may be assisted by such legal and other professional and technical counsel as the board may provide, to receive from the landowner the price and terms of the offer that has been made, and to negotiate the terms upon which the landowner would be willing to sell the private residential leasehold community land to the homeowners' association. Members and assistants to the committee shall be pledged to maintain in confidence any information disclosed to them by the landowner in the course of such negotiations. If any such member or assistant fails to maintain that confidence, the landowner may bring an appropriate action at law for damages or seek an appropriate equitable remedy.

c. Not later than the 30th day next following its receipt of offering terms pursuant to subsection b. of this section, or following a period of extension agreed to by the committee and the landowner, the committee appointed pursuant to subsection b. of this section shall report to the board of directors or trustees of the homeowners' association the price and other material terms upon which the private residential leasehold community landowner has agreed to sell the private residential leasehold community land to the association. In the absence of any agreement between the landowner and the committee, the landowner shall be deemed to agree to such sale upon the identical terms communicated by him to the committee pursuant to subsection a. of this section. The report of the committee shall include such supporting data and documentation as the committee and the landowner have agreed upon to be so submitted and authorized to be disclosed. The price and other terms so agreed upon and reported shall be binding upon the landowner for 10 days next following the submission of the committee's report, and if agreed to by the board of directors or trustees of the homeowners' association and consented to by two-thirds of the homeowners in that private residential leasehold community land shall constitute a contract of sale.

d. During the period provided for negotiations and for consideration by the association's board of directors or

trustees under subsection c. of this section the landowner shall not conclude any agreement for sale of the private residential leasehold community land to any other party, but may negotiate with any other party as to terms and conditions of such an agreement, contingent upon the failure or refusal of the homeowners to exercise their prior right of purchase under this act.

§ 46:8C-13. Sales or transfers not subject to §§ 46:8C-11 and 46:8C-12

The provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this act [§§ 46:8C-11 and 46:8C-12] shall not apply to:

a. Any sale or transfer of the property of a private residential leasehold community which is not made in contemplation of changing that property to a use or uses other than as a private residential leasehold community.

b. Any sale or transfer to a person who would be included within the table of descent and distribution if the landowner were to die intestate.

c. Any transfer by gift, devise, or operation of law.

d. Any transfer by a corporation to an affiliate. As used herein, "affiliate" means (1) any shareholder exercising control, or control through attribution as defined under section 318 of the Internal Revenue Code, of the transferring corporation; (2) any corporation or entity owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the transferring corporation; or (3) any other corporation or entity owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any shareholder of the transferring corporation. For the purposes of this subsection, control shall mean control as defined in section 304 of the Internal Revenue Code.

e. Any transfer by a partnership to any of its partners, whether general partners or limited partners, or partners or individuals to a corporation where the control of the corporation is substantially the same.

f. Any conveyance of an interest in a private residential leasehold community incidental to the financing of that community.

g. Any conveyance resulting from the foreclosure of a mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument encumbering a

private residential leasehold community, or any deed given in lieu of such foreclosure.

h. Any sale or transfer between or among joint tenants or tenants in common owning a private residential leasehold community.

i. The purchase of land of a private residential leasehold community by a governmental entity under its powers of eminent domain.

j. Any sale which occurs as a result of a condominium or cooperative conversion.

k. Any sale of real estate owned by the private residential leasehold community landowner which is adjacent to the private residential leasehold community land, but does not have appurtenant to it private residential leasehold sites or spaces or related recreational facilities.

§ 46:8C-15. Private residential leasehold community homeowners' association; establishment; voting; formation after receipt of notice of intent to sell

a. In order to exercise the rights provided in sections 2 and 3 of this act [§§ 46:8C-11 and 46:8C-12], the owners of homes in a private residential leasehold community shall form an association in compliance with this section and sections 7 and 8 of this act [§§ 46:8C-16 and 46:8C-17]. Such an association shall be organized as a corporation or association either for profit or not for profit, upon the consent, in writing, of two-thirds of the owners of homes in the community to become members or shareholders therein. For the purposes of this act, whenever the consent of homeowners is required on any question, there shall be counted only one vote for each dwelling unit. Upon consent by two-thirds of the homeowners, all consenting homeowners shall become members of the association and shall be bound by the provisions of the articles of incorporation, the bylaws of the association, and such restrictions as may be properly promulgated pursuant thereto. Upon incorporation and service of the notice described in section 7 of this act, the association shall become the representative of the homeowners in all matters relating to the provisions of this act.

b. If at the time when a landowner determines to offer private residential leasehold community land for sale, or receives a bona fide offer from a prospective purchaser, there

is no homeowners' association then in being in the private residential leasehold community, the landowner shall, at least 15 days before proceeding to make such offer of sale, or within 10 business days of receiving such a bona fide offer, as the case may be, notify in writing each owner of a home within the private residential leasehold community that he intends doing so. If, after receipt of such individual notices and within the period fixed by subsection b. of section 2 of this act for execution of a contract, a homeowners' association is formed pursuant to this act, the association so formed shall exercise and perform all the rights, duties and functions provided in this act on and from the day on which notification is made to the private residential leasehold community landowner pursuant to section 7 of this act.

§ 46:8C-16. Notice to landowner of establishment of homeowners' association; filing of notice of rights with county clerk

a. Upon receipt of its certificate of incorporation, or, if the homeowners' association does not incorporate, upon its establishment, the homeowners' association shall notify the landowner in writing of such incorporation, or establishment, as appropriate, and shall advise the landowner of the names and addresses of the officers of the homeowners' association by personal delivery upon the landowner or by certified mail, return receipt requested.

b. The homeowners' association shall file with the clerk of the county in which the private residential leasehold community is located a notice of its rights under sections 2 and 3 of this act [§§ 46:8C-11 and 46:8C-12]. The notice shall contain the name of the association, the name of the landowner, and the address or legal description of the land. Within 10 days of the recording of the notice, the association shall provide a copy of the recorded notice to the landowner, at the address provided by the landowner, by certified mail, return receipt requested.

§ 46:8C-21. No action by state or local governments on application for variance without determination of existence of alternative relocation facilities

No agency of municipal, county or State government, or of any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall approve or take any other final action upon any application for a variance which would result in the removal of homes or relocation of homeowners residing in a private residential leasehold community, without

first determining that adequate private residential facilities and circumstances exist for the relocation of those homeowners.

NEW YORK

New York Real. Prop. Law § 233-a

§ 233-a. Sale of manufactured home parks

1. Whenever used in this section:

(a) The term "notify" shall mean the placing of a notice in the United States mail, addressed to the officers of the manufactured homeowners' association or the manufactured home park owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, or personal delivery upon the officers of the manufactured homeowners' association, or if no manufactured homeowners' association exists, upon all manufactured homeowners in the manufactured home park or the manufactured home park owner. Each such notice shall be deemed to have been given upon the deposit of the notice in the United States mail or upon receipt of personal delivery.

(b) The term "manufactured homeowners' association", whether incorporated or not, shall mean an association of at least fifty-one percent of all manufactured homeowners within the manufactured home park, who shall have given written consent to forming a manufactured homeowners' association, and which association has notified the park owner of its establishment and has provided to the park owner the names and addresses of the officers of such association. The provisions of section two hundred twenty-three-b of this article shall apply to the formation of a manufactured homeowners' association.

2. (a) If a manufactured home park owner receives a bona fide offer to purchase a manufactured home park that such manufactured home park owner intends to accept, such manufactured home park owner shall require the prospective purchaser to provide, in writing, the certification required by paragraph (b) of this subdivision, and shall not accept any offer to purchase, nor respond with a counteroffer until such manufactured home park owner has received such certification.

(b) A purchaser seeking to purchase a manufactured home park, or the land upon which a manufactured home park is located, shall provide such owner with a written letter certifying whether or

not the purchaser will, upon the closing of the sale of the park, or within sixty months of such closing, give the notice required pursuant to paragraph six of subdivision b of section two hundred thirty-three of this article, of its intention to use the land upon which the manufactured home park is located for a purpose other than manufactured home lot rentals.

(c) If a manufactured home park owner receives a bona fide offer to purchase a manufactured home park that such manufactured home park owner intends to respond to with a counteroffer, such counteroffer shall include a notice stating that such counteroffer shall be subject to the right of the homeowners of the manufactured home park to purchase the manufactured home park pursuant to this subdivision. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, every acceptance of a counteroffer by a prospective purchaser of a manufactured home park shall be deemed to be subject to the right of the homeowners of the manufactured home park to purchase the manufactured home park pursuant to this subdivision if the purchaser certifies pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision that he or she intends to change the use of the land.

3. (a) If a manufactured home park owner receives a bona fide offer to purchase a manufactured home park that such manufactured home park owner intends to accept or respond to with a counteroffer, and the purchaser has certified pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision two of this section that he intends to change the use of the land, such manufactured home park owner shall notify:

(i) the officers of the manufactured homeowners' association within such park of the offer to purchase and all the terms thereof; provided that the park owner has been notified of the establishment of a manufactured homeowners' association and been provided with the names and addresses of the officers of such association; or

(ii) if no homeowners' association exists, all manufactured homeowners in the manufactured home park.

(b) The manufactured home park owner's notification shall state the price and terms and conditions of sale or, in the case where such manufactured home park owner intends to make a counteroffer, the price and material terms and conditions upon which such manufactured home park owner would sell the park.

(c)(i) If a manufactured homeowners' association exists at the time of the offer, the association shall have the right to purchase the park; provided that the association shall have delivered to the manufactured home park owner an executed offer to purchase which meets the identical price, terms, and conditions of the offer or counteroffer provided in the notice of the manufactured home park owner within one hundred twenty days of receipt of notice from the manufactured home park owner, unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

(ii) If an offer to purchase by the association is not delivered within such one hundred twenty day period, then, unless the park owner thereafter elects to offer to sell the park at a price lower than the price specified in the notice to the homeowners' association or at terms substantially different from those presented to the association, the park owner has no further obligations under this section.

(iii) If the park owner, after such one hundred twenty day period, elects to offer to sell the park at a price lower than the price specified in the notice given or at terms substantially different from those previously presented to the association, then the association shall be entitled to notice thereof and shall have an additional ten days after receipt of notice of the revised terms to deliver to the park owner an executed offer to purchase which meets the revised price, terms, and conditions as presented by the park owner.

(d)(i) If there is no existing homeowners' association at the time of the offer, the homeowners shall have the right to purchase the park; provided the following conditions are met:

(A) The manufactured homeowners shall have the right to form a manufactured homeowners' association, whether incorporated or not.

(B) Such homeowners' association shall include at least fifty-one percent of all manufactured homeowners, who shall have given written consent to forming a manufactured homeowners' association. The provisions of section two hundred twenty-three-b of this article shall apply to the formation of a manufactured homeowners' association.

(C) The association, acting through its officers, shall have given notice to the park owner of its formation, the names and addresses of its officers, and delivered an executed offer to purchase the park at the identical price, terms, and conditions

of the offer presented in the notification given by the park owner within one hundred twenty days of receipt of notice from the park owner, unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

(ii) If the homeowners fail to form a manufactured homeowners' association, or if upon the formation of a manufactured homeowners' association, the association does not deliver an executed offer to purchase as set forth in paragraph (a) of this subdivision within the one hundred twenty day period, then, unless the park owner elects to offer the park at a price lower than the price specified in the notice previously presented to the homeowners, the park owner has no further obligation under this section; and

(iii) If the park owner thereafter elects to sell the park at a price lower than the price specified in the notice to the homeowners or at terms substantially different from those previously presented, then the association shall have an additional ten days after receipt of notice of the revised terms to deliver to the park owner an executed offer to purchase which meets the revised price, terms, and conditions as presented by the park owner.

3. This section does not apply to:

(a) Any conveyance of an interest in a manufactured home park incidental to the financing of such manufactured home park.

(b) The purchase of a manufactured home park by a governmental entity under its powers of eminent domain.

4. Nothing in this section shall be construed to compel the manufactured home park owner to divide the land and sell it to individual manufactured homeowners.

[Effective Jan. 1, 2009]

NORTH CAROLINA:

N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 105-130.5, 105-134.6

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150-130.5. Adjustments to federal taxable income in determining State net income

(b) The following deductions from federal taxable income shall be made in determining State net income: ...

(24) Five percent (5%) of the gross purchase price of a qualified sale of a manufactured home community. A qualified sale is a transfer of land comprising a manufactured home community in a single purchase to a group composed of a majority of the manufactured home community leaseholders or to a nonprofit organization that represents such a group. To be eligible for this deduction, a taxpayer must give notice of the sale to the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency under G.S. 42-14.3.

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150-134.6. Adjustments to taxable income

(b) Deductions.--The following deductions from taxable income shall be made in calculating North Carolina taxable income, to the extent each item is included in taxable income: ...

(19) Five percent (5%) of the gross purchase price of a qualified sale of a manufactured home community. A qualified sale is a transfer of land comprising a manufactured home community in a single purchase to a group composed of a majority of the manufactured home community leaseholders or to a nonprofit organization that represents such a group. To be eligible for this deduction, a taxpayer must give notice of the sale to the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency under G.S. 42-14.3.

[Both North Carolina provisions are effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, and expire for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.]

OREGON:

Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 90.760, 90.800, 90.810, 90.815, 90.820, 316.791

§ 90.760. Listing agreement for sale of facility; notice to tenants' association

(1) A tenants' association or a facility purchase association may give written notice to the landlord of a facility in which some or all of the members of the associations reside as tenants requesting that the associations be notified, by first class mail to no more than three specified persons and addresses for each association, in the event the facility

becomes subject to a listing agreement for the sale of all or part of the facility.

(2) If an association requests notice pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the landlord shall give written notice to the persons and addresses designated in the request as soon as all or any portion of the facility becomes subject to a listing agreement entered into by or on behalf of the owner.

§ 90.800. Findings; state policy; purpose

(1) The State of Oregon encourages affordable housing options for all Oregonians. One housing alternative chosen by many Oregonians is facility living. The Legislative Assembly finds that many facility residents would like to join together to purchase the facility in which they live in order to have greater control over the costs and environment of their housing. The Legislative Assembly also finds that current market conditions place residents at a disadvantage with other potential investors in the purchase of facilities.

(2) It is the policy of the State of Oregon to encourage facility residents to participate in the housing marketplace by insuring that technical assistance, financing opportunities, notice of sale of facilities and the option to purchase facilities are made available to residents who choose to participate in the purchase of a facility.

(3) The purpose of ORS 90.100, 90.630, 90.760, 90.800 to 90.840, 308.905, 446.003, 456.579 and 456.581 is to strengthen the private housing market in Oregon by encouraging all Oregonians to have the ability to participate in the purchase of housing of their choice.

§ 90.810. Written offer to purchase or entry into listing agreement; notification of tenants' association and facility purchase association

(1) A facility owner shall notify, as described in ORS 90.760, the tenants' association and a facility purchase association within 10 days of receipt of:

(a) Any written offer received by the owner or agent of the owner to purchase the facility which the owner intends to consider; or

(b) Any listing agreement entered into, by the owner or agent of the owner, to effect the sale of the facility.

(2) The notice required by subsection (1) of this section shall be mailed to any association and facility purchase association.

§ 90.815. Prerequisite to offer by facility purchase association

A facility purchase association shall comply with the provisions of ORS chapters 60, 62 and 65 before making the offer provided for under ORS 90.820.

§ 90.820. Notification of interest in purchase by association; negotiations; waiver of time periods

(1) Within 14 days of delivery by or on behalf of the facility owner of the notice required by ORS 90.760 (2) or 90.810, a tenants' association or facility purchase association may notify the owner of the facility in which the tenants reside by certified mail or personal service at the address disclosed to the tenants under ORS 90.305 (1)(a) that the association, or a tenants' association supported nonprofit organization, is interested in purchasing the facility.

(2) Upon delivery of the notice required by subsection (1) of this section, the owner shall negotiate in good faith with the association or organization and provide the association or organization an opportunity to purchase the facility as the owner would any bona fide third party potential purchaser.

(3) A facility purchase association or tenants' association actively involved in negotiations with a facility owner may waive or reduce the time periods for notice described in this section. A facility purchase association or tenants' association may authorize a tenants' association supported nonprofit organization to waive notice on behalf of the association.

(4) This section, ORS 90.760 (2) and 90.810 do not apply to:

(a) Any sale or transfer to a person who would be included within the table of descent and distribution if the facility owner were to die intestate.

(b) Any transfer by gift, devise or operation of law.

(c) Any transfer by a corporation to an affiliate. As used in this paragraph, "affiliate" means any shareholder of the transferring corporation, any corporation or entity owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the transferring corporation or any other corporation or entity owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any shareholder of the transferring corporation.

(d) Any transfer by a partnership to any of its partners.

(e) Any conveyance of an interest in a facility incidental to the financing of the facility.

(f) Any conveyance resulting from the foreclosure of a mortgage, deed of trust or other instrument encumbering a facility or any deed given in lieu of a foreclosure.

(g) Any sale or transfer between or among joint tenants or tenants in common owning a facility.

(h) Any exchange of a facility for other real property, whether or not the exchange also involves the payment of cash or other boot.

(i) The purchase of a facility by a governmental entity under that entity's powers of eminent domain.

§ 316.791 Tax exemptions.

2005 Or. Laws, ch. 826, § 6:

Section 6. Amounts received as a result of the sale of a manufactured dwelling park to a tenants' association, facility purchase association or tenants' association supported nonprofit organization as described in ORS 90.820, to a community development corporation as described in ORS 458.210 or to a housing authority as defined in ORS 456.005 are exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter.

[Temporary provision originally applying to tax years 2006 and 2007, but extended in 2007 to apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, and before January 1, 2014].

RHODE ISLAND:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-44-3.1

§ 31-44-3.1. Sale of mobile home parks--Tenants association right of first refusal

(a) In any instance in which a mobile home park owner has been sent a certified letter from an incorporated home owner households association indicating that the association has at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the home owner households residing within that park as members, and has articles of incorporation specifying all rights and powers, including the power to negotiate for, acquire, and operate the mobile home park on behalf of the member residents, then, before a mobile home park may be sold for any purpose and before it may be leased for any purpose that would result in a discontinuance, the owner shall notify the association by certified mail return receipt requested of any bona fide offer that the owner intends to accept, to buy the park or to lease it for a use that would result in a discontinuance. The park owner shall also give notice by certified mail return receipt requested to the incorporated homeowners' association of any intention to sell or lease the park for a use which will result in a discontinuance within fourteen (14) days of any advertisement or other public notice by the owner or his or her agent that the park is for sale or the land upon which the park is located is for lease. Nothing in this section shall limit the association from acting as an agent of the residents in any other cause of action, objective or purpose in advancing a stated purpose in the articles of incorporation of the homeowners' association.

(b) The notice of pending bona fide sale from the owner must contain at a minimum the following if known and available and applicable to the sale:

(1) An affidavit from the buyer or lessee stating the offered purchase price or offered lease payment;

(2) The terms of seller financing, including the amount, the interest rate and its amortization rate;

(3) The terms of assumable financing, if any, including the amount, the interest rate and its amortization rate;

(4) The legal description and a statement of appraised or assessed value of property included in any land trade involved in the sale of the park;

(5) Proposed improvements to the property to be made by the owner in connection with the sale, or other economic concessions by the owner in connection with the sale, if any;

(6) A statement that the owner will allow reasonable access to the property by parties involved in the potential purchase including, but not limited to, the tenants' association, consultants, and lenders;

(7) A statement that the owner will make available to the residents copies of any easements either on or off the property to which the owner is a party and copies of all permits or licenses in force within seven (7) days of a signed purchase and sale agreement with the residents;

(8) A statement that the owner will make available to the residents a survey and legal description of the park, plus an itemized list of monthly operating expenses, utility consumption rates, taxes, insurance and capital expenditures for each of the past three (3) years within seven (7) days of a signed purchase and sale agreement with the residents;

(9) A statement that the owner will make available to the tenants' association the most recent rent roll, a list of tenants, a list of vacant units and a statement of the vacancy rate at the park for the three (3) preceding calendar years within seven (7) days of a signed purchase and sale agreement with the residents;

(10) A statement that the owner will make available to the tenants' association any available data relating to the past and present existence of hazardous waste either on the property or in close proximity within seven (7) days of a signed purchase and sale agreement with the residents;

(11) A statement that the owner will make available to the tenants' association any available data relating to the water, sewer and electrical systems of the park within seven (7) days of a signed purchase and sale agreement with the residents;

(12) A statement that the owner will make available to the tenants' association all income and operating expenses relating to the property to be purchased for the three (3) preceding calendar years within seven (7) days of a signed purchase and sale agreement with the residents and any other information that may be required by the lender. Any additional

information that is required by the lender shall be kept strictly confidential.

(c) Any incorporated home owners' association entitled to notice under this section shall have the right to purchase, in the case of a third party bona fide offer to purchase, or to lease in the case of a third party bona fide offer to lease, the park, provided it meets the same price and the same terms and conditions of any offer of which it is entitled to notice under this section by:

(1) Executing a contract or purchase and sale or lease agreement with the owner within forty-five (45) days of notice of the offer; and

(2) Obtaining any necessary financing or guarantees within an additional one hundred thirty-five (135) days.

(d) No owner shall unreasonably refuse to enter into, or unreasonably delay the execution of a purchase and sale or lease agreement with a home owners' association that has made a bona fide offer to meet the same price and the same terms and conditions of an offer for which notice is required to be given pursuant to this section.

(e) The deposit monies must be credited to the purchase price of the mobile home park.

(f) The incorporated home owners' association will use diligent efforts to obtain a commitment for financing from a lender by making immediate application for financing upon signing of the purchase and sale agreement. In the event that the incorporated home owners' association, with the exercise of reasonable efforts, is unable to obtain necessary financing or comply with other contingencies of the purchase and sale agreement, the incorporated home owners' association shall immediately notify the park owner and the deposit shall be returned to the incorporated home owners' association.

(g) If the incorporated home owners' association shall default in the performance of its obligations as a purchaser under the terms of the purchase and sale agreement, the park owner shall have, as sole and exclusive remedy for the default, the right to retain the deposit as liquidated damages in full settlement and discharge of all obligations of the incorporated home owners' association without further recourse in law or equity.

(h) Failure of the incorporated home owners' association to execute a purchase and sale agreement or lease within the forty-five (45) day period or to obtain a binding commitment for financing within the one hundred thirty-five (135) day period shall serve to terminate the right of the association to purchase or lease the mobile park home.

(i) Residents shall have a total of one hundred eighty (180) days from the receipt of notice of a bona fide sale to complete a transaction under the right of first refusal legislation. Any delays by the seller in supplying requested information as stated in this legislation or any delay resulting from litigation involving the sale and/or litigation affecting the marketability of the title of the mobile home park shall result in the same number of days over the due date being added to the one hundred eighty (180) days available to the residents for a right of first refusal purchase unless the litigation is frivolous and prompted for the sole purpose of delay by the home owners association.

(j) The time periods provided in this section may be extended by agreement of the association and the owner.

(k) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require an owner to provide financing to any association or to prohibit an owner from requiring an association which is offering to lease a park to have within its possession a sum equivalent to the capitalized value of the proposed rent of the park and requiring that a portion of that sum, of an amount necessary to pay the rent on the park for a period of no greater than two (2) years, be kept in escrow for that purpose during the term of the lease.

(l) The right of first refusal created in this section shall inure to a home owners' association for the time periods provided in this section, beginning on the date of notice to the home owners' association. The effective period of the right of first refusal shall apply separately for each substantially different bona fide offer to purchase the park or to lease it for a purpose that would result in a discontinuance, and for each offer the same as an offer made more than three (3) months prior to the later offer. However, in the case of the same offer made by a prospective buyer who has previously made an offer for which notice to a home owners' association was required by this section, the right of first refusal shall apply only if the subsequent offer is made more than six (6) months after the

earlier offer. The right of first refusal shall not apply with respect to any offer received by the owner for which notice to a home owners' association is not required pursuant to this section.

(m) No right of first refusal shall apply to a government taking by eminent domain or negotiated purchase, a forced sale pursuant to a foreclosure, transfer by gift, devise, or operation of law, or a sale to a person who would be included within the table of descent and distribution if there were to be a death intestate of a park owner.

(n) In any instance in which the incorporated home owners' association of a mobile home park is not the successful purchaser or lessee of the mobile home park, the seller or lessor of the park shall prove compliance with this section by filing an affidavit of compliance in the official land evidence records of the city or town where the property is located within seven (7) days of the sale or lease of the park.

(o) In any instance in which the incorporated homeowners' association of a mobile home park is the successful purchaser or lessee of the mobile home park, the association shall have the right to distinguish in terms of lease conditions and rent and fees as between members of said association and non-members of said association. For purposes of this chapter, members of a homeowners' association and non-members of a homeowners' association shall not be deemed residents of a similar class.

VERMONT:

Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 10, § 6242, tit. 32, § 5828

tit. 10, § 6242. Mobile home owners' right to notification prior to park sale

(a) A park owner shall give to each mobile home owner and to the commissioner of the department of housing and community affairs notice by certified mail of his or her intention to sell the mobile home park. Nothing herein shall be construed to restrict the price at which the park owner offers the park for sale. The notice shall state all the following:

(1) That the park owner intends to sell the park;

(2) The price, terms and conditions under which the park owner offers the park for sale;

(3) A list of the affected mobile home owners and the number of leaseholds held by each;

(4) The status of compliance with applicable statutes, regulations and permits, to the park owner's best knowledge, and the reasons for any noncompliance;

(5) That for 45 days following the notice the park owner shall not make a final unconditional acceptance of an offer to purchase the park and that if within the 45 days the park owner receives notice pursuant to subsection (c) of this section that a majority of the mobile home owners intend to consider purchase of the park, the park owner shall not make a final unconditional acceptance of an offer to purchase the park for an additional 90 days, starting from the 46th day following notice, except one from a group representing a majority of the mobile home owners or from a nonprofit corporation approved by a majority of the mobile home owners.

(b) The mobile home owners shall have 45 days following notice under subsection (a) of this section in which to determine whether they intend to consider purchase of the park through a group representing a majority of the mobile home owners or a nonprofit corporation approved by a majority of the mobile home owners. A majority of the mobile home owners shall be determined by one vote per leasehold and no mobile home owner shall have more than three votes or 30 percent of the aggregate park vote, whichever is less. During this 45-day period, the owner shall not accept a final unconditional offer to purchase the park.

(c) If the park owner receives no notice from the mobile home owners during the 45-day period or if the mobile home owners notify the park owner that they do not intend to consider purchase of the park, the park owner has no further restrictions regarding sale of the park pursuant to this section. If during the 45-day period, the park owner receives notice in writing that a majority of the mobile home owners intend to consider purchase of the park then the park owner shall do all the following:

(1) Not accept a final unconditional offer to purchase from a party other than mobile home owners for 90 days following the 45-day period, a total of 135 days following the notice from the mobile home owners;

(2) Negotiate in good faith with the group representing a majority of the mobile home owners or a nonprofit corporation approved by a majority of the mobile home owners concerning purchase of the park;

(3) Consider any offer to purchase from a group representing a majority of the mobile home owners or from a nonprofit corporation approved by a majority of the mobile home owners.

(d) A park owner who sells a mobile home park without complying with this section shall be liable to the mobile home owners in the aggregate amount of \$10,000.00 or 50 percent of the gain realized by the owner from the sale, whichever is greater. A sale, an offer to sell, or an attempt to sell a mobile home park without complying with this section shall also be subject to the remedies of section 6205 of this title, including actual and punitive damages.

(e) The provisions of this section do not apply when the sale, transfer or conveyance of the mobile home park is any one or more of the following:

(1) Through a foreclosure sale;

(2) To a member of the park owner's family or to a trust for the sole benefit of members of the owner's family;

(3) Among the partners who own the mobile home park;

(4) Incidental to financing the park;

(5) Between joint tenants or tenants in common;

(6) Pursuant to eminent domain.

(f) No additional notice pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be required if the sale is in compliance with either of the following:

(1) The park owner completes a sale of the park within one year from the expiration of the 45-day period following the date of the notice and the sale price is either of the following:

(A) No less than the price for which the park was offered for sale pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(B) Substantially higher than the final written offer from a group representing a majority of the mobile home owners or a nonprofit corporation approved by a majority of the mobile home owners.

(2) The park owner has entered into a binding purchase and sale agreement with a group representing a majority of the mobile home owners or a nonprofit corporation approved by a majority of the mobile home owners with a closing date later than one year from the date of the notice.

(g) A leaseholders representing a majority of the mobile home owners or a nonprofit corporation approved by a majority of the mobile home owners shall negotiate in good faith with the park owner for purchase of the park.

tit. 32, § 5828. Mobile home park sale; capital gain credit

A taxpayer of this state shall receive a credit against the tax imposed under section 5822 or 5832 of this title for a qualified sale of a mobile home park. The credit shall be in the amount of seven percent of the taxpayer's gain subject to federal income tax for the taxable year. Credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability for the taxable year may be carried forward for credit in the next succeeding three taxable years. "Qualified sale of a mobile home park" means the land comprising a mobile home park that is transferred in a single purchase to a group composed of a majority of the mobile home park leaseholders as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6242(a), or to a nonprofit organization that represents such a group.

WASHINGTON:

Wash. Rev. Code §§ 59.20.030, 59.20.300, 59.20.305, 59.22.050, 82.45.010

Legislative findings (uncodified provisions of Second Substitute House Bill 1621, 60th Legislature, 2008 Regular Session, approved March 21, 2008):

(1) The legislature finds that:

(a) Manufactured/mobile home communities provide a significant source of homeownership opportunities for Washington residents. However, the increasing closure and conversion of

manufactured/mobile home communities to other uses, combined with increasing mobile home lot rents, low vacancy rates in existing manufactured/mobile home communities, and the extremely high cost of moving homes when manufactured/mobile home communities close, increasingly make manufactured/mobile home community living insecure for manufactured/mobile home tenants.

(b) Many tenants who reside in manufactured/mobile home communities are low-income households and senior citizens and are, therefore, those residents most in need of reasonable security in the siting of their manufactured/mobile homes because of the adverse impacts on the health, safety, and welfare of tenants forced to move due to closure, change of use, or discontinuance of manufactured/mobile home communities.

(c) The preservation of manufactured/mobile home communities:

(i) Is a more economical alternative than providing new replacement housing units for tenants who are displaced from closing manufactured/mobile home communities;

(ii) Is a strategy by which all local governments can meet the affordable housing needs of their residents;

(iii) Is a strategy by which local governments planning under RCW 36.70A.040 may meet the housing element of their comprehensive plans as it relates to the provision of housing affordable to all economic sectors; and

(iv) Should be a goal of all housing authorities and local governments.

(d) The loss of manufactured/mobile home communities should not result in a net loss of affordable housing, thus compromising the ability of local governments to meet the affordable housing needs of its residents and the ability of these local governments planning under RCW 36.70A.040 to meet affordable housing goals under chapter 36.70A RCW.

(e) The closure of manufactured/mobile home communities has serious environmental, safety, and financial impacts, including:

(i) Homes that cannot be moved to other locations add to Washington's landfills;

(ii) Homes that are abandoned might attract crime; and

(iii) Vacant homes that will not be reoccupied need to be tested for asbestos and lead, and these toxic materials need to be removed prior to demolition.

(f) The self-governance aspect of tenants owning manufactured/mobile home communities results in a lesser usage of police resources as tenants experience fewer societal conflicts when they own the real estate as well as their homes.

(g) Housing authorities, by their creation and purpose, are the public body corporate and politic of the city or county responsible for addressing the availability of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations available to persons of low income, senior citizens, and others.

(2) It is the intent of the legislature to encourage and facilitate the preservation of existing manufactured/mobile home communities in the event of voluntary sales of manufactured/mobile home communities and, to the extent necessary and possible, to involve manufactured/mobile home community tenants or an eligible organization representing the interests of tenants, such as a nonprofit organization, housing authority, or local government, in the preservation of manufactured/mobile home communities.

§ 59.20.030. Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Abandoned" as it relates to a mobile home, manufactured home, or park model owned by a tenant in a mobile home park, mobile home park cooperative, or mobile home park subdivision or tenancy in a mobile home lot means the tenant has defaulted in rent and by absence and by words or actions reasonably indicates the intention not to continue tenancy;

(2) "Eligible organization" includes local governments, local housing authorities, nonprofit community or neighborhood-based organizations, federally recognized Indian tribes in the state of Washington, and regional or statewide nonprofit housing assistance organizations;

(3) "Housing authority" or "authority" means any of the public body corporate and politic created in RCW 35.82.030;

(4) "Landlord" means the owner of a mobile home park and includes the agents of a landlord;

(5) "Local government" means a town government, city government, code city government, or county government in the state of Washington;

(6) "Manufactured home" means a single-family dwelling built according to the United States department of housing and urban development manufactured home construction and safety standards act, which is a national preemptive building code. A manufactured home also: (a) Includes plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems; (b) is built on a permanent chassis; and (c) can be transported in one or more sections with each section at least eight feet wide and forty feet long when transported, or when installed on the site is three hundred twenty square feet or greater;

(7) "Manufactured/mobile home" means either a manufactured home or a mobile home;

(8) "Mobile home" means a factory-built dwelling built prior to June 15, 1976, to standards other than the United States department of housing and urban development code, and acceptable under applicable state codes in effect at the time of construction or introduction of the home into the state. Mobile homes have not been built since the introduction of the United States department of housing and urban development manufactured home construction and safety act;

(9) "Mobile home lot" means a portion of a mobile home park or manufactured housing community designated as the location of one mobile home, manufactured home, or park model and its accessory buildings, and intended for the exclusive use as a primary residence by the occupants of that mobile home, manufactured home, or park model;

(10) "Mobile home park," "manufactured housing community," or "manufactured/mobile home community" means any real property which is rented or held out for rent to others for the placement of two or more mobile homes, manufactured homes, or park models for the primary purpose of production of income, except where such real property is rented or held out for rent for seasonal recreational purpose only and is not intended for year-round occupancy;

(11) "Mobile home park cooperative" or "manufactured housing cooperative" means real property consisting of common areas and two or more lots held out for placement of mobile homes, manufactured homes, or park models in which both the individual lots and the common areas are owned by an association of shareholders which leases or otherwise extends the right to occupy individual lots to its own members;

(12) "Mobile home park subdivision" or "manufactured housing subdivision" means real property, whether it is called a subdivision, condominium, or planned unit development, consisting of common areas and two or more lots held for placement of mobile homes, manufactured homes, or park models in which there is private ownership of the individual lots and common, undivided ownership of the common areas by owners of the individual lots;

(13) "Notice of sale" means a notice required under section 4 of this act to be delivered to all tenants of a manufactured/mobile home community and other specified parties within fourteen days after the date on which any advertisement, multiple listing, or public notice advertises that a manufactured/mobile home community is for sale;

(14) "Park model" means a recreational vehicle intended for permanent or semi-permanent installation and is used as a primary residence;

(15) "Qualified sale of manufactured/mobile home community" means the sale, as defined in RCW 82.45.010, of land and improvements comprising a manufactured/mobile home community that is transferred in a single purchase to a qualified tenant organization or to an eligible organization for the purpose of preserving the property as a manufactured/mobile home community;

(16) "Qualified tenant organization" means a formal organization of tenants within a manufactured/mobile home community, with the only requirement for membership consisting of being a tenant;

(17) "Recreational vehicle" means a travel trailer, motor home, truck camper, or camping trailer that is primarily designed and used as temporary living quarters, is either self-propelled or mounted on or drawn by another vehicle, is transient, is not occupied as a primary residence, and is not immobilized or permanently affixed to a mobile home lot;

(18) "Tenant" means any person, except a transient, who rents a mobile home lot;

(19) "Transient" means a person who rents a mobile home lot for a period of less than one month for purposes other than as a primary residence;

(20) "Occupant" means any person, including a live-in care provider, other than a tenant, who occupies a mobile home, manufactured home, or park model and mobile home lot.

§ 59.20.300. Manufactured/mobile home communities--Notice of sale

(1) A landlord must provide a written notice of sale of a manufactured/mobile home community by certified mail or personal delivery to:

(a) Each tenant of the manufactured/mobile home community;

(b) The officers of any known qualified tenant organization;

(c) The office of manufactured housing;

(d) The local government within whose jurisdiction all or part of the manufactured/mobile home community exists;

(e) The housing authority within whose jurisdiction all or part of the manufactured/mobile home community exists; and

(f) The Washington state housing finance commission.

(2) A notice of sale must include:

(a) A statement that the landlord intends to sell the manufactured/mobile home community; and

(b) The contact information of the landlord or landlord's agent who is responsible for communicating with the qualified tenant organization or eligible organization regarding the sale of the property.

§ 59.20.305. Manufactured/mobile home communities--Good faith negotiations

A landlord intending to sell a manufactured/mobile home community is encouraged to negotiate in good faith with qualified tenant organizations and eligible organizations.

§ 59.22.050. Office of mobile home affairs--Duties

(1) In order to provide general assistance to manufactured/mobile home resident organizations, qualified tenant organizations, manufactured/mobile home community or park owners, and landlords and tenants, the department shall establish an office of manufactured housing.

This office will provide, either directly or through contracted services, technical assistance to qualified tenant organizations as defined in RCW 59.20.030 and resident organizations or persons in the process of forming a resident organization pursuant to chapter 59.22 RCW. The office will keep records of its activities in this area.

(2) The office shall administer the mobile home relocation assistance program established in chapter 59.21 RCW, including verifying the eligibility of tenants for relocation assistance.

§ 82.45.010. Excise Tax on Real Estate Sales

(1) As used in this chapter, the term "sale" shall have its ordinary meaning and shall include any conveyance, grant, assignment, quitclaim, or transfer of the ownership of or title to real property, including standing timber, or any estate or interest therein for a valuable consideration, and any contract for such conveyance, grant, assignment, quitclaim, or transfer, and any lease with an option to purchase real property, including standing timber, or any estate or interest therein or other contract under which possession of the property is given to the purchaser, or any other person at the purchaser's direction, and title to the property is retained by the vendor as security for the payment of the purchase price. The term also includes the grant, assignment, quitclaim, sale, or transfer of improvements constructed upon leased land.

(2) The term "sale" also includes the transfer or acquisition within any twelve-month period of a controlling interest in any entity with an interest in real property located in this state for a valuable consideration. For purposes of this subsection, all acquisitions of persons acting in concert shall be aggregated for purposes of determining whether a transfer or

acquisition of a controlling interest has taken place. The department of revenue shall adopt standards by rule to determine when persons are acting in concert. In adopting a rule for this purpose, the department shall consider the following:

(a) Persons shall be treated as acting in concert when they have a relationship with each other such that one person influences or controls the actions of another through common ownership; and

(b) When persons are not commonly owned or controlled, they shall be treated as acting in concert only when the unity with which the purchasers have negotiated and will consummate the transfer of ownership interests supports a finding that they are acting as a single entity. If the acquisitions are completely independent, with each purchaser buying without regard to the identity of the other purchasers, then the acquisitions shall be considered separate acquisitions.

(3) The term "sale" shall not include:

. . . .

(q) A qualified sale of a manufactured/mobile home community, as defined in RCW 59.20.030, that takes place on or after the effective date of this act but before December 31, 2018.