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The Vocal Minority— commentary



Condo living is not for everyone. We already know that when we witness or are subjected to that unit owner who plays his music too loud, his television set on until the wee hours of the morning, his parties on his back porch, that owner who insists on cluttering up the common cat-walks with plants, chairs, grills or other personal property. And we always have that owner who thinks our building is a hotel for his friends and relatives to occupy his unit when he is not here. We all know these people. There are always people who do not like Rules, rules of any kind no matter what and do not want to subject themselves to the community standards that have been in force for decades. To them, it is better to complain and/or make excuses as to why a particular rule should not apply to them, even to go so far as to say that the rule is antiquated. We all know people who fit into this mold. Perhaps, the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal said it best, when it noted:

Every man may justly consider his home his castle and himself as the king thereof; never the less his sovereign fiat to use his property as he pleases must yield, at least in degree, where ownership is in common or cooperation with others. The benefits of condominium living and ownership demand no less. The individual ought not be permitted to disrupt the integrity of the common scheme through his desire for change, however laudable that change might be.

See, Sterling Village Condominium, Inc. v. Breitenbach, 251 So 2d 685 (Fla.4th DCA 1971).

It is very important that every prospective Seller or Lessor give a copy of the condo Rules and Regulations to that Buyer or Lessee so they know, unequivocally, what rules they need to live under so that there is no misunderstanding down the road. Make them sign as receiving it. Also, as we have found out, it is important to give them a copy of the Pool Rules and Regulations as well. Just in case the next complaint is to allow an owner to bring in his/her peanut butter and jelly sandwich to our pool, other owners around the pool will be informed and might just say no.



CHAMPION LAKE WORTH
Ficus Altissima

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1. Champion tree with a canopy of 115 feet and estimated to be over 200 years old saved from developer's axe . Our Commissioner Retha Lowe and District 4 Commissioner Vespo said, "Cut it down."
2. 2nd reading on Ordinance to prohibit public urination and defecation. Passed 5/0
3. Hauling has been stopped on the highly controversial dumping at our landfill by Sun Recycling LLC who then is voted a contract for roll-off container services.
4. Purchased 10 new vehicles for the Police Dept.
5. City Commission about to take-back the Community Redevelopment Agency for what they considered questionable projects involving public money, is stopped cold by Commissioner Lowe who said she wanted to have a workshop before finalizing her vote.

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