



RAFT ISLAND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON

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Re: Raft Island Improvement Association (RIIA) By-Laws and Covenants

Dear Mr. Whittle:

This letter is the RIIA's official response to the concern expressed by the USDA about Article XI of the RIIA By-Laws indicating that a member's bridge easement can be revoked for non-payment of Association dues. Thank you for pointing it out. As you have already been told, a great number of RIIA members were not even aware the provision even exists. That is because the RIIA lacks the ability to enforce the provision.

Furthermore, the RIIA Board of Directors will propose an amendment to repeal that portion of the By-Laws that discusses the easement revocation at the Association's next annual meeting. In addition, we will amend Section 4 of Article IV of the RIIA Covenants by repealing the following language: "In addition to the foregoing, RIIA may revoke a delinquent Lot Owner's bridge easement..."

I believe this action will address the USDA's concerns. However, please let me know if there are other provisions of the RIIA By-Laws and Covenants that trouble the USDA, as we will take the necessary action to correct them too.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,