

# Community Association Maintenance

"A Legal Perspective"

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#### **Overview**

- Legal definition of "Maintenance"
- Maintenance Responsibilities—the "Who"
- Types of contracts pertinent to HOAs
- Enforcement of contracts
  - Remedies
- Legal process
  - Arbitration
  - Mediation
  - Litigation
- Specific provisions pertinent to HOAs
- Licensed, Bonded & Insured
- Q&A



#### Define "Maintenance"

- Washington statutes
  - Condo Act
  - HOA Act
  - Non-Profit Corporations Act
- Governing Documents
- Rules/Resolutions
- Reserve Study
- Budgets



# **Maintenance Responsibility**

- · Who?
- What/Where?
- Chart





### **Types of Maintenance Contracts**

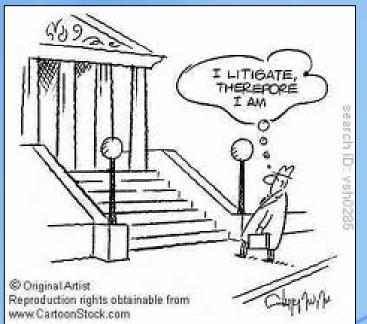
- Management contracts
- Maintenance contracts
- Contractor / Construction





### **Legal Process**

- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
  - Arbitration
  - Mediation
- Litigation
- Indemnity / Hold Harmless





#### **Specific Contract Provisions**

- Insurance compatibility w/Declaration
- Limitations of liability
- Indemnity / Hold Harmless
- Third party insurance requirement
- Disclaimers
- Attorneys' fee provision
- Forum and dispute provisions
- Express warranties



#### **Third-Party Insurance**

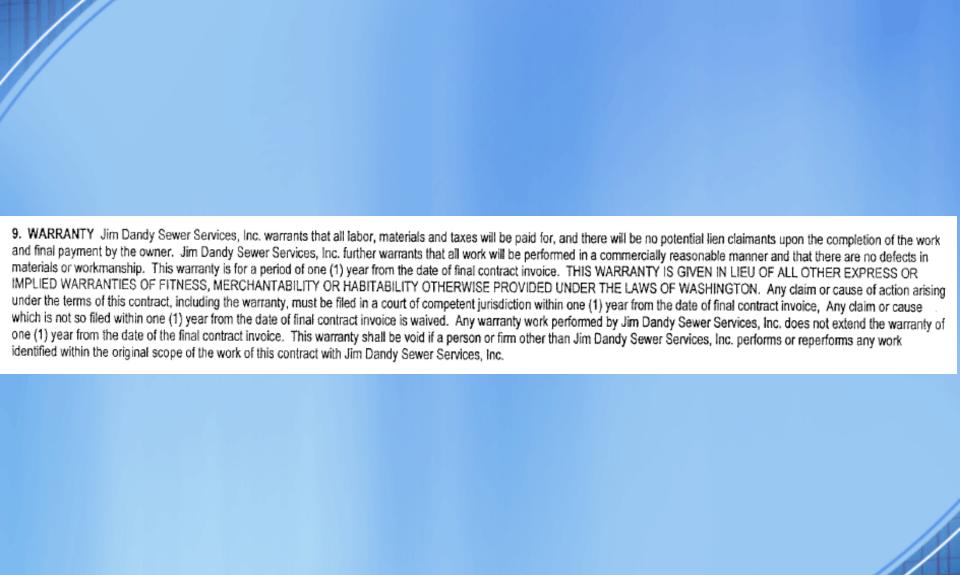
- Require for large construction projects or highrisk activities
- Obtain copy of policy to verify coverage
  - Provide to Association's insurance agent/broker for review
  - Al certificate not sufficient



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- 9. Punch List. Customer shall prepare a punch list of items necessary to be addressed for the Contractor to have performed every obligation to be performed on its behalf under the Agreement. Contractor and Customer specifically agree that: ANY ITEM OR CONCERN NOT ADDRESSED ON THE PUNCH LIST SHALL BE DEEMED FULLY AND FINALLY ACCEPTED BY THE CUSTOMER AS HAVING BEEN PROVIDED BY THE CONTRACTOR IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT; AND WHEN CONTRACTOR ADDRESSES THE PARTICULAR CONCERN WITH AN ITEM AS NOTED ON THE PUNCH LIST THAT ITEM SHALL BE DEEMED FULLY AND FINALLY ACCEPTED BY THE CUSTOMER AS HAVING BEEN PROVIDED BY THE CONTRACTOR IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT.
- 10. Subcontracting: Contractor may, from time to time, subcontract any or all portions of the Work.
- Contractor Access: Customer shall provide Contractor complete and uninhibited access to the project throughout the term of this contract during the hours from 7:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.
- 12. <u>Dispute Resolution</u>: Any claim or action by Customer related to or arising out of this Agreement must be commenced not later than one (1) year after substantial completion of this Agreement. All claims, disputes, and other matters in question arising out of, or relating to, this Agreement, or the breach thereof, shall be decided by arbitration that shall be conducted through and in accordance with the rules of the Arbitration Service of Vancouver. In addition to such other

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jurisdiction and venue as provided by law, Customer consents to the jurisdiction, at Contractor's sole option, of the courts of the State of Washington with venue in Clark County. No party shall be entitled to its attorney fees or costs related to any claim arising out of or related to this... Agreement regardless of when or how such claim is commenced.

- 13. <u>Full Integration</u>: This contract contains the entire agreement between the parties related to the Work and the Project and cannot be changed orally. All previous oral and written agreements and contemporaneous oral agreements related to the Work and the Project are merged into this contract.
- 14. <u>Severability</u>: If any language in this contract is invalid, that language only shall be considered deleted from this contract, and all other language in this contract shall remain valid and enforceable.

## Attorneys' Fee & Forum Clauses

- All over the board
- In Washington, must be reciprocal
- Common







- Any party hereto may change the address by written notice in accordance with this Paragraph. Notices delivered in person will be deemed communicated as of actual receipt; notices delivered by overnight delivery service will be deemed communicated as of one (1) day after sending; mailed notices will be deemed communicated as of three (3) days after mailing.
- 12. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington without application of conflicts of law principles and all litigation arising under this Agreement shall be brought in the State courts of Clark County, Washington, and the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, USA.. Client and both agree that Vancouver, Washington is both the place of making and the place of performance of this Agreement.
- 13. Attorney's Fees. In any litigation or arbitration between the parties regarding this Agreement, the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys fees and all costs of proceedings, including costs of appeal. Costs shall be interpreted as broadly as allowed by law, and shall not be limited to costs awardable under Washington statutes.
- 14. Non-waiver. The failure of either party at any time to require performance by the other of any provision hereof shall not affect the right of such party to require performance at any time thereafter; nor shall the waiver of either party of a breach of any provision hereof be taken to be a waiver of any later breach of such provision or as a waiver of the provision itself.

### Damages/ Relief

- Money
- Specific performance
- Injunction
- Declaratory relief



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- Bonded
- Insured







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