A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to timeshares; amending s. 721.07, F.S.; 3 providing lien disclosure requirements for filed public 4 offering statements for certain timeshare plans; amending 5 s. 721.16, F.S.; authorizing a managing entity to bring 6 judicial and nonjudicial actions to foreclose certain 7 liens under specified conditions; renaming part III of 8 chapter 721, F.S.; amending s. 721.81, F.S.; revising and 9 providing legislative purposes of the part; amending s. 10 721.82 F.S.; revising and providing definitions; amending 11 s. 721.83, F.S.; revising application to apply to judicial foreclosure actions; amending s. 721.85, F.S.; conforming 12 provisions to changes made by this act; creating s. 13 14 721.855, F.S.; establishing procedure for the nonjudicial 15 foreclosure of assessment liens; providing for the 16 appointment of a trustee; providing recording requirements for such liens; providing procedures for the initiation of 17 a nonjudicial foreclosure procedure against a timeshare 18 19 interest; providing procedures for an obligor's objection to the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure; providing 20 21 conditions to a trustee's exercise of power of sale; 22 providing requirements for a notice of default and intent 23 to sell; providing requirements for a notice of sale; 24 providing requirements for a trustee's certificate of 25 compliance; providing requirements for the sale by auction 26 of foreclosed encumbered timeshare interests; providing 27 for the effect of a trustee's sale; providing requirements 28 for a trustee's deed; providing for the disposition of

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proceeds of the sale; providing that the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure does not impair or otherwise affect the right to bring certain actions; providing application; providing for actions for failure to follow the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure; creating s. 721.856, F.S.; establishing procedure for the nonjudicial foreclosure of mortgage liens; providing for the appointment of a trustee; providing recording requirements for such liens; providing procedures for the initiation of a nonjudicial foreclosure procedure against a timeshare interest; providing procedures for an obligor's objection to the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure; providing conditions to a trustee's exercise of power of sale; providing requirements for a notice of default and intent to sell; providing requirements for a notice of sale; providing requirements for a trustee's certificate of compliance; providing requirements for the sale by auction of foreclosed encumbered timeshare interests; providing for the effect of a trustee's sale; providing requirements for a trustee's deed; providing for the disposition of proceeds of the sale; providing that the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure does not impair or otherwise affect the right to bring certain actions; providing for actions for failure to follow the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure; amending s. 721.86, F.S.; providing for priority of application in case of conflict; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

- Section 1. Paragraph (jj) is added to subsection (5) of section 721.07, Florida Statutes, to read:
- 721.07 Public offering statement.—Prior to offering any timeshare plan, the developer must submit a filed public offering statement to the division for approval as prescribed by s. 721.03, s. 721.55, or this section. Until the division approves such filing, any contract regarding the sale of that timeshare plan is subject to cancellation by the purchaser pursuant to s. 721.10.
- (5) Every filed public offering statement for a timeshare plan which is not a multisite timeshare plan shall contain the information required by this subsection. The division is authorized to provide by rule the method by which a developer must provide such information to the division.
  - (jj) The following statement in conspicuous type:

The managing entity has a lien against each timeshare interest to secure the payment of regular or special assessments and ad valorem taxes. Your failure to make any required payments may result in the judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure of an assessment lien and the loss of your timeshare interest. If the managing entity initiates a nonjudicial procedure, you shall have the option to object to the use of the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure and the managing

entity may only proceed by filing a judicial
foreclosure action.

- Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 721.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 721.16 Liens for overdue assessments; liens for labor performed on, or materials furnished to, a timeshare unit.—
- (2) The managing entity may bring <u>a judicial</u> an action in its name to foreclose a lien under subsection (1) in the manner a mortgage of real property is foreclosed and may also bring an action to recover a money judgment for the unpaid assessments without waiving any claim of lien. <u>As an alternative to initiating a judicial action</u>, the managing entity may initiate a nonjudicial procedure to foreclose an assessment lien under s. 721.855.
- Section 3. Part III of chapter 721, Florida Statutes,
  entitled "Foreclosure of Liens on Timeshare Estates," is renamed
  "Foreclosure of Liens on Timeshare Interests."
- Section 4. Section 721.81, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 721.81 Legislative purpose.—The purposes of this part are to:
  - (1) Recognize that timeshare <u>interests</u> estates are parcels of real property used for vacation experience rather than for homestead <u>or investment</u> purposes and that there are numerous timeshare <u>interests</u> estates in <u>this</u> the state.
  - (2) Recognize that the economic health and efficient operation of the vacation ownership industry are in part

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dependent upon the availability of an efficient and economical process for all timeshare interest foreclosures foreclosure.

- (3) Recognize the need to assist <u>both</u> owners' associations and mortgagees by simplifying and expediting the process <u>for the judicial and nonjudicial</u> <del>of</del> foreclosure of assessment liens and mortgage liens against timeshare interests <del>estates</del>.
- (4) <u>Improve judicial economy and</u> reduce court congestion and the cost to taxpayers by establishing streamlined procedures for the <u>judicial and nonjudicial</u> foreclosure of assessment liens and mortgage liens against timeshare interests estates.
- (5) Recognize that nearly all timeshare interest foreclosures are uncontested.
- (6) Protect the ability of consumers who own timeshare interests located in this state to choose a judicial proceeding for the foreclosure of an assessment lien or a mortgage lien against their timeshare interest.
- (7) Recognize that the use of the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure established by ss. 721.855 and 721.856 shall have the same force and effect as the use of the judicial foreclosure procedure against a timeshare interest with respect to the provisions of this chapter or any other applicable law. However, obligors shall not be subject to a deficiency judgment even if the proceeds from the sale of the timeshare interest are insufficient to offset the amounts secured by the lien.
- Section 5. Section 721.82, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 721.82 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:
  - (1) "Amounts secured by the lien" means all amounts

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secured by an assessment lien or mortgage lien, including, but not limited to, all past due amounts, accrued interest, late fees, taxes, advances for the payment of taxes, insurance and maintenance of the timeshare interest, and any fees or costs incurred by the lienholder or trustee, including any reasonable attorney's fees, trustee's fees, and costs incurred in connection with the default.

(2) <del>(1)</del> "Assessment lien" means:

- (a) A lien for delinquent assessments as provided in ss. 721.16, 718.116, and 719.108, and 721.16 as to timeshare condominiums; or
- (b) A lien for unpaid taxes and special assessments as provided in s. 192.037(8).
- (3) (2) "Junior interestholder" means any person who has a lien or interest of record against a timeshare <u>interest</u> estate in the county <u>or counties</u> in which the timeshare <u>interest</u> estate is located, which is inferior to the mortgage lien or assessment lien being foreclosed under this part.
- (4) (3) "Lienholder" means a holder of an assessment lien or a holder of a mortgage lien, as applicable. A receiver appointed under s. 721.26 is a lienholder for purposes of foreclosure of assessment liens under this part.
- $\underline{(5)}$  (4) "Mortgage" has the same meaning set forth in s. 163 697.01.
  - (6) (5) "Mortgage lien" means a security interest in a timeshare interest estate created by a mortgage encumbering the timeshare interest estate.
    - (7) (6) "Mortgagee" means a person holding a mortgage lien.

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 $\underline{(8)}$  "Mortgagor" means a person granting a mortgage lien or a person who has assumed the obligation secured by a mortgage lien.

(9) (8) "Notice address" means:

- (a) As to an assessment lien, the address of the <del>current</del> owner of a timeshare <u>interest</u> estate as reflected by the books and records of the timeshare plan under ss. 721.13(4) and 721.15(7).
  - (b) As to a mortgage lien:
- 1. The address of the mortgagor as set forth in the mortgage, the promissory note or a separate document executed by the mortgagor at the time the mortgage lien was created, or the most current address of the mortgagor according to the records of the mortgagee; and
- 2. If the <del>current</del> owner of the timeshare <u>interest</u> estate is different from the mortgagor, the address of the <del>current</del> owner of the timeshare <u>interest</u> estate as reflected by the books and records of the mortgagee.
- (c) As to a junior interestholder, the address as set forth in the recorded instrument creating the junior <u>lien</u> interest or interest <u>lien</u>, or in any recorded amendment supplement thereto changing the address, or in any written notification by the junior interestholder to the foreclosing lienholder changing the of such change in address.
- $\underline{(10)}$  "Obligor" means the mortgagor, the person subject to an assessment lien, or the record owner of the timeshare interest estate.

(11) "Permitted delivery service" means any nationally recognized common carrier delivery service or international airmail service requiring a signed return receipt.

- (12) (10) "Registered agent" means an agent duly appointed by the obligor under s. 721.84 for the purpose of accepting all notices and service of process under this part. A registered agent may be an individual resident in this state whose business office qualifies as a registered office, or a domestic or foreign corporation or a not-for-profit corporation as defined in chapter 617 authorized to transact business or to conduct its affairs in this state, whose business office qualifies as a registered office. A registered agent for any obligor may not be the lienholder or the attorney for the lienholder.
- $\underline{(13)}$  "Registered office" means the street address of the business office of the registered agent appointed under s. 721.84, located in this state.
- (14) "Trustee" means an attorney who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar or his or her law firm, or a title insurer authorized to transact business in this state under s. 624.401, appointed as trustee or as substitute trustee in accordance with s. 721.855 or s. 721.856. A receiver appointed under s. 721.26 may act as a trustee under s. 721.855. A trustee must be independent as required by s. 721.05(20).
- Section 6. Section 721.83, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 721.83 Consolidation of judicial foreclosure actions.
- (1) A complaint in a foreclosure proceeding involving timeshare <u>interests</u> estates may join in the same action multiple

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defendant obligors and junior interestholders of separate timeshare interests estates, provided:

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- (a) The foreclosure proceeding involves a single timeshare property.
- (b) The foreclosure proceeding is filed by a single plaintiff.
- (c) The default and remedy provisions in the written instruments on which the foreclosure proceeding is based are substantially the same for each defendant.
- (d) The nature of the defaults alleged is the same for each defendant.
- (e) No more than 15 timeshare <u>interests</u> estates, without regard to the number of defendants, are joined within the same consolidated foreclosure action.
- (2) In any foreclosure proceeding involving multiple defendants filed under subsection (1), the court shall sever for separate trial any count of the complaint in which a defense or counterclaim is timely raised by a defendant.
- (3) A consolidated timeshare foreclosure action shall be considered a single action, suit, or proceeding for the payment of filing fees and service charges pursuant to general law. In addition to the payment of such filing fees and service charges, an additional filing fee of up to \$10 for each timeshare interest estate joined in that action shall be paid to the clerk of court.
- Section 7. Section 721.85, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 721.85 Service to notice address or on registered agent.

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(1) Service of process for a foreclosure proceeding involving a timeshare <u>interest</u> estate may be made by any means recognized by law. In addition, substituted service on <u>an</u> obligor a party who has appointed a registered agent under s. 721.84 may be made on such registered agent at the registered office. Also, when using s. 48.194 where in rem or quasi in rem relief only is sought, such service of process provisions are modified in connection with a foreclosure proceeding against a timeshare <u>interest</u> estate to provide that:

- (a) Such service of process may be made on any person whether the person is located inside or outside this state, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by a permitted delivery service, return receipt requested, addressed to the person to be served at the notice address, or on the person's party's registered agent duly appointed under s. 721.84, at the registered office; and
- (b) Service shall be considered obtained upon the signing of the return receipt by any person at the notice address, or by the registered agent.
- (2) The current owner and the mortgagor of a timeshare interest estate must promptly notify the owners' association and the mortgagee of any change of address.
- (3) Substituted notice under s. 721.855 or s. 721.856 for any party who has appointed a registered agent under s. 721.84 may be made on such registered agent at the registered office.
- Section 8. Section 721.855, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
  - 721.855 Procedure for the nonjudicial foreclosure of

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<u>assessment liens.—The provisions of this section establish a</u> <u>nonjudicial foreclosure procedure for assessment liens.</u>

(1) APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE.

- (a) A trustee or a substitute trustee may be appointed by a lienholder at any time by recording a notice of appointment of trustee or notice of substitution of trustee in the public records of the county or counties in which the timeshare interest is located. A lienholder may appoint multiple trustees in a single appointment, and any appointed trustee may be used by the lienholder regarding the nonjudicial foreclosure of any assessment lien under any timeshare plan for which the trustee is appointed.
- (b) The recorded notice of appointment of trustee or notice of substitution of trustee shall contain the name and address of the trustee or substitute trustee, the name and address of the lienholder, and the name and address of the timeshare plan.
- (c) The lienholder shall maintain a list of all trustees and substitute trustees appointed by the lienholder and shall provide an obligor with verification that a particular person is an appointed trustee or substitute trustee within 3 business days following receipt of a written request for such verification from the obligor.
- (2) INITIATING THE USE OF A NONJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE PROCEDURE.—
- (a) Before initiating the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure against any timeshare interest in a given timeshare plan, the managing entity shall inform owners of timeshare

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entity has the right to elect to use the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure with respect to foreclosure of assessment liens as established in this section. The managing entity shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this paragraph if the owners of timeshare interests in the given timeshare plan are informed by mail sent to each owner's notice address, in the notice of an annual or special meeting of the owners, by posting on the website of the applicable timeshare plan, or by any owner communication used by the managing entity.

- (b) Before initiating the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure against any timeshare interest, a claim of lien against the timeshare interest shall be recorded pursuant to s. 721.16 or, if applicable, s. 718.116 or s. 719.108, and the notice of the intent to file a lien shall be given pursuant to s. 718.121 for timeshare condominiums and s. 719.108 for timeshare cooperatives.
- c)1. In order to initiate a nonjudicial foreclosure procedure against a timeshare interest, the lienholder shall deliver an affidavit to the trustee that identifies the obligor, the notice address of the obligor, the timeshare interest, the official records book and page number where the claim of lien is recorded, and the name and notice address of any junior interestholder. The affidavit shall be accompanied by a title search of the timeshare interest identifying any junior interestholders of record, and the title search must be performed within 60 calendar days before the date of the affidavit.

2. The affidavit shall also state that the obligor has defaulted in the obligation to make a payment under a specified provision of the timeshare instrument or applicable law.

- 3. The affidavit shall also specify the amounts secured by the lien as of the date of the affidavit and a per diem amount to account for further accrual of the amounts secured by the lien.
- (3) OBLIGOR'S RIGHT TO OBJECT TO USE OF THE NONJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE PROCEDURE.—
- (a) The obligor may object to the lienholder's use of the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure for a specific default at any time before the sale of the timeshare interest under subsection (8) by delivering a written objection to the trustee using the objection form provided for in subsection (5). If the trustee receives the written objection from the obligor, the trustee may not proceed with the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure as to the default specified in the notice of default and intent to sell under subsection (5), and the lienholder may proceed thereafter only with a judicial foreclosure action as to that specified default.
- (b) If the obligor delivers the written objection authorized in paragraph (a) to the trustee more than 30 calendar days after the notice of default and intent to sell is deemed perfected under subsection (5), the lienholder is entitled to collect from the obligor in a judicial foreclosure procedure all of the costs incurred in the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure.
- (4) CONDITIONS TO TRUSTEE'S EXERCISE OF POWER OF SALE.—A trustee may sell an encumbered timeshare interest foreclosed

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under this section if:

- (a) The trustee has received the affidavit from the lienholder under paragraph (2)(c);
- (b) The trustee has not received a written objection to the use of the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure under subsection (3);
- (c) There is no lis pendens recorded and pending against the same timeshare interest and the trustee has not been served notice of the filing of any action to enjoin the nonjudicial foreclosure sale;
- (d) The trustee has provided written notice of default and intent to sell as required by subsection (5) and a period of at least 30 calendar days has elapsed after such notice is deemed perfected under subsection (5); and
- (e) The notice of sale required by subsection (6) has been recorded in the public records of the county or counties in which the timeshare interest is located.
  - (5) NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND INTENT TO SELL.-
- (a) In any foreclosure proceeding under this section, the trustee is required to notify the obligor of the proceeding by sending the obligor a written notice of default and intent to sell to the notice address of the obligor by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by a permitted delivery service, return receipt requested, as follows:
- 1. The notice of default and intent to sell shall identify the obligor, the notice address of the obligor, the legal description of the timeshare interest, the nature of the default, the amounts secured by the lien, and a per diem amount

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to account for further accrual of the amounts secured by the lien and shall state the method by which the obligor may cure the default.

- 2. The notice of default and intent to sell shall include an objection form with which the obligor can object to the use of the nonjudicial procedure by signing and returning the objection form to the trustee. The objection form shall identify the obligor, the notice address of the obligor, the timeshare interest, and the return address of the trustee and shall state: "The undersigned obligor exercises the obligor's right to object to the use of the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure contained in section 721.855, Florida Statutes."
- 3. The notice of default and intent to sell shall also contain a statement in substantially the following form:

If you fail to cure the default as set forth in this notice or take other appropriate action with regard to this foreclosure matter, you risk losing ownership of your timeshare interest through the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure established in section 721.855, Florida Statutes. You may choose to sign and send to the trustee the enclosed objection form, exercising your right to object to the use of the nonjudicial procedure. If you do not object to the use of the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure, you shall not be subject to a deficiency judgment even if the proceeds from the sale of your timeshare interest are insufficient to offset the amounts secured by the

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lien, which may include all past due amounts, accrued interest, late fees, taxes, advances for the payment of taxes, insurance and maintenance of the timeshare interest, and any fees or costs incurred by the lienholder or trustee, including any reasonable attorney's fees, trustee's fees, and costs incurred in connection with the default. Upon the trustee's receipt of your signed objection form, the foreclosure of the lien with respect to the default specified in this notice shall be subject to the judicial foreclosure procedure only. You have the right to cure your default in the manner set forth in this notice at any time before the trustee's sale of your timeshare interest. If you object to the use of the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure, you may be subject to a deficiency judgment under any subsequent judicial foreclosure action. In addition, if you deliver your written objection to the trustee more than 30 calendar days after the notice of default and intent to sell has been delivered, the lienholder is entitled to collect from you in a judicial foreclosure procedure all of the costs incurred in the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure.

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4. The trustee shall also mail a copy of the notice of default and intent to sell, without the objection form, to the notice address of any junior interestholder by certified or

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delivery service, return receipt requested.

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5. Notice under this paragraph is considered perfected upon the trustee receiving the return receipt bearing the signature of the obligor.

- If a signed return receipt from the certified or registered mail or the permitted delivery service is received by the trustee within 30 calendar days after the trustee sent the notice under paragraph (a), but the trustee cannot ascertain from the receipt that the obligor is the person who signed the receipt, the trustee shall send a second notice in the form required under paragraph (a) to the notice address of the obligor by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by a permitted delivery service, return receipt requested. Notice under this paragraph is considered perfected upon the trustee receiving the return receipt for the second notice bearing the signature of the obligor. Unless the trustee receives a signed return receipt from the certified or registered mail or the permitted delivery service for the second notice within 30 calendar days after the trustee sent the notice under this paragraph and the trustee can ascertain from the receipt that the obligor is the person who signed the receipt, the trustee shall perfect service in the manner set forth in either paragraph (c) or paragraph (d).
- (c) If a signed return receipt from the certified or registered mail or the permitted delivery service is not received by the trustee within 30 calendar days after the trustee sent the notice under paragraph (a) or the second notice under paragraph (b), if applicable, the trustee shall mail a

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copy of the notice required by paragraph (a) by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the notice address of the person with the return address of the trustee on the envelope. Notice under this paragraph is considered perfected upon the mailing of the copy of the notice to the person.

- (d)1. If the notice required by paragraph (a) or the second notice required by paragraph (b), if applicable, is returned as undeliverable within 30 calendar days after the trustee sent the notice and if by a diligent search and inquiry the trustee cannot obtain a different address for the obligor or junior interestholder, the trustee may perfect notice against that person by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which the timeshare interest is located. The notice shall appear at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks. The trustee may group an unlimited number of notices in the same publication, provided that all of the notices pertain to the same timeshare plan. Notice under this subparagraph is considered perfected upon publication as required in this subparagraph.
- 2. If the trustee's diligent search and inquiry produces an address different from the notice address, the trustee shall mail a copy of the notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the new address with the return address of the trustee on the envelope. Notice under this subparagraph is considered perfected upon the mailing of the copy of the notice to the new address.
- (e) If notice is perfected under paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), the trustee shall execute an affidavit in recordable form setting forth the manner in which notice was

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perfected and attach the affidavit to the certificate of compliance set forth in subsection (7). The affidavit shall state the nature of the notice, the date on which the notice was mailed, the name and address on the envelope containing the notice, the manner in which the notice was mailed, and the basis for that knowledge. The signed return receipt from the certified or registered mail or the permitted delivery service shall be attached to the affidavit.

- trustee shall execute an affidavit in recordable form setting forth the manner in which notice was perfected and attach the affidavit to the certificate of compliance set forth in subsection (7). The affidavit shall state the nature of the notice, the date on which the notice was mailed, the name and address on the envelope containing the notice, the manner in which the notice was mailed, the fact that a signed receipt from the certified or registered mail or the permitted delivery service was not timely received, the date on which a copy of the notice was mailed again by first class mail with the return address of the trustee on the envelope, and the name and address on the envelope containing the notice. The envelopes from the attempts to mail notice, if available, shall also be attached to the affidavit.
- (d), the trustee shall execute an affidavit in recordable form setting forth the manner in which notice was perfected and attach the affidavit to the certificate of compliance set forth in subsection (7). The affidavit shall include all the

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information contained in paragraph (f) and shall also state that the notice was perfected by publication after diligent search and inquiry was made for the current address for the obligor.

The returned envelope from the attempt to mail notice of the publication, if available, shall be attached to the affidavit.

No other action of the trustee is necessary to perfect notice.

(6) NOTICE OF SALE.

- (a) The notice of sale shall set forth:
- 1. The name and notice addresses of the obligor and any junior interestholder.
  - 2. The legal description of the timeshare interest.
  - 3. The name and address of the trustee.
- 4. A description of the default that is the basis for the foreclosure.
- 5. The official records book and page numbers where the claim of lien is recorded.
- 6. The amounts secured by the lien and a per diem amount to account for further accrual of the amounts secured by the lien.
- 7. The date, location, and starting time of the trustee's sale.
- 8. The right of and the method by which the obligor may cure the default or the right of any junior interestholder to redeem its interest up to the date the trustee issues the certificate of sale in accordance with paragraph (8)(f).
- (b) The trustee shall send a copy of the notice of sale on the date it is submitted for recording, by first class mail,

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postage prepaid, to the notice addresses of the obligor and any junior interestholder.

- (c) Subsequent to the date of recording of the notice of sale, no notice is required to be given to any person claiming an interest in the timeshare interest except as provided in this section. The recording of the notice of sale has the same force and effect as the filing of a lis pendens in a judicial proceeding under s. 48.23.
- (d)1. The trustee shall publish the notice of sale in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which the timeshare interest is located at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks before the date of the sale. The last publication shall occur at least 5 calendar days before the sale.
- 2. The trustee may group an unlimited number of notices of sale in the same publication, provided that all of the notices of sale pertain to the same timeshare plan.
  - (7) TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.
- (a) Within 3 business days after the trustee conducts a sale, the trustee shall execute and acknowledge a certificate of compliance and record it in the public records of the county or counties in which the timeshare interest is located.
  - (b) In the certificate of compliance, the trustee shall:
- $\underline{\mbox{1. Confirm delivery of the notice of default and intent to}}$  sell and attach the affidavit required by subsection (5).
- 2. State that the default was not cured and the timeshare interest was not redeemed, and state that the trustee did not receive any written objection pursuant subsection (3).

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3. Confirm that the notice of sale was published as required under paragraph (6)(d) and attach an affidavit of publication for the notice of sale.

- 4. Confirm that the notice of sale was mailed pursuant to paragraph (6)(b) together with a list of the parties to whom the notice of sale was mailed.
- (c) In furtherance of the execution and recording of the certificate of compliance required under this subsection, the trustee is entitled to rely upon an affidavit or certification from the lienholder as to the facts and circumstances of default and failure to cure the default.
  - (8) MANNER OF SALE.

- (a) The sale of a timeshare interest by the trustee in a public auction shall be held in the county in which the timeshare interest is located, on the date, location, and starting time designated in the notice of sale, which shall be after 9:00 a.m. but before 4:00 p.m. on a business day not less than 30 calendar days after the recording of the notice of sale. The trustee's sale may occur online at a specific website on the Internet or in any other manner used by the clerk of the court for a judicial foreclosure sales procedure in the county or counties in which the timeshare interest is located.
- (b) The trustee shall conduct the sale and act as the auctioneer.
- (c) The lienholder and any person other than the trustee may bid at the sale. In lieu of participating in the sale, the lienholder may send the trustee written bidding instructions that the trustee shall announce as appropriate during the sale.

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(d) The trustee may postpone the sale from time to time.

In such case, notice of postponement must be given by the trustee at the date, time, and location contained in the notice of sale. The notice of sale for the postponed sale shall be mailed pursuant to paragraph (6) (b), recorded pursuant to paragraph (4) (e), and published pursuant to paragraph (6) (d).

The effective date of the initial notice of sale for purposes of paragraph (4) (b) is not affected by a postponed sale.

- (e) The highest bidder of the timeshare interest shall pay the price bid to the trustee in cash or certified funds on the day of the sale. If the lienholder is the highest bidder, the lienholder shall receive a credit up to the amount set forth in the notice of sale as required by subparagraph (6)(a)6.
- (f) On the date of the sale and upon receipt of the cash or certified funds due from the highest bidder, the trustee shall issue to the highest bidder a certificate of sale stating that a foreclosure conforming to the requirements of this section has occurred, including the time, location, and date of the sale, that the timeshare interest was sold, the amounts secured by the lien, and the amount of the highest bid. A copy of the certificate of sale shall be mailed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by a permitted delivery service, return receipt requested, to all persons entitled to receive a notice of sale under subsection (6).
  - (9) EFFECT OF TRUSTEE'S SALE.—
- (a) A sale conducted under subsection (8) forecloses and terminates all interests of any person to whom notice is given under paragraph (4)(d) and paragraph (6)(b), and of any other

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person claiming by, through, or under any such person, in the affected timeshare interest. The assessment lien does not merge into the trustee's deed to any extent that a subsequent judicial foreclosure or reforeclosure of the assessment lien becomes necessary or required. A failure to give notice to any person entitled to notice does not affect the validity of the sale as to the interests of any person properly notified. A person entitled to notice but not given notice has the rights of a person not made a defendant in a judicial foreclosure.

- (b) A lienholder may conduct a subsequent foreclosure of a timeshare interest to correct any failure to meet the requirements of this section before the issuance of a certificate of sale under paragraph (8)(f).
- (c) On the issuance of a certificate of sale under paragraph (8)(f), all rights of redemption that have been foreclosed under this section shall terminate.
- (d) A sale conducted under subsection (8) extinguishes the assessment lien and the obligor's liability for all amounts secured by the lien. The lienholder has no right to any deficiency judgment against the obligor after a sale of the obligor's timeshare interest under this section.
- (e) The issuance and recording of the trustee's deed is presumed valid and may be relied upon by third parties without actual knowledge of irregularities in the sale.
  - (10) TRUSTEE'S DEED.—

(a) The trustee's deed shall include the name and address of the trustee, the name and address of the highest bidder, the name of the former owner, a legal description of the timeshare

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interest, and the name and address of the preparer of the trustee's deed. The trustee's deed shall recite that the certificate of compliance was recorded, and shall contain no warranties of title from the trustee.

- (b) Ten calendar days after a sale, absent the prior filing and service on the trustee of a judicial action to enjoin issuance of the trustee's deed to the timeshare interest, the trustee shall:
  - 1. Issue a trustee's deed to the highest bidder.
- 2. Record the trustee's deed in the public records of the county or counties in which the timeshare interest is located.
- (c)1. The certificate of compliance and trustee's deed together are presumptive evidence of the truth of the matters set forth in them, and no action to set aside the sale and void the trustee's deed may be filed or otherwise pursued against any person acquiring the timeshare interest for value, including any subsequent mortgagee or buyer.
- 2. The trustee's deed conveys to the highest bidder all rights, title, and interest in the timeshare interest that the former owner had, or had the power to convey, at the time of the recording of the claim of lien, together with all rights, title, and interest that the former owner or his or her successors in interest acquired after the recording of the claim of lien.
- 3. The issuance and recording of a trustee's deed shall have the same force and effect as the issuance and recording of a certificate of title by the clerk of the court in a judicial foreclosure action.
  - (11) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS OF SALE.

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(a) The trustee shall apply the proceeds of the sale as follows:

- 1. To the expenses of the sale, including compensation of the trustee.
- 2. To the amount owed and set forth in the notice as required in subparagraph (6)(a)6.
- 3. If there are junior interestholders, the trustee may file an action in interpleader, pay the surplus to a court of competent jurisdiction, name the competing junior interestholders, and ask the court to determine the proper distribution of the surplus. In any interpleader action, the trustee shall recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
- 4. If there are no junior interestholders, or if all junior interestholders have been paid, any surplus shall be paid to the former owner. If the trustee is unable to locate the former owner 1 year after the sale, the surplus, if any, shall be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to chapter 717.
- (b) In disposing of the proceeds of the sale, the trustee may rely on the information provided in the affidavit of the lienholder under paragraph (2)(c) and, in the event of a dispute or uncertainty over such claims, the trustee has the discretion to submit the matter to adjudication by court, by interpleader, or otherwise and shall recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
- (12) JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE ACTIONS.—The nonjudicial foreclosure procedure established in this section does not impair or otherwise affect the lienholder's continuing right to

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bring a judicial foreclosure action, in lieu of using the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure, with respect to any assessment lien.

- giving rise to the imposition of an assessment lien which occurs after the effective date of this section. An amendment to a timeshare instrument is not required to permit a managing entity lienholder to use the nonjudicial foreclosure procedures of this section. If a timeshare instrument contains any provision that prevents the use of nonjudicial foreclosure procedures, an amendment to the timeshare instrument permitting the use of the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure set forth in this section may be adopted by a majority of those present and voting at a duly called meeting of the owners' association at which at least 15 percent of the voting interests are present in person or by proxy.
- (14) ACTIONS FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE NONJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE PROCEDURE.—An action for actual damages for a material violation of this section may be brought by an obligor against the lienholder for the failure to follow the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure contained in this section.
- Section 9. Section 721.856, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 721.856 Procedure for the nonjudicial foreclosure of mortgage liens.—The provisions of this section establish a nonjudicial foreclosure procedure for mortgage liens.
  - (1) APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE.—
  - (a) A trustee or a substitute trustee may be appointed by

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a lienholder at any time by recording a notice of appointment of trustee or notice of substitution of trustee in the public records of the county or counties in which the timeshare interest is located. A lienholder may appoint multiple trustees in a single appointment, and any appointed trustee may be used by the lienholder regarding the nonjudicial foreclosure of any mortgage lien.

- (b) The recorded notice of appointment of trustee or notice of substitution of trustee shall contain the name and address of the trustee or substitute trustee, the name and address of the lienholder, and the name and address of the timeshare plan.
- (c) The lienholder shall maintain a list of all trustees and substitute trustees appointed by the lienholder and shall provide an obligor with verification that a particular person is an appointed trustee or substitute trustee within 3 business days after receipt of a written request for such verification from the obligor.
- (2) INITIATING THE NONJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE LIENS.—
- (a) Before initiating the nonjudicial foreclosure against a timeshare interest, the mortgage, or an amendment to a mortgage executed by the obligor before the effective date of this section, must contain a statement in substantially the following form:

780 <u>If the mortgagor fails to make timely payments under</u> 781 the obligation secured by this mortgage, or is

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otherwise deemed in uncured default of this mortgage, the lien against the mortgagor's timeshare interest created by this mortgage may be foreclosed in accordance with either a judicial foreclosure procedure or a nonjudicial procedure and may result in the loss of your timeshare interest. If the mortgagee initiates a nonjudicial foreclosure procedure, the mortgagor shall have the option to object and the mortgagee may proceed only by filing a judicial foreclosure action.

- (b)1. In order to initiate a nonjudicial foreclosure procedure against a timeshare interest, the lienholder shall deliver an affidavit to the trustee that identifies the obligor, the notice address of the obligor, the timeshare interest, the official records book and page number where the mortgage is recorded, and the name and notice address of any junior interestholder. The affidavit shall be accompanied by a title search of the timeshare interest identifying any junior interestholders of record, and the title search must be performed within 60 calendar days before the date of the affidavit.
- 2. The affidavit shall also state that the obligor has defaulted in the obligation to make a payment under a specified provision of the mortgage or is otherwise deemed in uncured default under a specified provision of the mortgage.
- 3. The affidavit shall also specify the amounts secured by the lien as of the date of the affidavit and a per diem amount

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to account for further accrual of the amounts secured by the lien.

- (3) OBLIGOR'S RIGHT TO OBJECT TO USE OF THE NONJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE PROCEDURE.—
- (a) The obligor may object to the lienholder's use of the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure for a specific default at any time before the sale of the timeshare interest under subsection (8) by delivering a written objection to the trustee using the objection form provided for in subsection (5). If the trustee receives the written objection from the obligor, the trustee may not proceed with the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure as to the default specified in the notice of default and intent to sell under subsection (5), and the lienholder may proceed thereafter only with a judicial foreclosure action as to that specified default.
- (b) If the obligor delivers the written objection authorized in paragraph (a) to the trustee more than 30 calendar days after the notice of default and intent to sell is deemed perfected under subsection (5), the lienholder is entitled to collect from the obligor in a judicial foreclosure procedure all of the costs incurred in the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure.
- (4) CONDITIONS TO TRUSTEE'S EXERCISE OF POWER OF SALE.—A trustee may sell an encumbered timeshare interest foreclosed under this section if:
- (a) The trustee has received the affidavit from the lienholder under paragraph (2)(c);
- (b) The trustee has not received a written objection to the use of the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure under

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subsection (3);

- (c) There is no lis pendens recorded and pending against the same timeshare interest, and the trustee has not been served notice of the filing of any action to enjoin the nonjudicial foreclosure sale;
- (d) The trustee is in possession of the original promissory note executed by the mortgagor and secured by the mortgage lien;
- (e) The trustee has provided written notice of default and intent to sell as required by subsection (5) and a period of at least 30 calendar days has elapsed after such notice is deemed perfected under subsection (5); and
- (f) The notice of sale required by subsection (6) has been recorded in the public records of the county in which the mortgage was recorded.
  - (5) NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND INTENT TO SELL.-
- (a) In any foreclosure proceeding under this section, the trustee is required to notify the obligor of the proceeding by sending the obligor a written notice of default and intent to sell to the notice address of the obligor by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by a permitted delivery service, return receipt requested, as follows:
- 1. The notice of default and intent to sell shall identify the obligor, the notice address of the obligor, the legal description of the timeshare interest, the nature of the default, the amounts secured by the lien, and a per diem amount to account for further accrual of the amounts secured by the lien and shall state the method by which the obligor may cure

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the default.

- 2. The notice of default and intent to sell shall include an objection form with which the obligor can object to the use of the nonjudicial procedure by signing and returning the objection form to the trustee. The objection form shall identify the obligor, the notice address of the obligor, the timeshare interest, and the return address of the trustee and shall state:

  "The undersigned obligor exercises the obligor's right to object to the use of the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure contained in section 721.856, Florida Statutes."
- 3. The notice of default and intent to sell shall also contain a statement in substantially the following form:

If you fail to cure the default as set forth in this notice or take other appropriate action with regard to this foreclosure matter, you risk losing ownership of your timeshare interest through the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure established in section 721.856, Florida Statutes. You may choose to sign and send to the trustee the enclosed objection form, exercising your right to object to the use of the nonjudicial procedure. If you do not object to the use of the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure, you shall not be subject to a deficiency judgment even if the proceeds from the sale of your timeshare interest are insufficient to offset the amounts secured by the lien, which may include all past due amounts, accrued interest, late fees, taxes, advances for the payment

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of taxes, insurance, and maintenance of the timeshare interest, and any fees or costs incurred by the lienholder or trustee, including any reasonable attorney's fees, trustee's fees and costs incurred in connection with the default. Upon the trustee's receipt of your signed objection form, the foreclosure of the lien with respect to the default specified in this notice shall be subject to the judicial foreclosure procedure only. You have the right to cure your default in the manner set forth in this notice at any time before the trustee's sale of your timeshare interest. If you object to the use of the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure, you may be subject to a deficiency judgment under any subsequent judicial foreclosure action. In addition, if you deliver your written objection to the trustee more than 30 calendar days after the notice of default and intent to sell has been delivered, the lienholder is entitled to collect from you in a judicial foreclosure procedure all of the costs incurred in the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure.

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- 4. The trustee shall also mail a copy of the notice of default and intent to sell, without the objection form, to the notice address of any junior interestholder by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by a permitted delivery service, return receipt requested.
  - 5. Notice under this paragraph is considered perfected

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upon the trustee receiving the return receipt bearing the signature of the obligor.

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- (b) If a signed return receipt from the certified or registered mail or the permitted delivery service is received by the trustee within 30 calendar days after the trustee sent the notice under paragraph (a), but the trustee cannot ascertain from the receipt that the obligor is the person who signed the receipt, the trustee shall send a second notice in the form required under paragraph (a) to the notice address of the obligor by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by a permitted delivery service, return receipt requested. Notice under this paragraph is considered perfected upon the trustee receiving the return receipt for the second notice bearing the signature of the obligor. Unless the trustee receives a signed return receipt from the certified or registered mail or the permitted delivery service for the second notice within 30 calendar days after the trustee sent the notice under this paragraph and the trustee can ascertain from the receipt that the obligor is the person who signed the receipt, the trustee shall perfect service in the manner set forth in either paragraph (c) or paragraph (d).
- c) If a signed return receipt from the certified or registered mail or the permitted delivery service is not received by the trustee within 30 calendar days after the trustee sent the notice under paragraph (a) or the second notice under paragraph (b), if applicable, the trustee shall mail a copy of the notice required by paragraph (a) by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the notice address of the person with

the return address of the trustee on the envelope. Notice under this paragraph is considered perfected upon the mailing of the copy of the notice to the person.

- (d)1. If the notice required by paragraph (a) or the second notice required by paragraph (b), if applicable, is returned as undeliverable within 30 calendar days after the trustee sent the notice and if by a diligent search and inquiry the trustee cannot obtain a different address for the obligor or junior interestholder, the trustee may perfect notice against that person by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which the timeshare interest is located. The notice shall appear at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks. The trustee may group an unlimited number of notices in the same publication, provided that all of the notices pertain to the same timeshare plan. Notice under this subparagraph is considered perfected upon publication as required in this subparagraph.
- 2. If the trustee's diligent search and inquiry produces an address different from the notice address, the trustee shall mail a copy of the notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the new address with the return address of the trustee on the envelope. Notice under this subparagraph is considered perfected upon the mailing of the copy of the notice to the new address.
- (e) If notice is perfected under paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), the trustee shall execute an affidavit in recordable form setting forth the manner in which notice was perfected and attach the affidavit to the certificate of compliance set forth in subsection (7). The affidavit shall

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state the nature of the notice, the date on which the notice was mailed, the name and address on the envelope containing the notice, the manner in which the notice was mailed, and the basis for that knowledge. The signed return receipt from the certified or registered mail or the permitted delivery service shall be attached to the affidavit.

- (f) If notice is perfected under paragraph (c), the trustee shall execute an affidavit in recordable form setting forth the manner in which notice was perfected and attach the affidavit to the certificate of compliance set forth in subsection (7). The affidavit shall state the nature of the notice, the date on which the notice was mailed, the name and address on the envelope containing the notice, the manner in which the notice was mailed, the fact that a signed receipt from the certified or registered mail or the permitted delivery service was not timely received, the date on which a copy of the notice was mailed again by first class mail with the return address of the trustee on the envelope, and the name and address on the envelope containing the notice. The envelopes from the attempts to mail notice, if available, shall also be attached to the affidavit.
- (d), the trustee shall execute an affidavit in recordable form setting forth the manner in which notice was perfected and attach the affidavit to the certificate of compliance set forth in subsection (7). The affidavit shall include all the information contained in paragraph (f) and shall also state that the notice was perfected by publication after diligent search

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and inquiry was made for the current address for the obligor. The returned envelope from the attempt to mail notice of the publication, if available, shall be attached to the affidavit. No other action of the trustee is necessary to perfect notice.

(6) NOTICE OF SALE.

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- The notice of sale shall set forth: (a)
- The name and notice addresses of the obligor and any junior interestholder. 1013
  - 2. The legal description of the timeshare interest.
  - 3. The name and address of the trustee.
  - 4. A description of the default that is the basis for the foreclosure.
  - 5. The official records book and page numbers where the mortgage is recorded.
  - The amounts secured by the lien and a per diem amount to account for further accrual of the amounts secured by the lien.
  - The date, location, and starting time of the trustee's sale.
  - The right of and the method by which the obligor may cure the default or the right of any junior interestholder to redeem its interest up to the date the trustee issues the certificate of sale in accordance with paragraph (8)(f).
  - (b) The trustee shall send a copy of the notice of sale on the date it is submitted for recording, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the notice addresses of the obligor and any junior interestholder.
    - (c) Subsequent to the date of recording of the notice of

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sale, no notice is required to be given to any person claiming an interest in the timeshare interest except as provided in this section. The recording of the notice of sale has the same force and effect as the filing of a lis pendens in a judicial proceeding under s. 48.23.

- (d)1. The trustee shall publish the notice of sale in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which the timeshare interest is located at least once a week for two consecutive weeks before the date of the sale. The last publication shall occur at least 5 calendar days before the sale.
- 2. The trustee may group an unlimited number of notices of sale in the same publication, provided that all of the notices of sale pertain to the same timeshare plan.
  - (7) TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.—
- (a) Within 3 business days after the trustee conducts a sale, the trustee shall execute and acknowledge a certificate of compliance and record it in the public records of the county or counties in which the timeshare interest is located.
  - (b) In the certificate of compliance, the trustee shall:
- 1. Confirm delivery of the notice of default and intent to sell and attach the affidavit required by subsection (5).
- 2. State that the default was not cured and the timeshare interest was not redeemed, and state that the trustee did not receive any written objection pursuant subsection (3).
- 3. State that the trustee is in possession of the original promissory note executed by the mortgagor and secured by the mortgage lien.

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4. Confirm that the notice of sale was published as required under (6)(d) and attach an affidavit of publication for the notice of sale.

- 5. Confirm that the notice of sale was mailed pursuant to paragraph (6)(b) together with a list of the parties to whom the notice of sale was mailed.
- (c) In furtherance of the execution and recording of the certificate of compliance required under this subsection, the trustee is entitled to rely upon an affidavit or certification from the lienholder as to the facts and circumstances of default and failure to cure the default.
  - (8) MANNER OF SALE.

- (a) The sale of a timeshare interest by the trustee in a public auction shall be held in the county in which the timeshare interest is located, on the date, location, and starting time designated in the notice of sale, which shall be after 9:00 a.m. but before 4:00 p.m. on a business day not less than 30 calendar days after the recording of the notice of sale. The trustee's sale may occur online at a specific website on the Internet or in any other manner used by the clerk of the court for a judicial foreclosure sales procedure in the county or counties in which the timeshare interest is located.
- (b) The trustee shall conduct the sale and act as the auctioneer.
- (c) The lienholder and any person other than the trustee may bid at the sale. In lieu of participating in the sale, the lienholder may send the trustee written bidding instructions that the trustee shall announce as appropriate during the sale.

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In such case, notice of postponement must be given by the trustee at the date, time, and location contained in the notice of sale. The notice of sale for the postponed sale shall be mailed pursuant to paragraph (6) (b), recorded pursuant to paragraph (4) (f), and published pursuant to paragraph (6) (d).

The effective date of the initial notice of sale for purposes of paragraph (4) (b) is not affected by a postponed sale.

- (e) The highest bidder of the timeshare interest shall pay the price bid to the trustee in cash or certified funds on the day of the sale. If the lienholder is the highest bidder, the lienholder shall receive a credit up to the amount set forth in the notice of sale as required by subparagraph (6)(a)6.
- (f) On the date of the sale and upon receipt of the cash or certified funds due from the highest bidder, the trustee shall issue to the highest bidder a certificate of sale stating that a foreclosure conforming to the requirements of this section has occurred, including the time, location, and date of the sale, that the timeshare interest was sold, the amounts secured by the lien, and the amount of the highest bid. A copy of the certificate of sale shall be mailed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by a permitted delivery service, return receipt requested, to all persons entitled to receive a notice of sale under subsection (6).
  - (9) EFFECT OF TRUSTEE'S SALE.—
- (a) A sale conducted under subsection (8) forecloses and terminates all interests of any person to whom notice is given under paragraph (4)(e) and paragraph (6)(b), and of any other

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person claiming by, through, or under any such person, in the affected timeshare interest. The mortgage lien does not merge into the trustee's deed to any extent that a subsequent judicial foreclosure or reforeclosure of the mortgage lien becomes necessary or required. A failure to give notice to any person entitled to notice does not affect the validity of the sale as to the interests of any person properly notified. A person entitled to notice but not given notice has the rights of a person not made a defendant in a judicial foreclosure. Any subsequent foreclosure required by failure to notify a party under paragraph (6) (b) may be conducted under this section.

- (b) A lienholder may conduct a subsequent foreclosure of a timeshare interest to correct any failure to meet the requirements of this section before the issuance of a certificate of sale under paragraph (8)(f).
- (c) On the issuance of a certificate of sale under paragraph (8)(f), all rights of redemption that have been foreclosed under this section shall terminate.
- (d) A sale conducted under subsection (8) extinguishes the lien and the obligor's liability for all amounts secured by the lien. The lienholder has no right to any deficiency judgment against the obligor after a sale of the obligor's timeshare interest under this section.
- (e) The issuance and recording of the trustee's deed is presumed valid and may be relied upon by third parties without actual knowledge of irregularities in the sale.
  - (10) TRUSTEE'S DEED.—

(a) The trustee's deed shall include the name and address

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of the trustee, the name and address of the highest bidder, the name of the former owner, a legal description of the timeshare interest, and the name and address of the preparer of the trustee's deed. The trustee's deed shall recite that the certificate of compliance was recorded, and shall contain no warranties of title from the trustee.

- (b) Ten calendar days after a sale, absent the prior filing and service on the trustee of a judicial action to enjoin issuance of the trustee's deed to the timeshare interest, the trustee shall:
- 1. Cancel the original promissory note executed by the mortgagor and secured by the mortgage lien.
  - 2. Issue a trustee's deed to the highest bidder.
- 3. Record the trustee's deed in the public records of the county or counties in which the timeshare interest is located.
- (c)1. The certificate of compliance and trustee's deed together are presumptive evidence of the truth of the matters set forth in them, and no action to set aside the sale and void the trustee's deed may be filed or otherwise pursued against any person acquiring the timeshare interest for value, including any subsequent mortgagee or buyer.
- 2. The trustee's deed conveys to the highest bidder all rights, title, and interest in the timeshare interest that the former owner had, or had the power to convey, at the time of the execution of the mortgage, together with all rights, title, and interest that the former owner or his or her successors in interest acquired after the execution of the mortgage.
  - 3. The issuance and recording of a trustee's deed shall

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have the same force and effect as the issuance and recording of

a certificate of title by the clerk of the court in a judicial

foreclosure action.

(11) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS OF SALE.

- (a) The trustee shall apply the proceeds of the sale as follows:
  - $\underline{\mbox{1. To the expenses of the sale, including compensation of}}$  the trustee.
  - 2. To the amount owed and set forth in the notice as required in subparagraph (6)(a)6.
  - 3. If there are junior interestholders, the trustee may file an action in interpleader, pay the surplus to a court of competent jurisdiction, name the competing junior interestholders, and ask the court to determine the proper distribution of the surplus. In any interpleader action, the trustee shall recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
  - 4. If there are no junior interestholders, or if all junior interestholders have been paid, any surplus shall be paid to the former owner. If the trustee is unable to locate the former owner 1 year after the sale, the surplus, if any, shall be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to chapter 717.
  - (b) In disposing of the proceeds of the sale, the trustee may rely on the information provided in the affidavit of the lienholder under paragraph (2)(c) and, in the event of a dispute or uncertainty over such claims, the trustee has the discretion to submit the matter to adjudication by court, by interpleader, or otherwise and shall recover reasonable attorney's fees and

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- (12) JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE ACTIONS.—The nonjudicial foreclosure procedure established in this section does not impair or otherwise affect the lienholder's continuing right to bring a judicial foreclosure action, in lieu of using the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure, with respect to any mortgage lien.
- (13) ACTIONS FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE NONJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE PROCEDURE.—An action for actual damages for a material violation of this section may be brought by an obligor against the lienholder for the failure to follow the nonjudicial foreclosure procedure contained in this section.
- Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 721.86, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 721.86 Miscellaneous provisions.-
- (1) In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this part and the other provisions of this chapter, chapter 702, or other applicable law, the provisions of this part shall prevail The procedures in this part must be given effect in the context of any foreclosure proceedings against timeshare estates governed by this chapter, chapter 702, chapter 718, or chapter 719.
- Section 11. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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