
BYLAWS

Stairway Real Estate — Property Management

A strata property is a group of two or more properties that share common areas, and this includes all apartments. Every strata property has rules, called bylaws, that set out how residents are required to behave. These rules apply to everyone living in or visiting the property, and a breach of the bylaws by you or your visitor may also be a breach of your tenancy agreement.

The following pages contain the default Schedule 2 Strata Bylaws for Western Australia. Schedule 2 are the rules that apply to you. Your property may have its own modified or expanded bylaws. We will do our best to give you the most current version, but please note that smaller properties often rely on the default bylaws alone. Either way, the default bylaws are a good guide to the minimum standard of behaviour required.

STRATA TITLES ACT 1985

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE 2 (Section 39)

Schedule 2 – Conduct by-laws

[Heading inserted by No. 30 of 2018 s. 98.]

1. Vehicles and parking

- (1) An owner or occupier of a lot must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the owner's or occupier's visitors comply with the scheme by-laws relating to the parking of motor vehicles.
- (2) An owner or occupier of a lot must not park or stand any motor or other vehicle on common property except with the written approval of the strata company.

[Clause 1 inserted by No. 30 of 2018 s. 99.]

2. Use of common property

An owner or occupier of a lot must –

- (a) use and enjoy the common property in such a manner as not unreasonably to interfere with the use and enjoyment of the common property by other owners or occupiers of lots or of their visitors; and
- (b) not use the lot or permit it to be used in such manner or for such purpose as causes a nuisance to an occupier of another lot (whether an owner or not) or the family of such an occupier; and
- (c) take all reasonable steps to ensure that the owner's or occupier's visitors do not behave in a manner likely to interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of an owner or occupier of another lot or of a person lawfully using common property; and
- (d) not obstruct lawful use of common property by any person.

[Clause 2 inserted by No. 30 of 2018 s. 100.]

3. Damage to lawns etc. on common property

Except with the approval of the strata company, an owner or occupier of a lot must not –

- (a) damage any lawn, garden, tree, shrub, plant or flower on common property; or
- (b) use any portion of the common property for the owner's or occupier's own purposes as a garden.

[Clause 3 amended by No. 30 of 2018 s. 101.]

4. Behaviour of owners and occupiers

An owner or occupier of a lot must be adequately clothed when on common property and must not use language or behave in a manner likely to cause offence or embarrassment to an owner or occupier of another lot or to any person lawfully using common property.

[Clause 4 amended by No. 30 of 2018 s. 102.]

[5. Deleted by No. 30 of 2018 s. 103.]

6. Depositing rubbish etc. on common property

An owner or occupier of a lot must not deposit or throw on that lot or any other lot or the common property any rubbish, dirt, dust or other material likely to interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of an owner or occupier of another lot or of any person lawfully using the common property.

[Clause 6 amended by No. 58 of 1995 s. 88(2); No. 30 of 2018 s. 104.]

7. Drying of laundry items and signage

An owner or occupier of a lot must not, except with the consent in writing of the strata company –

- (a) hang any washing, towel, bedding, clothing or other article on any part of the parcel in such a way as to be visible from outside the building, other than for a reasonable period on any lines provided by the strata company for the purpose; or
- (b) display any sign, advertisement, placard, banner, pamphlet or like matter on any part of their lot in such a way as to be visible from outside the building.

[Clause 7 amended No. 30 of 2018 s. 105.] [Former By-law 8 repealed by No. 58 of 1995 s. 88(3).]

8. Storage of inflammable liquids etc.

An owner or occupier of a lot must not, except with the written approval of the strata company, use or store on the lot or on the common property any inflammable chemical, liquid or gas or other inflammable material, other than chemicals, liquids, gases or other materials used or intended to be used for domestic purposes, or any such chemical, liquid, gas or other material in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle or internal combustion engine.

[Clause 8, formerly by-law 9, renumbered as by-law 8 by No. 58 of 1995 s. 88(4); amended by No. 30 of 2018 s. 106.]

9. Moving furniture etc. on or through common property

An owner or occupier of a lot must not transport any furniture or large object through or on common property within the building unless that person has first given to the council sufficient notice of their intention to do so to enable the council to arrange for its nominee to be present at the time when that person does so.

[Clause 9, formerly by-law 10, renumbered as by-law 9 by No. 58 of 1995 s. 88(4); amended by No. 30 of 2018 s. 107.]

10. Floor coverings

An owner of a lot must ensure that all floor space within the lot (other than that comprising kitchen, laundry, lavatory or bathroom) is covered or otherwise treated to an extent sufficient to prevent the transmission therefrom of noise likely to disturb the peaceful enjoyment of an owner or occupier of another lot.

[Clause 10, formerly by-law 11, renumbered as by-law 10 by No. 58 of 1995 s. 88(4); amended by No. 30 of 2018 s. 108.]

11. Garbage disposal

An owner or occupier of a lot must –

- (a) maintain within their lot, or on such part of the common property as may be authorised by the strata company, in clean and dry condition and adequately covered, a receptacle for garbage;
- (b) comply with all local laws relating to the disposal of garbage; (c) ensure that the health, hygiene and comfort of an owner or occupier of any other lot is not adversely affected by their disposal of garbage.

[Clause 11, formerly by-law 12, renumbered as by-law 11 by No. 58 of 1995 s. 88(4); amended by No. 57 of 1997 s. 115(5); No. 30 of 2018 s. 109.]

12. Additional duties of owners and occupiers

An owner or occupier of a lot must not –

- (a) use the lot for a purpose that may be illegal or injurious to the reputation of the building; or
- (b) make undue noise in or about the lot or common property; or
- (c) keep animals on the lot or the common property after notice in that behalf given to that person by the council.

[Clause 12 inserted by No. 58 of 1995 s. 88(5); amended by No. 74 of 2003 s. 112(22); No. 30 of 2018 s. 110.]

13. Notice of alteration to lot

An owner of a lot must not alter or permit the alteration of the structure of the lot except as may be permitted and provided for under the Act and the by-laws and in any event must not alter the structure of the lot without giving to the strata company, not later than 14 days before commencement of the alteration, a written notice describing the proposed alteration.

[Clause 13 inserted by No. 58 of 1995 s. 88(5); amended by No. 30 of 2018 s. 111.]

14. Appearance of lot

An owner or occupier of a lot must not, without the written consent of the strata company, maintain within the lot anything visible from outside the lot that, viewed from outside the lot, is not in keeping with the rest of the building.

[Clause 14 inserted by No. 58 of 1995 s. 88(5); amended by No. 30 of 2018 s. 112.]

15. Decoration of, and affixing items to, inner surface of lot

An owner or occupier of a lot must not, without the written consent of the strata company, paint, wallpaper or otherwise decorate a structure which forms the inner surface of the boundary of the lot or affix locking devices, flyscreens, furnishings, furniture, carpets and other similar things to that surface, if that action will unreasonably damage the common property.

[Clause 15 inserted by No. 30 of 2018 s. 113.]