



**SAMPLE** George, Washington

Level 4 Preliminary, Community Not Yet Constructed Reserve Study

#### 2024 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

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Next Update: Level 1 study by January 2024





# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This Reserve Study meets the requirements of the Washington Condominium Act and the Washington Unified Common Interest Owner Act for a Level 4 Preliminary, Community Not Yet Constructed Reserve Study, and was prepared by an independent Reserve Study Professional.

Sample is a 32-unit residential community located along Main Street in George, Washington. Construction of Sample was completed in about 1985. The community consists of two wood framed buildings that are three stories each with controlled access parking below. The building(s) have a mixture of fiber cement board siding and brick siding with wood trim. The (Both) building(s) are topped with low-sloped TPO membrane roofs.

SAMPLE RESERVE FUND STATUS	
SAMPLE'S FISCAL YEAR	a calendar year
PROJECTED RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE ON DECEMBER 31, 2023	\$150,000 <sup>1</sup>
FULLY FUNDED BALANCE @ FISCAL YEAR-END 2023	\$172,949 <sup>2</sup>
PERCENT FUNDED BALANCE @ FISCAL YEAR-END 2023	87% <sup>3</sup>
FUNDING STATUS - RISK OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT @ FISCAL YEAR-END	Low Risk
2023 PLANNED OR IMPLEMENTED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	\$O
COMPONENT INCLUSION THRESHOLD VALUE	\$600

SAMPLE CURRENT AND RECOMMENDED RESERVE CONTRIBUTIONS						
CURRENT BUDGETED ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO RESERVES \$23,800						
2024 RECOMMENDED ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION RATE	\$24,600 <sup>4</sup>					
2024 RECOMMENDED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	None					
2024 AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION PER UNIT PER YEAR	\$769					
2024 AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION PER UNIT PER MONTH	\$64					
2024 BASELINE FUNDING PLAN CONTRIBUTION RATE	\$22,200					
2024 FULL FUNDING PLAN CONTRIBUTION RATE	\$25,400					

<sup>1</sup> The actual or projected total reserve fund balance presented in the Reserve Study is based on information provided by the Association representative and was not audited by RCL.

<sup>2</sup> The fully funded balance for each reserve component is calculated by multiplying the current replacement cost of that reserve component by its effective age, then dividing the result by that reserve component's useful life. The sum total of all reserve components' fully funded balances is the association's fully funded balance as defined by Washington State law. The fully funded balance changes from year to year.

<sup>3</sup> The percent fully funded acts as a measuring tool to assess an association's ability to absorb unplanned expenses. These expenses could be emergency repairs not covered by insurance, or expenses that differ from the existing Reserve Study in terms of timing or cost.

4 To help ensure the Association has the appropriate funds for the anticipated expenses over the next 30 years, we have provided recommended funding plans with a constant contribution to reserves that increases annually for inflation.



## **COMPONENT LIST**

Each reserve component is evaluated to determine the current condition, the remaining useful life, and the estimated replacement cost. Reserve studies for condominiums are required to include roofing, painting, paving, decks, siding, plumbing, windows, and any other reserve component that would cost more than one percent of the annual budget for major maintenance, repair or replacement (RCW 64.34.382). While the law defines the inclusion threshold to be 1% of the operating budget, or \$600 (1% of \$60,000), components valued less than the legal threshold may be included to better capture reserve funding for Sample. The component list is based on information

provided by Sample. Reserve Consultants LLC does not provide legal interpretations of governing documents. It is the responsibility of Sample to ensure that the component list is complete and complies with their governing documents. Many factors may influence the actual costs that an association will experience. The quality of replacement materials of items can significantly impact cost, as well as the timing between replacements. The use of consultants to specify and oversee work may also cause additional expenses

COMPONENT DESCRIPTION	MAINT. CYCLE	REMAINING USEFUL LIFE	NEXT MAINT. YEAR	CURRENT REPLACEMENT COST
2.6.1 Asphalt Pavement & Curbs - Repair	6	1	2024	\$4,440
2.6.2 Asphalt Pavement & Curbs - Seal Coat & Paint	6	1	2024	\$4,090
3.3.1 Concrete Pavement - Repair	10	1	2024	\$3,630
5.4.1 Deck Rails - Replace	40	19	2042	\$26,200
5.4.2 Courtyard Rails - Repair	6	2	2025	\$770
6.1.1 Elastomeric Decks - Recoat	6	3	2026	\$16,700
6.1.2 Decks - Structural Repairs	12	9	2032	\$5,420
6.1.3 Planters - Maintenance	20	14	2037	\$7,560
6.2.1 Exterior Siding & Trim - Repair	10	2	2025	\$3,400
7.3.1 Gutters & Downspouts - Replace	20	10	2033	\$4,390
7.4.1 Low Sloped Roof - Repair	5	3	2026	\$4,030
7.4.2 Low Sloped Roof - Replace	20	5	2028	\$80,710
7.4.3 Metal Roof - Paint	10	10	2033	\$9,020
7.4.4 Metal Roof - Replace	50	24	2047	\$35,590
8.2.1 Common Doors & Hardware - Repair	8	8	2031	\$540
8.3.1 Gate Operator - Maintenance	8	8	2031	\$5,660
8.3.2 Motorized Gates - Replace	20	8	2031	\$21,260
9.8.1 Exterior Siding & Trim - Paint	10	2	2025	\$10,180
10.3.1 Chimney Chase Covers & Caps - Repair	17	4	2027	\$10,530
10.5.1 Mailboxes - Replace	10	4	2027	\$1,270
15.2.1 Plumbing System - Contingency	10	3	2026	\$2,590



This section has been abbreviated for the sample document.



# COMPONENTS EXCLUDED FROM THIS STUDY

Components that individual unit owners are responsible to maintain, repair, and/or replace are not included in the study or funding projections. We recommend that associations establish a clear definition of these components, as well as policies and processes regarding maintenance of these "owner responsibility" items.

#### **OPERATING BUDGET**

The following components may qualify for inclusion in the Reserve Study, but are excluded because the Association elects to maintain them with funds from the operating budget:

#### UNIT OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

There are items that individual unit owners are responsible to maintain and pay for, including, but not limited to:

- play area equipment
- irrigation controls
- surveillance equipment

- interior finishes within individual residences
- damage by residents or their pets
- window glazing and framing

#### ADJUSTMENTS TO COMPONENT RESERVE RECOMMENDATIONS

#### This reserve study provides updated information

on the components from prior reserve studies. All cost estimates were adjusted to reflect the actual inflation rate for construction work in Washington State, and costs actually experienced by Sample or others in the area. To complete the report, we were provided with a record of recent expenditures on reserve components

#### We use those figures, where applicable, for

updating component cost projections, applying an appropriate inflation factor. Where updated figures from actual work performed are not available, cost projections from the previous reserve study are updated for inflation and rounded to the nearest \$10, using the RS Means 2022 to 2023 inflation figure of 14.61% for construction work.



# PERCENT FUNDED

#### The "percent funded" is a measure of how much the Association should have saved in their reserve

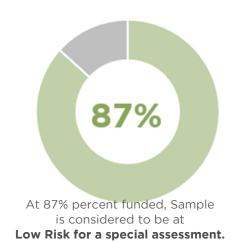
account compared to the projected cost for all the components the Association is responsible for and relates to the level of deterioration compared to the cost to repair or replace the component.

We typically recommend a contribution rate to meet a minimum reserve account balance (threshold) goal instead of a 100% funded rate.

We usually recommend that an association consider a threshold equal to the recommended annual reserve contribution because this is the average maintenance expense over the thirty years. However, each association must judge their unique risk tolerance.

The Fully Funded Balance for Sample is \$172,949 . The actual current funding is \$150,000 . The Association is approximately 87% funded.

The Fully Funded Balance for Sample Association is 0%. The percent funded cannot be calculated at this time.



#### EXAMPLE OF PERCENT FUNDED FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT

# SCENARIO ANALYSIS For a deck membrane that lasts 10 years and costs \$100,000 to replace: A. In effect, the percent funded is a measure of how well an association can withstand the risk of unexpected expenses. Such unexpected expenses include: emergency expenses not covered by insurance, expenses that are higher than predicted, and expenses that are required earlier than anticipated. • Year 2, the membrane has deteriorated 20%. B. A higher percent funded means more money is in the bank which lowers the risk of special assessment if something unexpected expenses. • If you have \$10,000 saved it is 50% funded. C. By analyzing deterioration cycles and cash flow needs, we determine how much money should be steadily contributed, over a 30 year period, to fund the repair and replacement needs of the components included in the study. Budgeting to maintain a minimum blance, or threshold, helps to ensure that a correct will be reported will be repor

unexpected expense arises.



## **DEFICIT OR SURPLUS IN RESERVE FUNDING**

RCW 64.90.550 \$2(I) requires that the reserve study include the amount of any current deficit or surplus in reserve funding expressed on a dollars per unit basis. This is calculated by subtracting the community's reserve account balance as of the date of the study from the fully funded balance, and then multiplying the result by the fraction or percentage of the common expenses of the community allocable to each unit.

The fully funded balance calculates how much money should be saved for future maintenance based on the age of each component and the cost for future maintenance. In other words, the fully funded balance assumes that money will be saved every year for the next maintenance of a component to ensure special assessments are not required to fund future maintenance. The intent of RCW 64.90.550 §2 (I) is to show each unit's "share" of the surplus or deficit in reserve funding.

#### If the reserve account balance is:

- equal to the fully funded balance, Sample would be considered as 100% fully funded. There would be neither a surplus nor deficit.
- **less than** the fully funded balance, there is a deficit meaning Sample would be thought behind on saving for future maintenance.
- **more than** the fully funded balance, there is a surplus meaning Sample would be deemed ahead on saving for future maintenance.

**The Recommended Funding Plan** is based on Threshold Funding, a reserve contribution rate that is constant (increasing annually with inflation) to provide funds for all anticipated reserve expenses for the life of the study but leaving a minimum level of reserves (the "threshold") at all times. The threshold provides a monetary cushion in the reserve account to help ensure that a special assessment is not required for the duration of the study, even in years when there are significant withdrawals from the reserve account. Primary consideration is given to cash needed to cover expenses and the threshold; the percent funded is typically targeted to be 80%.

#### SUMMARY

PROJECTED RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023	\$150,000
CURRENT FULLY FUNDED BALANCE	\$172,949
RESERVE FUND (DEFICIT)	(\$22,949)
NUMBER OF UNITS	32
AVERAGE (DEFICIT) PER UNIT	(\$717)



#### **RESERVE FUND (DEFICIT) PER UNIT**

UNIT NUMBER	ALLOCATED INTEREST	(DEFICIT) PER UNIT	UNIT NUMBER	ALLOCATED INTEREST	(DEFICIT) PER UNIT	UNIT NUMBER	ALLOCATED INTEREST	(DEFICIT) PER UNIT
100	3.3226%	(\$763)	209	4.8397%	(\$1,111)	400	2.0472%	(\$470)
101	3.3856%	(\$777)	300	1.9574%	(\$449)	401	2.2268%	(\$511)
200	1.9574%	(\$449)	301	2.1370%	(\$490)	402	2.2896%	(\$525)
201	2.1370%	(\$490)	302	2.1998%	(\$505)	403	2.3794%	(\$546)
202	2.1998%	(\$505)	303	2.2896%	(\$525)	404	3.1696%	(\$727)
203	2.2896%	(\$525)	304	3.0798%	(\$707)	405	3.3491%	(\$769)
204	3.0798%	(\$707)	305	3.2594%	(\$748)	406	3.1965%	(\$734)
205	3.2594%	(\$748)	306	3.1067%	(\$713)	407	2.3701%	(\$544)
206	3.1067%	(\$713)	307	3.1426%	(\$721)	408	5.0193%	(\$1,152)
207	2.6222%	(\$602)	308	4.9295%	(\$1,131)	409	5.8816%	(\$1,350)
208	4.8397%	(\$1,111)	309	4.9295%	(\$1,131)			
COLUMNITOTAL	32.20%	(\$7,390)	COLUMNITOTAL	35.87%	(\$8,232)	COLUMNITOTAL	31.93%	(\$7,328)
			GRAND TOTAL	100.00%	(\$22,949)			



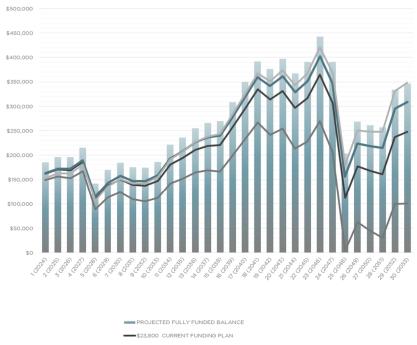
# **FUNDING PLANS**

THRESHOLD FUNDING PLAN	BASELINE FUNDING PLAN	FULL FUNDING PLAN
\$24,600	\$22,200	\$25,400
Special Assessment	Special Assessment	Special Assessment
None in 2024	None in 2024	None in 2024
RECOMMENDED	OPTIONAL STRATEGY	100% FUNDED BY YEAR 30
initial annual contribution of	initial annual contribution of	initial annual contribution of
\$24,600	\$22,200	\$25,400
meets yearly projected reserve expenses	meets annual reserve expenses with no minimum balance requirement	most flexibility for cost variables and unplanned expenses
maintains minimum reserve balance equal to annual contribution amount	less flexibility with cost variables and unplanned expenses	lowest risk for special assessment

The Threshold Funding Plan is the **RECOMMENDED FUNDING PLAN** for Sample, balancing cashflow and anticipated expenses over 30 years while maintaining a minimum reserve account balance of one year's contribution to reserves and the percent funded above 77%. Cost projection accuracy decreases into the distant future. Assumptions should be reconsidered and updated with each revision of the study.

#### COMPARISON OF FULLY FUNDED BALANCE AND FUNDING PLANS

Since the Baseline and Full Funding Plans are similar, only one line is visible on some parts of the chart.



\$24,600 RECOMMENDED (THRESHOLD) FUNDING PLAN

\$22,200 BASELINE FUNDING PLAN

\$25,400 FULL FUNDING PLAN



# **PROJECTED RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCES**

FOR FUNDING PLANS OVER 30 YEARS

Per RCW 64.90.550 §2 (j) of the Washington Unified Common Interest Owners Act (WUCIOA), the projected reserve account balance for each of the funding plans over the next 30 years is provided, along with the current funding plan projections. The values in the Recommended Funding Plan include the previously mentioned recommended adjustment(s) in the annual reserve contribution, if applicable.

FISCAL YEAR END	\$24,600 RECOMMENDED (THRESHOLD) FUNDING PLAN	\$23,800 CURRENT FUNDING PLAN	\$22,200 BASELINE FUNDING PLAN	\$25,400 FULL FUNDING PLAN
1 (2024)	\$162,902	\$162,098	\$149,305	\$152,521
2 (2025)	\$172,562	\$170,897	\$156,099	\$162,765
3 (2026)	\$171,970	\$169,386	\$152,466	\$162,803
4 (2027)	\$189,638	\$186,078	\$166,912	\$181,152
5 (2028)	\$114,343	\$109,746	\$88,207	\$106,593
6 (2029)	\$142,994	\$137,297	\$113,248	\$136,035
7 (2030)	\$157,375	\$150,511	\$123,811	\$151,268
8 (2031)	\$147,235	\$139,133	\$109,634	\$142,041
9 (2032)	\$146,519	\$137,106	\$104,652	\$142,304
10 (2033)	\$158,521	\$147,720	\$112,149	\$155,353
11 (2034)	\$193,423	\$181,153	\$142,295	\$191,375
12 (2035)	\$207,822	\$193,998	\$151,674	\$206,970
13 (2036)	\$226,125	\$210,660	\$164,684	\$226,549
14 (2037)	\$236,353	\$219,151	\$169,329	\$238,135
15 (2038)	\$239,698	\$220,664	\$166,791	\$242,928
16 (2039)	\$278,225	\$257,256	\$199,118	\$282,994
17 (2040)	\$318,809	\$295,799	\$233,174	\$325,215
18 (2041)	\$359,409	\$334,247	\$266,900	\$367,554
19 (2042)	\$341,206	\$313,773	\$241,461	\$351,194
20 (2043)	\$361,244	\$331,417	\$253,884	\$373,188
21 (2044)	\$328,993	\$296,647	\$213,626	\$343,011
22 (2045)	\$351,398	\$316,398	\$227,610	\$367,613
23 (2046)	\$401,897	\$364,103	\$269,256	\$420,437
24 (2047)	\$347,066	\$306,331	\$205,120	\$368,066
25 (2048)	\$156,244	\$112,413	\$4,520	\$179,845
26 (2049)	\$224,284	\$177,198	\$62,289	\$250,634
27 (2050)	\$218,291	\$167,782	\$45,508	\$247,546
28 (2051)	\$215,089	\$160,982	\$30,980	\$247,411
29 (2052)	\$295,156	\$237,268	\$99,158	\$330,715
30 (2053)	\$309,243	\$247,381	\$100,766	\$348,216



# PURPOSE OF A RESERVE STUDY

#### The purpose of a Reserve Study is to

recommend a reasonable annual reserve contribution rate made by a common interest community to its reserve account. Reserve accounts are established to fund major maintenance, repair, and replacement of common elements, including limited common elements, expected within the next thirty years. A Reserve Study is intended to project availability of adequate funds for the replacement or major repair of any significant component of the property as it becomes necessary without relying on special assessments. It is a budget planning tool which identifies the current status of the reserve account and a stable and equitable Funding Plan to offset the anticipated future major shared **expenditures. Each reserve component is** 

#### evaluated to determine the current condition,

the remaining useful life, and the estimated replacement cost. This information is combined into a spreadsheet to determine funding requirements and establish the annual contribution rate needed to minimize the potential for special assessments. All costs and annual reserve fund balances are shown with adjustments for annual inflation and interest earned. Ideally, an even level of contributions is established that maintains a positive balance in the reserve account over the timeline the study examines. Annual updates are key to keeping up with current trends in component pricing, inflation and interest rates, actual timing of maintenance experienced and the community's **risk tolerance.** 

A Reserve Study also calculates a theoretical "Fully Funded Balance". Fully Funded Balance is the sum total of the reserve components' depreciated value using a straight-line depreciation method.

To calculate each component's depreciated value:

 $Deprectated Value = Current Replacement Cost \times \frac{Effective Age}{Expected Useful Life}$ 

By comparing the actual current reserve fund balance, to the theoretical Fully Funded Balance a Percent Fully Funded is derived.

### **OUR APPROACH TO A RESERVE STUDY**

Reserve Consultants LLC employs a "Reasonable Approach" when evaluating reserve components to draft a study that is of greatest value to our clients. This means we attempt to predict, based on the costs involved and the client's objectives, what a reasonable person will decide to have done when maintenance, repairs, or replacement become necessary. For example, a reasonable person will not replace a fence when it only needs to be repainted. The benefit of this is that reserve contributions are minimized to allow for what is most likely to occur. Our studies are not based on a worst-case scenario, but rather on what we expect is most likely to occur. Our approach assumes minor repairs will be completed as they occur before they become major problems.



# LEVELS OF RESERVE STUDIES

**Level 1:** The first level, an initial Reserve Study, must be based upon a visual site inspection conducted by a Reserve Study Professional. This is also known as a full Level 1 Reserve Study with a site visit.

**Level 2:** Thereafter at least every three years, an updated Reserve Study must be prepared, which again is based upon a visual site inspection conducted by a Reserve Study Professional. This is also known as a Level 2 update with a site visit.

**Level 3:** As noted earlier, the Association is required to update its Reserve Study every year. However, in two of the three years, the annual updates do not require a site visit. This is also known as a Level 3 update without a site visit.

**Level 4:** The Community Associations Institute defines a Level 4 reserve study for communities under construction as a Preliminary, Community Not Yet Constructed **reserve** study. This study is a <u>Level 4</u> Preliminary, Community Not Yet Constructed Reserve Study

The next required update for Sample is a **Level 1 study by January, 2024.** 

# SOURCES USED IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

Reserve Consultants LLC has provided reserve studies and construction services since 1992 and base component repair and replacement costs on this extensive experience and information provided by the Association. Sources used include:

- Review of drawings and specifications provided by association representatives;
- Input provided by association representatives;
- Review of a list of components the community is responsible for
- Generally accepted construction, maintenance, and repair guidelines

The current replacement cost is an estimate and actual costs may vary. Material selection, timing of the work, and requirements for Architectural services or construction management can impact cost projections. Expenses related to common interest communities are typically higher than other multifamily construction types, often due to the elevated insurance requirements contractors must carry. All estimates assume that a licensed and bonded contractor will be utilized to complete the work due to liability issues. Regional cost factors are applied as appropriate.



# **GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR A RESERVE STUDY**

The Washington State government requires that the following disclosure be included in every Reserve Study (RCW 64.34.38283 & RCW 64.38.07083):

"This reserve study should be reviewed carefully. It may not include all common and limited common element components that will require major maintenance, repair, or replacement in future years, and may not include regular contributions to a reserve account for the cost of such maintenance, repair, or replacement. The failure to include a component in a reserve study, or to provide contributions to a reserve account for a component, may, under some circumstances, require you to pay on demand as a special assessment your share of common expenses for the cost of major maintenance, repair, or replacement of a reserve component."

The requirements of RCW 64.34 (Condo Act) and RCW 64.38 (Homeowners' Association Act) can be found on the Washington State Legislature's website. Effective July 1, 2018, the Washington Unified Common Interest Act (WUCIOA) has impacted all common interest communities. Our reserve studies also comply with WUCIOA. WUCIOA requires the following disclosure in every Reserve Study (RCW 64.90.550 § 3):

"This reserve study should be reviewed carefully. It may not include all common and limited common element components that will require major maintenance, repair, or replacement in future years, and may not include regular contributions to a reserve account for the cost of such maintenance, repair, or replacement. The failure to include a component in a reserve study, or to provide contributions to a reserve account for a component, may, under some circumstances, require the association to (1) defer major maintenance, repair, or replacement, (2) increase future reserve contributions, (3) borrow funds to pay for major maintenance, repair, or replacement, or (4) impose special assessments for the cost of major maintenance, repair, or replacement."

We understand that common interest properties are to follow the budget ratification process outlined in RCW 64.90.525. Specifically,

"Within thirty days after adoption of any proposed budget for the common interest community, the board must provide a copy of the budget to all the unit owners and set a date for a meeting of the unit owners to consider ratification of the budget not less than fourteen nor more than fifty days after providing the budget. Unless at that meeting the unit owners of units to which a majority of the votes in the association are allocated or any larger percentage specified in the declaration reject the budget, the budget and the assessments against the units included in the budget are ratified, whether or not a quorum is present."

RCW 64.90.525 §2 states that the copy of the budget must include:

(d) the current amount of regular assessments budgeted for contribution to the reserve account;

- (e) A statement of whether the association has a reserve study that meets the requirements of RCW 64.90.550 of this act and, if so, the extent to which the budget meets or deviates from the recommendations of that reserve study; and
- (f) The current deficiency or surplus in reserve funding expressed on a per unit basis.

Reserve Consultants will prepare a Reserve Disclosure that covers the requirements of RCW 64.90.525 §2 (d) - (f) **if requested within one year of when the draft report of the Reserve Study was issued**. Once Sample has **provided the required information in RCL's format**, the Reserve Disclosure will be compiled at no additional charge for inclusion with the **budget ratification package**.

# LIMITATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS OF A RESERVE STUDY

#### This Reserve Study is not a report on the

condition of the assets maintained by Sample, or a detailed report of necessary maintenance to the assets. It is also not an investigation into or comment on the quality of construction of the reserve components, or whether the construction complies with the building code or the requirements of Washington State requirements common interest properties, including the Washington Common Interest Ownership Act (WUCIOA).

The component list is based on information provided by Sample. Reserve Consultants LLC does not provide legal interpretations of governing documents or auditing services on account information provided.

The observations made by Reserve Consultants LLC are limited to a visual inspection of a sample of the reserve components. Unless informed otherwise, our assumption is that the components are constructed in substantial compliance with the building code and to industry standards, and that it will receive ordinary and reasonable maintenance and repair by Sample. These assumptions include that most reserve components will achieve their normal useful lives for similar components in the Pacific Northwest, and that they will be replaced when necessary to prevent damage to other reserve components.

#### This Reserve Study assumes that the assets will

be maintained to keep a good level of appearance, with a special emphasis on retaining the original appearance of the assets to the greatest possible extent. The analysis also assumes that Sample will replace materials as they are required with good quality materials, installed by qualified, licensed, contractors. We further assume that the assets will experience the full typical useful life for the new materials installed.

The long-term nature of this study requires that certain assumptions and predictions be made about future events. Since there can be no guarantee that these future events will occur as assumed, this analysis must be viewed considering the circumstances under which it was conducted. A reasonable effort has been made to ensure that the conclusions of this report are based on reliable information and sound reasoning.

This report should be updated annually with actual repair costs, reserve fund balances, etc. Every three years it should be updated with a site inspection and professional review. Regular updating will allow changes based on actual occurrences and adjustments for the cost of repairs to be incorporated into the annual reserve contributions. This will allow any savings or additional costs to be properly allocated among unit owners.



## INFLATION AND INTEREST RATE PROJECTIONS

When making estimates on the future inflation and interest rates, we use a staggered approach to more accurately reflect future economic projections.

For inflation, we use the construction industry inflation rates published by RS Means, which differ from the consumer inflation index. The average annual construction inflation increase since 1992 is 4.11%. We do not apply inflation to the annual reserve contribution in Year 0. Likewise, we do not apply inflation to the recommended reserve contribution in Year 1 since this is the first year at the recommended contribution rate. Inflation applied to the components on the inflated spreadsheet is compounded annually; the values are listed for each year at the bottom of the inflated spreadsheet. For interest rates, we analyze the historical data

provided by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve. The average annual interest rate since 1992 is 2.44%. The interest for associations is typically lower than average due to conservative investing options that are usually employed by associations.

#### CONTRIBUTION & EXPENSE INFLATION AND INTEREST PROJECTIONS

YEARS APPLIED	CONTRIBUTION ACCELERATOR	RESERVE CONTRIBUTION INFLATION	RESERVE EXPENSE INFLATION	INTEREST RATE
Year 0 (2023)	0%	0%	0%	1.0%
Year 1 (2024)	0%	9.0%	9.0%	1.0%
Year 2 (2025) through Year 10 (2033)	0%	4.0%	4.0%	2.5%
Year 11 (2034) through Year 30 (2052)	0%	4.0%	4.0%	2.5%

A contribution accelerator applies an additional annual increase to the reserve contribution above the inflation rate assumption to help increase the reserve fund balance without the need for a special assessment. This is not a strategy that is typically employed.



# DISCLOSURES

- 1. Reserve Consultants LLC also provides construction inspection services for condominiums and does design and construction oversight for major repair projects, including roofing, decks and building envelope replacement.
- 2. No shareholder or employee of Reserve Consultants LLC has any interest in, or obligation to, any construction company, management company, or development entity that creates condominiums; nor is there any involvement with Sample which could result in a conflict of interest.
- 3. Reserve Consultants LLC has been a member of the Community Associations Institute since about 1993, and has worked with a variety of management companies, associations, and other types of clients in Washington State.
- 4. This report and analysis are based upon observations of the visible and apparent condition of the building and its major components on the date of the inspection. Although care has been taken in the performance of this inspection, Reserve Consultants LLC (and/or its representatives) make no representations regarding latent or concealed defects which may exist, and no warranty or guarantee is expressed or implied. This report is made only in the best exercise of our ability and judgment. Conclusions in this report are based on estimates of the age and normal working life of various items of equipment and appliances. Predictions of life expectancy and the balance of useful life are necessarily based on industry and/or statistical comparisons. It is essential to understand that actual conditions can alter the useful life of any item. The previous use or misuse, irregularity of servicing, faulty manufacture, unfavorable conditions, acts of God, and unforeseen circumstances make it impossible to state precisely when each item would require replacement. The client herein should be aware that certain components within the above referenced property may function consistent with their purpose at the time of inspection, but due to their nature, are subject to deterioration without notice.
- 5. Unless otherwise noted, all reserve components are assumed to meet the building code requirements in force at the time of construction. Any on-site inspection should not be considered a project audit or quality inspection.
- 6. Conclusions reached in this report assume responsible ownership and competent management of the property. Information provided by others is believed to be reliable. Information provided by others was not audited; we assume no responsibility for accuracy thereof.
- 7. The reserve study reflects information provided to the consultant and assembled for Sample's use, not for the purpose of performing an audit, quality/forensic analyses or background checks of historical record.



# **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

Allocated Interests - the following interests allocated to each unit: (a) In a condominium, the undivided interest in the common elements, the common expense liability, and votes in the association; (b) In a cooperative, the common expense liability, the ownership interest, and votes in the association; and (c) In a plat community and miscellaneous community, the common expense liability and the votes in the association, and also the undivided interest in the common elements if owned in common by the unit owners rather than an association. RCW 64.90.010 §2.

**Assessment** - all sums chargeable by the association against a unit, including any assessments levied pursuant to RCW 64.90.480, fines or fees levied or imposed by the association pursuant to this chapter or the governing documents, interest and late charges on any delinquent account, and all costs of collection incurred by the association in connection with the collection of a delinquent owner's account, including reasonable attorneys' fees. RCW 64.90.010 §3.

Association or Unit Owners Association - the unit owners association organized under RCW 64.90.400 of WUCIOA and, to the extent necessary to construe sections of this chapter made applicable to common interest communities pursuant to RCW64.90.085, 64.90.095, or 64.90.100of WUCIOA, the association organized or created to administer such common interest communities. RCW \$64.90.010 §4.

**Baseline Funding Plan** – A reserve contribution rate that is constant, increasing with inflation, to provide funds for all anticipated reserve expenses so that no special assessments are required for 30 years, but with no excess funds some years.

**Board** - the body, regardless of name, designated in the declaration, map, or organizational documents, with primary authority to manage the affairs of the association. RCW \$64.90.010 \$6.

**Building Codes** - Nationally recognized standards used to gauge the acceptability of a particular material or building procedure. Typically, if something is built to "code," it is acceptable to all concerned. Some often-used codes are International Building Code (IBC) (applicable to most multifamily housing), International Residential Code (IRC) (applicable to one and two family structures), Washington Energy Code, National Electric Code (NEC), Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), and the National Fire Protection Association Standards (NFPA). These are usually amended slightly by each city or county.

**Building Component** – see "Reserve Component".

**Component Number** - A number assigned to each building component that allows grouping of like components. The numbers are based roughly on the Construction Specification Institute system.

**Common Elements** - (a) In a condominium or cooperative, all portions of the common interest community other than the units; (b) In a plat community or miscellaneous community, any real estate other than a unit within a plat community or miscellaneous community that is owned or leased either by the association or in common by the unit owners rather than an association; and (c) In all common interest communities, any other interests in real estate for the benefit of any unit owners that are subject to the declaration. RCW \$64.90.010 \$7.

**Common Expense** - any expense of the association, including allocations to reserves, allocated to all of the unit owners in accordance with common expense liability. RCW \$64.90.010 \$8.

**Common Expense Liability** - the liability for common expenses allocated to each unit pursuant to RCW64.90.040of RCW. RCW \$64.90.010 \$9.

**Common Interest Community** - real estate described in a declaration with respect to which a person, by virtue of the person's ownership of a unit, is obligated to pay for a share of real estate taxes, insurance premiums, maintenance, or improvement of, or services or other expenses related to, common elements, other units, or other real estate described in the declaration. "Common interest community" does not include an arrangement described in RCW 64.90.110 or RCW 64.90.115. A common interest community may be a part of another common interest community. RCW §64.90.010 §10.

**Contribution Rate** - the amount contributed to the reserve account so that the association will have cash reserves to pay major maintenance, repair, or replacement costs without the need for a special assessment. RCW 64.34.020 (10), RCW 64.38.010 (6)

**Constant Dollars** - costs and contributions are provided in today's dollars, no matter how far in the future they occur. Inflation and interest are not factored in.



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## SAMPLE

30-YEAR RESERVE STUDY PROJECTIONS WITH STARTING RECOMMENDED FUNDING OF \$24,600 AND COMPOUND INFLATION

2	# COMPONENT NAME 2.6.1 Asphalt Pavement & Curbs - Repair		CUMULATE	SSESSMENT D CREDITS	\$0 \$176,157	\$4,142 \$0 <b>\$192,627</b>	\$4,253 \$0 <b>\$203,423</b>	\$4,464 \$0 <b>\$204,106</b>	\$3,753 \$0 <b>\$222,169</b>
2			MAINT. CYCLE	NEXT MAINT.	1 2024	2 2025	3 2026	4 2027	5 2028
3	2.0.1 Aspliait Pavellient & Curbs - Repair		6	1	\$4,840	2025	2028	2027	2028
	2.6.2 Asphalt Pavement & Curbs - Seal Coat & F	Paint	6	1	\$4,458				
5	3.3.1 Concrete Pavement - Repair		10	1	\$3,957				
	5.4.1 Deck Rails - Replace		40	19					
5	5.4.2 Courtyard Rails - Repair		6	2		\$873			
6	6.1.1 Elastomeric Decks - Recoat		6	3			\$19,688		
6	6.1.2 Decks - Structural Repairs		12	9					
6	6.1.3 Planters - Maintenance		20	14					
6	6.2.1 Exterior Siding & Trim - Repair		10	2		\$3,854			
7	7.3.1 Gutters & Downspouts - Replace		20	10					
7	7.4.1 Low Sloped Roof - Repair		5	3			\$4,751		
7	7.4.2 Low Sloped Roof - Replace		20	5					\$102,917
7	7.4.3 Metal Roof - Paint		10	10					
7	7.4.4 Metal Roof - Replace		50	24					
8	8.2.1 Common Doors & Hardware - Repair		8	8					
8	8.3.1 Gate Operator - Maintenance		8	8					
8	8.3.2 Motorized Gates - Replace		20	8					
g	9.8.1 Exterior Siding & Trim - Paint		10	2		\$11,540			
10	10.3.1 Chimney Chase Covers & Caps - Repair		17	4				\$12,911	
10	10.5.1 Mailboxes - Replace		10	4				\$1,557	
15	15.2.1 Plumbing System - Contingency		10	3			\$3,053		
15	15.4.1 Storm Water System - Maintenance		5	0					\$4,909
16	6.3.2 Electrical System - Contingency		10	7					
16	16.6.1 Exterior Light Fixtures - Replace		20	14					
17	17.8.1 Fire Control Panel - Replace		20	0					
18	18.7.1 Intercom - Replace		20	2		\$3,798			
2	20.1.1 Reserve Study With Site Visit		3	0			\$3,961		
	TOTAL ANTICIPATED ANNUAL RESERVE EXPENSES ACCUMULATED CREDITS				<b>\$13,255</b> \$176,157	<b>\$20,065</b> \$192,627	<b>\$31,453</b> \$203,423	<b>\$14,468</b> \$204,106	<b>\$107,826</b> \$222,169
	ACCOMULATED CREDTS ACCUMULATED DEBITS YEAR-END BALANCE				\$13,255 <b>\$162,902</b>	\$20,065 \$172,562	\$31,453 <b>\$171,970</b>	\$14,468 \$189,638	\$107,826 <b>\$114,343</b>
	YEARS	1	2-10	11-30	1(2024)	2 (2025 )	3 (2026 )	4 (2027 )	5 (2028 )
	CONTRIBUTION INFLATION COMPONENT COMPOUND INFLATION	0.0%	4.0% 4.0%	4.0% 4.0%	0.0% 109%	4.0% 113%	4.0% 118%	4.0% 123%	4.0% 128%
	INTEREST RATE MULTIPLIER	1.0%	2.5%	2.5%	1.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%

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