

LUNAR RESIDENTIAL CHARTER

of 2069

*Including All Amendments, Addenda, Footnotes,
Supplementary Dust Drift Tables, and the Full Howling Ordinance*

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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

By inhabiting, leasing, squatting upon, or otherwise occupying any lunar property within the Moon HOA jurisdiction, you are deemed to have read, understood, and irrevocably agreed to every provision contained within this document, including Appendix Q (Dust Drift Liability Matrices), Appendix R (Acceptable Moaning Hours), and the four-page addendum on inflatable Martians. Ignorance is not a defence. Neither is distance.

PREFACE

This Charter was conceived following the Great Regolith Incident of 2067, in which a single unchecked dust drift contaminated fourteen adjacent craters, three oxygen gardens, and one resident's view of Earth during what she described as "a very important moment."

The Board convened an emergency session lasting eleven months. What follows is the result.

The Lunar Residential Charter of 2069 is the supreme governing document of all residential life on the Moon's near side. It supersedes all prior agreements, verbal understandings, handshakes in vacuum (legally ineffective regardless), and the informal arrangement known as "the gentlemen's crater pact of 2065," which the Board has never formally recognised and does not intend to.

Residents are encouraged to read this document in full. Residents are also encouraged to take reasonable meal breaks, remain hydrated, and maintain a positive altitude about the process. The document is long. The Moon's governance is complex. These are simply facts.

The Board thanks you for your compliance. The Board expects your compliance. *The Board will know if you do not comply.*

Signed,

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Deputy Director of Surface Standards, T. Aldrinsworth III

Keeper of the Dust Drift Ledger, Position Currently Vacant

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PART I — FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES & JURISDICTION

§ 1.1 Name, Seal, and Official Motto

1.1.1 The full and legally binding name of this organisation is the Moon Homeowners Association, operating under the administrative authority of the Lunar Residential Authority (hereafter “the LRA” or “the Authority” or “the Board” or “them” or, informally, “the people who sent you that letter.”)

1.1.2 The official seal of the Moon HOA depicts the lunar crescent, two crossed brooms, and the motto of the Association encircling the design. The motto is: “Order. Albedo. Compliance.”

1.1.3 A secondary unofficial motto, “Somebody Has to Keep This Place Tidy,” appears on internal stationery and has no legal standing but is deeply felt.

1.1.4 The seal may not be reproduced, parodied, embossed onto personal crockery, projected onto the lunar surface, or used to intimidate non-residents without written authorisation from the Board. Authorisation is rarely granted.

§ 1.2 Territorial Boundaries & Airspace Claims

1.2.1 The jurisdiction of the Moon HOA extends across the Near Side of the Moon, bounded to the north by Mare Frigoris, to the south by the South Pole–Aitken Basin outer ridge (excluding the Basin itself, which the Board has been “looking into” since 2067), to the east by Mare Crisium, and to the west by Oceanus Procellarum.

1.2.2 The Moon HOA asserts nominal jurisdiction over the Far Side, though enforcement there remains “pending.” Residents on the Far Side are advised to behave as though they are being watched. They are probably not being watched. But they should behave accordingly.

1.2.3 Airspace jurisdiction extends from the lunar surface to an altitude of 50 kilometres. Above 50 kilometres, the Board acknowledges it has no legal claim but reserves the right to disapprove of what it sees up there.

1.2.4 The Moon HOA does not claim jurisdiction over Earth. This has been confirmed in writing. The Board has opinions about Earth regardless.

§ 1.3 Statement of Values

The Moon HOA is guided by the following core values, listed in descending order of priority:

- **Surface Integrity:** The lunar surface shall be maintained in a condition reflective of the dignity, discipline, and collective taste of its residents. “Taste” is defined by the Board.
- **Compliance:** All residents shall comply with all provisions of this Charter at all times, including provisions they have not yet read, provisions that are internally inconsistent, and provisions that appear in footnotes of footnotes.
- **Community:** Residents are encouraged to view their fellow residents with warmth, neighbourliness, and the quiet, watchful attention of someone who intends to file a dust drift report if anything seems off.

- **Transparency:** The Board will communicate with residents in a timely, clear, and accessible manner. This is aspirational.
- **Proportionality:** Fines shall be proportionate to violations. The Board acknowledges this has not always been the case and invites no further comment on the matter.

§ 1.4 Definitions

For the purposes of this Charter, the following definitions apply. Where terms are not defined herein, they are defined in Volume IV of this Charter, which itself references a glossary in Volume IX. Both are required reading.

Term	Definition
The Board	The Moon HOA Board of Directors. Referred to throughout as “the Board,” “the Authority,” or, in Section 5, simply “them.” Their decisions are final.
Resident	Any person, entity, or registered life form inhabiting a property within HOA jurisdiction. Includes sub-tenants, crater-shares, and anyone who has been staying “just temporarily” for more than one lunar cycle.
Regolith	The loose surface material covering the Moon. Not to be confused with soil, which implies organic content the Moon does not possess and the Board will not pretend otherwise.
Dust Drift	The unauthorised migration of regolith from one property to another. A violation. Defined in full across 847 pages of Appendix Q.
Albedo	The proportion of solar radiation reflected by a surface. Minimum residential albedo is 12%. Properties below this threshold are considered non-compliant and, frankly, an embarrassment.
Howling	Any sustained vocalisation directed at Earth or the void, whether in celebration, grief, or unexplained compulsion. Regulated under § 4.1.
Oxygen Credits	The unit of currency used for HOA fines and dues. Exchange rate to Earth currencies is set quarterly and has been unfavourable since 2071.
The Monolith Exception	A legacy carve-out from 2065 permitting one (1) pre-existing monolith per registered property, subject to height limits. No new monoliths have been approved since the incident.
The Tribunal	The HOA’s internal appeals body. Composed of three Board members, one of whom is always the Chairperson. Described as “independent” in the glossy brochure.
Strongly Worded Letter	The primary enforcement instrument of the Moon HOA. Legally non-binding but psychologically effective. Defined further in § 6.4.

PART II — RESIDENCY & MEMBERSHIP

§ 2.1 Eligibility for Residency

2.1.1 Any individual, corporation, consortium, or sentient entity wishing to establish residency within Moon HOA jurisdiction must first satisfy the eligibility requirements set out in this Section and the supplementary criteria published in the LRA’s “Are You Ready for the Moon?” pamphlet (Form LRA-001-E), available at the front office during hours that have not been officially specified.

2.1.2 Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- The applicant must not have an outstanding dust drift citation on any prior lunar or Martian property.
- The applicant must demonstrate knowledge of the Charter commensurate with having read at least the table of contents and this section.
- The applicant must not have been involved in the 2067 Regolith Incident. If the applicant was involved, they must have expressed written remorse no fewer than three times.
- The applicant must be capable of maintaining their property at or above 12% albedo. Properties below 8% will be declined without appeal.
- The applicant must acknowledge that their email will be routed to the Board’s spam folder and that this is not a malfunction.

2.1.3 The Board reserves the right to decline any application at its sole discretion, for reasons it is not required to disclose, explain, or defend.

§ 2.2 Application Procedures

2.2.1 All applications for residency must be submitted on Form LRA-042-A (“Application for Lunar Residential Admission”), accompanied by the following:

- (a) Completed Form LRA-042-B (“Supplementary Personal Disclosure”), including the question about the Regolith Incident.
- (b) A certified albedo assessment of the intended property, conducted by an LRA-approved assessor. A list of approved assessors is available in Appendix B, which is in Volume III.
- (c) A non-refundable application fee of 40 oxygen credits.
- (d) A personal statement of no more than 500 words explaining why the applicant wishes to live on the Moon and what they intend to do about their dust.
- (e) Three character references from individuals who are not also applying for residency at the same time.

2.2.2 Processing time for applications is “at the Board’s convenience.” The Board acknowledges that this is not a legally meaningful timeframe and maintains that this is intentional.

2.2.3 Applicants who are denied may appeal to the Tribunal (see § 5.4). The Tribunal is not expected to overturn the Board’s decision. This expectation has historically been accurate.

§ 2.3 The Oath of Lunar Civic Responsibility

2.3.1 Upon approval of their application, each new resident must recite the Oath of Lunar Civic Responsibility in person, before a quorum of at least two Board members, during a formal Oath Ceremony.

2.3.2 Oath Ceremonies are held at the Board's discretion and announced with between 72 and 8 hours' notice. Residents are expected to arrange their schedules accordingly.

2.3.3 The Oath is as follows:

THE OATH OF LUNAR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

I, [NAME], of [CRATER ADDRESS], do hereby solemnly swear to uphold the standards, regulations, and general aesthetic preferences of the Moon Homeowners Association. I acknowledge that my dust is my responsibility. I acknowledge that Earth can see me. I commit to never landing without notice, to keeping my reflectivity above 12%, and to attending the Full Moon Party even if I have a prior engagement, which the Board will want documented.

I accept that the Board's decisions are final. I accept that the Tribunal is not truly independent. I accept that my email will go to spam. I do this not under duress, but because I want to live on the Moon, and this is what living on the Moon requires.

§ 2.4 Transfer, Subletting & Crater-Share Arrangements

2.4.1 A resident wishing to transfer ownership of their lunar property must notify the Board no fewer than 90 Earth days in advance, using Form LRA-199 ("Notice of Intended Property Transfer"). The Board will acknowledge receipt of this form. The Board will not confirm receipt promptly.

2.4.2 Subletting is permitted under the following conditions:

- The sublet term does not exceed six lunar cycles.
- The sub-tenant is informed of and agrees to all Charter obligations.
- The primary resident remains fully liable for any violations committed by the sub-tenant, their guests, or their spacecraft.
- The arrangement is registered with the Board on Form LRA-200-S ("Sublet Registration") and the accompanying deposit of 15 oxygen credits is paid.

2.4.3 Crater-share arrangements, in which two or more residents jointly occupy a single crater, are permissible but must be formalised through the Board's Crater-Share Registration process. All parties to a crater-share are jointly and severally liable for dust drift. The Board will hold whoever it can find.

PART III — PROPERTY STANDARDS & SURFACE MAINTENANCE

§ 3.1 Albedo Compliance

3.1.1 All residential properties within Moon HOA jurisdiction must maintain a minimum surface reflectivity (albedo) of twelve percent (12%) at all times. This is not a suggestion. This is the minimum. The Board would prefer higher.

3.1.2 Annual albedo inspections will be conducted by an LRA-certified Surface Assessor during the Reflectivity Audit, the date of which is announced with varying levels of advance notice. Residents are advised to maintain continuous compliance rather than preparing specifically for the audit, as the Board is aware of the difference.

3.1.3 Properties found to be below 12% albedo will receive a Deficiency Notice and must achieve compliance within 30 Earth days. Properties below 8% albedo are considered a “Blight on the Collective Dignity of the Lunar Surface” (Form LRA-BLIGHT-1) and are subject to mandatory remediation.

3.1.4 Methods for improving albedo include: regolith grooming, application of approved reflective surface treatments (see Appendix D), removal of dark exterior fixtures, and what one resident described as “just trying harder.” The Board found this sentiment admirable if vague.

§ 3.2 Dust Containment & Drift Liability

3.2.1 The management of regolith is among the most serious responsibilities of the lunar resident. Dust drift — the unauthorised migration of regolith particles from one property to another — is the single most litigated violation in Moon HOA history. The Board takes it seriously. The Board would like residents to take it equally seriously.

3.2.2 The Dust Drift Tolerance Threshold is defined as the migration of no more than 0.3 linear metres of regolith beyond a property’s registered boundary within a single lunar day. Drift exceeding this threshold constitutes a Tier 1 violation. Drift exceeding 1 metre constitutes a Tier 2 violation. Drift exceeding 3 metres constitutes what the Board formally refers to as a “Dust Event” and what residents informally refer to as a very bad situation.

3.2.3 Liability for dust drift is assigned to the property of origin. In cases where the origin is disputed, the Board will conduct an investigation using the Dust Trajectory Analysis protocol set out in Appendix Q. Appendix Q is 847 pages long. Residents are advised to keep their dust contained.

APPENDIX Q NOTICE

The Dust Drift Liability Matrix (Appendix Q, Vol. IV) includes 214 separate drift scenarios, 31 meteorological modifiers, and a section on “malicious drift” that has been used in only one case, which the Board does not discuss.

§ 3.3 Structural Regulations

3.3.1 All permanent structures erected on Moon HOA properties must be approved in advance by the Board through the Structural Approval Process (Form LRA-300-STR and accompanying architectural drawings, site plan, and a written explanation of why the structure is necessary).

3.3.2 Temporary structures, defined as structures intended to stand for fewer than 30 Earth days, require only a Temporary Structure Notification (Form LRA-301-TMP). Structures that were temporary but have stood for more than 30 days are no longer considered temporary and become subject to full Structural Approval retroactively.

3.3.3 The following structural elements are expressly prohibited without a Variance (Form LRA-442):

- Any structure that casts a shadow over a neighbouring property for more than 6 Earth hours per Earth day.
- Any structure that interferes with Earth-visibility of an adjacent property.
- Underground expansions that encroach upon a neighbouring crater's geological boundary, as defined in the LRA's Subterranean Boundary Reference Map (Appendix F, Vol. V).
- Any structure that could reasonably be interpreted as a launch facility without explicit LRA Launch Facility Designation (Form LRA-LAUNCH-1).
- Decorative moats.

§ 3.4 Lawn Ornaments & Exterior Decoration

3.4.1 Exterior decoration of lunar properties is permitted within the guidelines of this Section and the supplementary LRA Design Guidance document ("Living Well on the Lunar Surface: An Aesthetic Reference"), available from the front office and not particularly well-received when it was first published.

3.4.2 The following restrictions apply to all exterior ornaments and fixtures:

- No free-standing ornament may exceed 91.44 centimetres (36 inches) in height, measured from its highest point to the lunar surface.
- Inflatable ornaments are limited to one (1) per property. Inflatable extraterrestrials are prohibited entirely. The Board has not forgotten the 2070 Incident.
- Novelty satellite dishes are permitted provided they are non-functional and clearly labelled as decorative. Functional satellite dishes must be registered with the LRA Telecommunications Subcommittee.
- Monoliths are subject to the Monolith Exception (see § 1.4). One (1) pre-existing monolith is permitted. New monolith applications will not be considered. The Board has made its position on monoliths very clear.
- Garden flags, pennants, and banners may not depict: the Martian flag, any imagery the Board deems "provocative," slogans critical of the HOA, or slogans supportive of the Far Side.

3.4.3 The Board acknowledges that "taste is subjective" but maintains that some things are objectively wrong. The Aesthetic Review Committee meets quarterly to review exterior decoration flagged by neighbours or Board members. Its decisions are not subject to appeal.

§ 3.5 Crater Modification

3.5.1 The natural craters of the Moon are, in the Board’s view, assets to be stewarded rather than inconveniences to be filled in. Crater modification — any alteration to the natural geometry, depth, or rim profile of a registered crater property — requires prior Board approval (Form LRA-CRATER-MOD-1).

3.5.2 Modifications categorised as “minor” (defined in Appendix G as anything affecting less than 5% of the crater’s volume) require a simplified approval process and a 20 oxygen credit processing fee. “Major” modifications require full Board review, a public comment period of 14 Earth days, and a fee of 150 oxygen credits.

3.5.3 Filling in a crater entirely is prohibited. The Board considers this a form of lunar heritage destruction and will respond accordingly.

PART IV — BEHAVIOURAL STANDARDS

§ 4.1 Noise Ordinance & Howling Regulations

4.1.1 The Moon HOA acknowledges that sound does not, in the conventional scientific sense, travel through the vacuum of space. The Board is aware of this. The Board considers it irrelevant. The Noise Ordinance applies regardless.

4.1.2 For the purposes of this Ordinance, “noise” is defined as any sound, vibration, or broadcast transmission produced on a resident’s property that can be perceived, received, or intuited by an adjacent resident, whether through structural conduction, radio frequency, or a general awareness that something is going on next door.

4.1.3 Howling, defined as any sustained vocalisation directed at Earth, the void, or the celestial sphere generally, is a tradition the Board respects while firmly regulating. Permitted howling hours are:

- Saturday: 20:00–23:59 UTC
- Sunday: 20:00–22:00 UTC
- Approved Lunar Holidays (see Appendix H for the full list of 11 approved holidays): as specified for each holiday

4.1.4 Howling outside of permitted hours constitutes a Tier 1 noise violation. Howling directed at a specific neighbour rather than the cosmos generally constitutes a Tier 2 violation. Howling that prompts a written complaint from Earth constitutes a Tier 3 violation and requires an immediate appearance before the Board.

4.1.5 The Board has received questions about whether humming, singing, or “expressive sighing” fall under the Howling Ordinance. The Board’s position is that it will know it when it hears it.

§ 4.2 Rocket Landing Protocols

4.2.1 All rocket landings, departures, and hover manoeuvres within Moon HOA airspace (surface to 50km altitude) are subject to the Landing Protocol established by this Section and the supplementary LRA Air Traffic Guidance document (Form LRA-AIR-001).

4.2.2 Rocket landings at a resident’s registered landing pad are permitted at all hours, subject to the following conditions:

- The resident must have filed a Pre-Arrival Notification (Form LRA-ARRIVE-1) no fewer than 24 Earth hours before landing.
- The rocket must approach at the approved descent angle of 12° to 15° from vertical, unless a Non-Standard Approach Waiver (Form LRA-NSA-1) has been obtained.
- Thrust must be reduced to low-scatter mode below 500 metres altitude to minimise dust disturbance on neighbouring properties.
- Landing must be completed by 21:00 UTC or deferred to 06:00 UTC. There is no curfew exception for “good reasons.”

4.2.3 Emergency landings — defined as landings necessitated by imminent systems failure, medical emergency, or loss of fuel — are exempt from the 24-hour Pre-Arrival Notification requirement. Emergency landings still require a Post-Arrival Emergency Landing Report

(Form LRA-EMERG-1) submitted within 48 hours. The Board understands that emergencies are stressful. The paperwork is still required.

§ 4.3 Circadian Compliance

4.3.1 The lunar day is approximately 708.7 Earth hours in duration, comprising roughly 354 hours of daylight and 354 hours of darkness. The Board acknowledges this. The Board does not consider it a relevant factor in scheduling.

4.3.2 All residents are required to operate on an Earth-synchronised schedule, specifically UTC, for the purposes of HOA compliance. This includes fine payment deadlines, meeting attendance, noise curfews, landing windows, and the submission of all forms.

4.3.3 The Board has received several requests to adopt a “Lunar Standard Time.” The Board has considered these requests. The Board’s response is Form LRA-DECLINE-001.

§ 4.4 Relations with Non-HOA Celestial Bodies

4.4.1 The Moon HOA does not govern, regulate, or formally acknowledge any residential or commercial activity occurring on Mars, in Earth orbit, or on any other celestial body. The Board does, however, have opinions.

4.4.2 Residents are reminded that the Moon HOA does not maintain formal diplomatic relations with Mars. Any resident engaging in correspondence, commerce, or collaborative construction with Martian entities does so as a private individual and must ensure no such activity violates the Charter, creates dust drift liability, or reflects poorly on the Association in Earth-visible ways.

4.4.3 The unofficial slogan “MONS RULE,” which has appeared on the lunar surface on three separate occasions, is under investigation. Any resident with information is asked to contact the Board. The Board will be grateful. The Board will still audit your albedo.

§ 4.5 Prohibited Conduct

4.5.1 The following conduct is prohibited within Moon HOA jurisdiction, without exception and without recourse to the Monolith Exception, crater-share arrangements, or any other carve-out:

- Tampering with, removing, or deliberately repositioning HOA boundary markers.
- Filing a false dust drift complaint against a neighbour (this is taken very seriously; see also: the Incident of 2072).
- Attempting to secede a crater from HOA jurisdiction. Three residents have tried. All three remain within HOA jurisdiction.
- Hosting unlicensed launch facilities.
- Constructing, operating, or harbouring any inflatable Martian, full-scale or miniature.
- Writing on the lunar surface without a Lunar Surface Expression Permit (Form LRA-WRITE-1). This includes “MONS RULE,” “FREE THE CRATERS,” and one message in 2071 that the Board will not reproduce but has not forgotten.
- Impersonating a Board member. The Board is aware this has happened. It was not funny.

PART V — GOVERNANCE & BOARD AUTHORITY

§ 5.1 Board Composition & Election

5.1.1 The Moon HOA Board of Directors consists of seven (7) members: the Chairperson, the Deputy Director of Surface Standards, the Keeper of the Dust Drift Ledger, the Director of Community Relations, the Chief Albedo Officer, the Treasurer (Oxygen Credits Division), and one (1) At-Large Member representing the general residential population.

5.1.2 Board members serve three-year terms. Elections are held annually for whichever seats are available. The Chairperson’s seat is not subject to election. The Chairperson serves “at the pleasure of the Board,” which in practice means indefinitely.

5.1.3 The position of Keeper of the Dust Drift Ledger has been vacant since 2073. Applications are not currently being accepted. The Board is “working through some things” regarding this role and will announce next steps in due course.

§ 5.2 Powers of the Board

5.2.1 The Board has the power and authority to:

- Interpret, amend, and enforce all provisions of this Charter.
- Levy fines, issue Strongly Worded Letters, and revoke residential privileges.
- Approve or deny all applications, permits, variances, and exceptions described in this Charter.
- Convene emergency sessions at any time for any reason the Chairperson deems sufficient.
- Commission investigations, audits, and inspections of any HOA property.
- Establish subcommittees, working groups, and task forces, all of which report to the Board.
- Decline to explain its reasoning on any matter, except when required to by the Tribunal, which is composed of Board members.

§ 5.3 Meeting Procedures

5.3.1 Regular Board meetings are held on the first Earth-Saturday of each calendar month, at 14:00 UTC, in the Moon HOA Community Hall. Remote attendance is permitted but regarded with mild suspicion.

5.3.2 The agenda for each meeting is circulated no fewer than 72 hours before the meeting, unless the agenda is being kept confidential, in which case it will be circulated immediately before the meeting begins.

5.3.3 Residents may submit agenda items for consideration by the Board. The Board will consider them. The Board will then decide whether to include them on the agenda. The Board is under no obligation to include them.

5.3.4 Votes are taken by show of hands. The Chairperson’s hand counts for two. This is not in question.

§ 5.4 Appeals & the Tribunal

5.4.1 Any resident who receives a fine, violation notice, or adverse decision from the Board may appeal to the Tribunal within 14 Earth days of receiving notice of the decision.

5.4.2 The Tribunal consists of three Board members appointed by the Chairperson. The Chairperson typically appoints herself to serve on the Tribunal. The Board considers this appropriate.

5.4.3 The Tribunal will hear appeals within 60 Earth days of filing. In practice, hearings are typically scheduled somewhat later. Residents are advised to remain patient and compliant in the interim.

5.4.4 The Tribunal's decisions are final. There is no further appeal within the Moon HOA system. Residents wishing to pursue matters beyond the Tribunal are welcome to do so through whatever legal mechanisms they can locate that claim jurisdiction over the Moon. The Board wishes them the best.

PART VI – FEES, FINES & ENFORCEMENT

§ 6.1 Annual HOA Dues

6.1.1 Annual HOA dues are payable on the first day of each Earth calendar year. The standard annual due is 200 oxygen credits. Crater-share residents pay 120 oxygen credits each. Residents in the Board’s Premium Compliance Programme pay 180 oxygen credits and receive a small pin.

6.1.2 Late payment of dues (beyond 30 Earth days past due) incurs a Late Payment Surcharge of 15 oxygen credits. Late payment beyond 60 days incurs an additional surcharge of 20 oxygen credits. Late payment beyond 90 days results in a Strongly Worded Letter and a formal review of the resident’s compliance record.

6.1.3 Dues are used to maintain community amenities, fund the Reflectivity Audit, operate the Board’s administrative office, and cover the cost of producing the Strongly Worded Letters, which the Board acknowledges are not cheap to have professionally typeset.

§ 6.2 Schedule of Fines

The following schedule reflects the standard fine amounts as of Revision 7 of this Charter. The Board reserves the right to apply discretionary uplift in cases of repeated violations, aggravated circumstances, or what the Board formally describes as “a general attitude problem.”

Violation	Standard Fine	Notes
Dust drift (Tier 1: 0.3–1m)	20 OC	First offence. Accompanied by letter.
Dust drift (Tier 2: 1–3m)	60 OC	Second offence or Tier 2 event.
Dust drift (Tier 3: Dust Event)	200 OC	Plus mandatory remediation.
Albedo non-compliance	40 OC	Per audit cycle. Plus Deficiency Notice.
Unauthorised late landing	40 OC	Per incident.
Unlicensed structure	80 OC	Plus retroactive approval process.
Howling outside permitted hours	25 OC	35 OC if during Board meeting hours.
Unapproved lawn ornament	30 OC	Ornament must also be removed.
Inflatable Martian (any size)	100 OC	Immediate removal required.
Unauthorised surface writing	50 OC	Plus cost of lunar surface restoration.
Impersonating a Board member	250 OC	Plus formal apology at next meeting.
Attempted secession	500 OC	And the secession will not be recognised.
New monolith installation	1,000 OC	The Board will not negotiate on this.

§ 6.3 Enforcement Procedures

6.3.1 Enforcement of this Charter is the responsibility of the Board, which may delegate inspection authority to LRA-certified Surface Assessors, Compliance Officers, and, in urgent cases, any Board member who happens to be passing by.

6.3.2 Upon identification of a violation, the following enforcement sequence applies:

- (f) Step 1: Issuance of a Violation Notice (Form LRA-VIO-1), delivered electronically and physically to the resident's registered contact information.
- (g) Step 2: If the violation is not remediated within the specified cure period, issuance of a Strongly Worded Letter (see § 6.4).
- (h) Step 3: If the violation persists, imposition of the applicable fine.
- (i) Step 4: If the fine is not paid and the violation continues, referral to the Tribunal.
- (j) Step 5: If the Tribunal confirms the violation and the resident remains non-compliant, the Board reserves the right to impose such further measures as it deems appropriate, up to and including the revocation of recreational access to the Moonwalk Trail.

6.3.3 The Board acknowledges that Step 5 has only been invoked twice. Both times, it was extremely effective.

§ 6.4 The Strongly Worded Letter Protocol

6.4.1 The Strongly Worded Letter is the Moon HOA's primary instrument of persuasion. It predates the formal fine schedule and remains, in the Board's view, the most powerful tool in its enforcement arsenal. This is not entirely rational. The Board is at peace with that.

6.4.2 Strongly Worded Letters are drafted by the Chairperson, reviewed by the Deputy Director of Surface Standards, typeset by a contracted professional based on Earth, and delivered via registered lunar mail. The turnaround time is between 3 and 21 Earth days. The Board believes the wait adds to the effect.

6.4.3 A Strongly Worded Letter contains the following elements: a formal salutation; a precise description of the violation; a citation of the relevant Charter section; a statement of the Board's disappointment; a clear description of the required remediation; a deadline; and a closing line that is professionally cordial but leaves no doubt about the Board's feelings. Every word is chosen with care.

6.4.4 Strongly Worded Letters are countersigned by all sitting Board members, including whichever one is currently serving as Keeper of the Dust Drift Ledger, even when that position is vacant, in which case the signature line reads "[Position Vacant — Intent Endorsed.]"

PART VII — AMENITIES, EVENTS & COMMUNITY LIFE

§ 7.1 Community Amenities

7.1.1 The Moon HOA provides and maintains the following community amenities for the use of all residents in good standing. Residents with outstanding fines or violations may have their amenity access restricted at the Board's discretion.

The Zero-Gravity Swimming Pool

The community swimming pool is a sealed, pressurised facility located at the eastern edge of Sector Alpha. It operates on a zero-gravity-optional basis during designated floating hours (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 09:00–12:00 UTC) and standard lunar gravity at all other times. The pool is currently reported missing. Its last confirmed location was Mare Tranquillitatis. Residents with sightings are asked to report them to the front office. The Board is handling this.

The Moonwalk Trail

A 3.2-kilometre walking path traversing the southern rim of Sector Alpha. The trail is maintained by the Crater Cleanup Crew and is open during daylight hours, which on the Moon are extremely long. Ambient 1980s Earth music is piped along the trail at a volume selected by the Board and not subject to resident feedback. Helmets and EVA suits are required. The Board accepts no responsibility for losses incurred by residents who disregard this requirement.

The Solar Tanning Deck

A flat, open-surface recreational platform on the northern face of Sector Alpha. Due to the Moon's rotational characteristics, the Tanning Deck receives uninterrupted sunlight for approximately 354 consecutive hours, followed by 354 hours of darkness. The Board acknowledges that this is not ideal for a tanning schedule. The Board built it anyway. Results may vary by hemisphere, season, and the resident's relationship with ultraviolet radiation.

The Document Processing Centre

Located in the Sector Alpha Community Hall, the Document Processing Centre provides residents with access to all LRA forms, a dedicated form submission window, and one (1) informational pamphlet rack. The Centre is open during office hours, which are posted on the door and subject to change. The Board is aware that the hours on the door have not been updated since 2071.

§ 7.2 Mandatory Community Events

7.2.1 The following events are mandatory for all residents, defined as compulsory attendance unless a valid exemption has been filed on Form LRA-EXEMPT-1 and approved by the Board. The Board approves approximately 30% of exemption requests. Medical exemptions have a higher approval rate. "I forgot" does not qualify as a medical condition.

- Crater Cleanup Crew (monthly, date TBD with variable notice): Community regolith management event. Residents must bring their own brooms. The Association does not supply brooms.

- Annual Reflectivity Audit (date TBD): Mandatory presence at one's property during the inspection window. Absence is treated as consent to the Board's assessment.
- Annual HOA Meeting (first Saturday of Q4): Full resident attendance expected. The agenda is circulated in advance to those the Board chooses to inform in advance.

§ 7.3 The Full Moon Party: Rules & Expectations

7.3.1 The Full Moon Party is the Moon HOA's premier community event, held annually on the Saturday nearest to the Earth-visible Full Moon. Attendance is not merely encouraged; it is required. The Board has no sympathy for shyness, social anxiety, or "being tired." These are not exemptions. These are conditions the Full Moon Party was designed to address.

7.3.2 The following rules govern conduct at the Full Moon Party:

- All residents must arrive within 30 minutes of the official start time. Late arrivals will be noted in the attendance log.
- The "howling window" at the Full Moon Party runs from 21:00 to 21:30 UTC. Howling outside this window at the event is still subject to the standard Howling Ordinance.
- No resident may bring an inflatable Martian to the Full Moon Party. This is mentioned separately from § 3.4 because it happened at the 2071 party and the Board has not moved on.
- Residents who have pending dust drift complaints against each other are seated on opposite sides of the venue. The seating chart is prepared by the Director of Community Relations. It is not negotiable.
- The event concludes at 23:00 UTC. Residents lingering beyond 23:15 are considered to be attending an unauthorised gathering and will receive a notice.

7.3.3 The Board genuinely enjoys the Full Moon Party and would like residents to enjoy it as well. The Board recognises that its regulations do not always create the conditions for enjoyment. The Board is working on this.

PART VIII — MISCELLANEOUS, AMENDMENTS & SEVERABILITY

§ 8.1 Amendments to the Charter

8.1.1 This Charter may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the sitting Board. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Chairperson in writing, circulated to all Board members no fewer than 7 Earth days before the vote, and presented at a regular Board meeting.

8.1.2 Residents may propose amendments by submitting a formal Resident Amendment Petition (Form LRA-AMEND-1) signed by no fewer than 25 residents in good standing. The Board will consider such petitions. The Board is not required to act on them, table them, or acknowledge them beyond the initial receipt confirmation.

8.1.3 This Charter is currently in its seventh revision. The first revision corrected a typographical error on page 3. The second revision added the Howling Ordinance following events in 2070. Revisions three through six addressed the legal fallout from the Dust Event of 2072. Revision seven is the document you are reading. The Board is not optimistic that revision eight will not be necessary.

§ 8.2 Severability

8.2.1 If any provision of this Charter is found to be unenforceable, invalid, or inapplicable to the specific conditions of a given situation, such finding shall not affect the enforceability, validity, or applicability of any other provision.

8.2.2 The Board notes that it is not aware of any provision of this Charter that has been found unenforceable. The Board acknowledges that this may be in part because no court has yet claimed jurisdiction over the Moon. The Board considers this a feature.

§ 8.3 Governing Law

8.3.1 This Charter is governed by the internal laws and precedents of the Moon Homeowners Association, as interpreted by the Board. Where the Charter is silent, the Board's judgement governs. Where the Board's judgement is contested, the Tribunal governs. Where the Tribunal's decision is contested, the Charter requires the contesting resident to reflect on whether this is really how they want to spend their time.

8.3.2 International and Earth-national laws do not apply within Moon HOA jurisdiction. The Board acknowledges that several Earth governments disagree with this position. The Board remains untroubled.

§ 8.4 The Remainder of the Document

8.4.1 Volumes II through XII of the Lunar Residential Charter of 2069 contain the following:

- Volume II: Full Howling Ordinance Jurisprudence (including 14 annotated case studies)
- Volume III: LRA-Approved Contractors, Assessors & Suppliers Directory
- Volume IV: Dust Drift Liability Matrix (Appendix Q, 847 pages)

- Volume V: Subterranean Boundary Reference Map & Geological Standards
- Volume VI: Full Schedule of Forms (LRA-001 through LRA-998; note that forms LRA-447 through LRA-502 are reserved for future use)
- Volume VII: Tribunal Precedent Digest (2069–2073)
- Volume VIII: Aesthetic Review Committee Rulings & Design Guidance
- Volume IX: Glossary & Defined Terms Index
- Volume X: The Full Moon Party Historical Record (including photographs from 2071 that the Board would prefer were not in the official record but which are, legally, in the official record)
- Volume XI: Oxygen Credit Exchange Rate History & Financial Statements
- Volume XII: Footnotes to Footnotes (Consolidated)

8.4.2 Residents are required to read all twelve volumes. The Board accepts that most residents will not do this. The Board will know. The Board will be disappointed. The Board's disappointment will be documented and kept on file.

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Thank you for reading this far. You are among the minority. Please know that the Board genuinely cares about the lunar surface and the people who inhabit it. We take our work seriously, perhaps too seriously, which is a criticism the Board has heard before and will continue to hear. We believe that order, maintained firmly and with care, is a kind of love. We look forward to your continued compliance. — Chairperson E. B. Holloway-Crater