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If you're not internet savvy, Florida citizens may call the Division of Statutory Revisions at (850)

488-8403 with questions about Florida Statutes and the State Constitution. Additionally, citizens can purchase printed copies of Florida Statutes through the web-site or by calling (850) 488-2323. Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes (the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act) and Chapter 720 (unofficially dubbed the Florida Homeowners' Association Act) are what you are looking for.

Of course, many of an association's requirements will be contained in your governing documents, which are available as part of the association's official records. ⚖️

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