



it be in good condition, and not affixed in a permanent manner to property maintained by another person or in a way that causes significant damage to another person's property. Makes a person who causes damage liable for repair costs.

**Subd. 3. Recovery of attorney fees.** Permits an owner of property who is denied a right provided in this section to recover reasonable attorney fees if the owner prevails in enforcing the right. Also permits the same for a person harmed by an owner's unpermitted display of a sign.

**Subd. 4. Applicability.** Makes this section apply to all limits on sign display prohibited by this section, regardless of when the homeowner's association document became effective.

- 3 Lien for assessments.** Changes the legal status of fines an association imposes against a unit owner for a violation of the association's declaration, bylaws, rules, or regulations. The change is that the fines would not be liens against the unit owner's unit and would not be collectible as assessments, but the association could attempt to collect the fine by suing the unit owner. (Current law allows six months worth of CIC assessments to slip in as a lien ahead of an already-existing first mortgage, and this change would eliminate that for assessments based on fines for the violations referenced in this section.)