

# **ASSOCIATION OF APARTMENT OWNERS OF PUNAHOU ROYALE**

## **BOARD POLICIES**

### **REGARDING UNIT FLOORING NOISE REDUCTION**

- 1) Except for Item 7, this policy shall apply to new flooring installed after the adoption date of the policy by the Board of Directors.
- 2) To reduce noise transmission through the floor/ceiling concrete slab between units, every effort should be made to apply flooring materials that dampen noise.
- 3) The best noise reduction is achieved with continuous, padded carpeting.
- 4) Hard-surface wood or laminate flooring requires a soundproofing layer that meets, at a minimum, Acoustic Impact Isolation Class IIC 65 based on the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Test E 492.
- 5) Hard-surface tile or slate that cannot be installed with a soundproofing layer should be restricted to the bathroom, vanity area or kitchen, to the extent possible.
- 6) Soft-surface, flexible vinyl flooring that cannot be installed with a soundproofing layer is allowed but may require additional soundproofing measures (see Item 7).
- 7) In all cases, subsequent noise complaints from neighboring units shall be addressed promptly by increasing the soundproofing of the flooring or by using area rugs, hallway runners or mats to dampen noise in high-traffic areas.