



Dear Ravinia Homeowner,

Exciting News: Electronic Voting Returned in 2025!

Members can sign up and **consent to electronic voting (E-Voting)** by completing the enclosed Consent to Electronic Voting Opt-In Form. Of course, if you prefer the traditional method, paper ballots will always remain an option.

Background

In 2017, Ravinia homeowners voted to amend our By-Laws to allow for E-Voting and document transmission. While E-Voting was used in the past, the last several elections reverted to paper ballots only. The 2025 Board of Directors voted to reintroduce E-Voting—this time using a much-improved and user-friendly system.

Why Choose Electronic Voting?

- **No login required** – Just click the secure link sent to your inbox.
- **Eco-friendly** – No printing, mailing, or envelopes.
- **User-friendly interface** – Clear instructions, built-in checks, and vote confirmation.
- **Faster results** – Speeds up vote tallying and reporting.
- **Vote from anywhere** – As long as you have internet access.

Questions?

Please reach out to a member of the Ravinia Villas Nomination & Election Committee:

Thank you for supporting a more efficient, accessible, and environmentally friendly voting process.

**Sincerely,
Ravinia Villas HOA, Inc.
Nomination & Election Committee**



Ravinia Villas Homeowners Association, Inc.
Consent to Electronic Voting Opt-In Form

Pursuant to the Florida Statutes Section 720.317 and the Association's Bylaws (amended in 2017), the undersigned owner(s) of property in Ravinia Villas Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Association") hereby consent to participate in the Association's electronic voting program, subject to applicable statutory requirements.

By signing below, the owner(s) consent to the following:

1. Participation in Electronic Voting

Use of an internet-based voting system to cast votes in:

- Board of Directors elections
- Special assessment referendums
- Amendments to the Declaration or Bylaws
- Community surveys
- Any other matters requiring a membership vote

2. Receipt of Electronic Notices Related to Voting

Delivery by electronic transmission (e.g., email) of:

- Election notifications and confirmations
- Voting credentials and ballots
- Notices of proposed changes to governing documents
- Surveys requiring member input

Note: This consent **only** applies to communications related to electronic voting. To receive general Association communications (e.g., meeting notices, agendas, minutes, social announcements) by email, a separate **Electronic Notice Opt-In Form** must be submitted.

Instructions

- If the property is owned by a **trust, corporation, or partnership**, the form must be signed by the individual designated in a Certificate of Trust or equivalent document. A copy must be provided unless the **Hillsborough County Property Appraiser** lists the trustee as the property owner.
- If the property is owned by **multiple individuals**, any one owner may sign this form on behalf of all co-owners. By signing, the individual affirms they are authorized to do so. The Association will rely on that representation unless written notice to the contrary is received from another co-owner.
- **Sign and date top of Page 2. Then initial all 3 pages at the bottom. Return all 3 pages.**

Consent to Electronic Voting Opt-In Form Owner Information

Signature – Owner / Trustee / Authorized Individual (**Required**):

Date (**Required**):

Hillsborough County Property Appraiser Owners / Trust / Corporations of Record (if known):

Email Address for Electronic Voting (**Required**):

Inframark Account #: (if known):

Ravinia Property Address (**Required**):

Mailing Address (if different):

Submission Instructions

Please **sign and date top of this page, initial all 3 pages at the bottom and return all 3 pages** by mail or hand-deliver it to any Nomination & Election Committee member. *Alternatively, you can drop off forms (in an envelope) in the Ballot Box at the Lake House starting Jun 27, 2025 until July 29, 2025.*

Mail to:

Ravinia Villas HOA, Inc. – Nomination & Election Committee
2654 Cypress Ridge Blvd., Suite 101
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544



Disclosures Regarding Electronic Voting

By signing or affirming this consent, the Member(s) acknowledge and accept the following terms and conditions related to electronic voting:

1. **Acknowledgment of Technology Limitations**

Member(s) understand that internet and electronic communications are subject to potential disruptions, failures, or delays due to various factors, including but not limited to user error, system or server outages of the electronic voting provider, spam filters, and power or internet outages. As a condition of the Association's offer to permit electronic voting, each consenting Member hereby **waives and releases any claim or challenge** arising from such technical issues, provided they are not caused by the Association, its Board of Directors, or its management company.

2. **Internet Security and Data Handling**

Member(s) acknowledge that the Association cannot control how third parties manage electronic communications or personal information. Accordingly, Member(s) **release the Association from any liability** related to internet security risks, including but not limited to viruses, malware, spyware, or tracking cookies. The Association also disclaims responsibility for any **unintentional disclosure** of a Member's email address.

3. **Authorization to Share Information with Voting Provider**

Member(s) authorize the Association to share the following information with its electronic voting provider for the purpose of facilitating access to the voting platform:

- Email address
- Internet Protocol (IP) address
- The Association management company's unique property account identifier
- Property ownership and address information

4. The Association may change its voting provider at the discretion of the Board of Directors. In such case, **written notice will be provided to all participating Members at least 30 days in advance**, giving sufficient time to review the new provider's privacy policies or to opt out of future electronic voting.

5. **Current Voting Provider and Privacy Policy**

The current electronic voting provider is **Simply Voting** (<https://simplyvoting.com>).

Member(s) confirm they have read and accepted the provider's privacy policy available at: <https://www.simplyvoting.com/privacy-policy/>

6. **Updating Contact Information**

It is the responsibility of the Member(s) to notify the Association **in writing** if their email address changes. A new **Consent to Electronic Voting Opt-In Form** must be submitted with the updated email address.

7. **Revocation and Data Retention**

If a Member revokes their consent for future electronic voting, the data already shared with the electronic voting provider—including email address, IP address, unique account identifier, and property information—**may be retained** by the provider **for record-keeping purposes** related to past elections in which the Member participated.

