

# 2025 HOA Software Feature Checklist



Smartwebs - Community Association Management Essentials

## How to use this checklist

Score each feature area from 0-2 (0=missing, 1=partial, 2=complete). Total your score to compare platforms.

Focus on day-to-day workflows and time saved.

### Accounting

- ☐ Fund accounting & reserves
- ☐ Automated assessments & late fees
- ☐ Bank feeds & reconciliation
- ☐ Budget vs actuals with drill-down
- ☐ Delinquency workflows & board-ready packets

### Violations & Inspections

- ☐ Mobile photo capture with location/time stamp
- ☐ Auto-letter templates & fee schedules
- ☐ Escalation rules & appeal tracking
- ☐ Photo evidence & history by property
- ☐ Status visibility for staff/boards

### ARC (Architectural Reviews)

- ☐ Online submissions with required fields
- ☐ Auto-routing & quorum rules
- ☐ Timestamped decision trail & comments
- ☐ Policy templates for common requests
- ☐ Resident notifications (approved/denied/more info)

### Work Orders & Vendors

- ☐ Create from portal/mobile/email
- ☐ Assign vendors & SLA dates
- ☐ Track costs & before/after photos
- ☐ Aging & category reports
- ☐ Inventory/parts (if applicable)

### Portals & Payments

- ☐ Resident & board portals with docs & announcements
- ☐ ePayments (ACH/card/auto-pay) with clear fees
- ☐ Auto-post to owner ledger/GL
- ☐ Facility bookings & amenity calendars
- ☐ Two-way messaging with permissions

### Communications

- ☐ Email/SMS/ push by role/list/property
- ☐ Emergency alert & other pre-authorized notification address
- ☐ Read receipts/engagement metrics

### Mobile Field Tools

- ☐ Offline capture & sync
- ☐ Quick-create for violations/work orders
- ☐ GPS/location context
- ☐ Reliable photo notes that never get lost

### Reporting & Dashboards

- ☐ Real-time KPIs (collections, violations, ARC TAT)
- ☐ Export to PDF/CSV, scheduled delivery
- ☐ Filters by community/portfolio/date

### Automation & Templates

- ☐ Violation letters & fee ladders
- ☐ ARC decisions & standard conditions
- ☐ Payment reminders & statements
- ☐ Recurring tasks & checklists

### Security & Compliance

- ☐ Role-based permissions & MFA options
- ☐ Encrypted payments & data at rest/in transit
- ☐ Audit logs & regular backups
- ☐ High-uptime SLAs

### Onboarding, Support & Scale

- ☐ Guided data import & training
- ☐ Role-based learning for boards/managers
- ☐ Fast support response times
- ☐ Transparent pricing that scales

### Scoring Tip

0 = Missing, 1 = Partial, 2 = Complete. Aim for consistent 2s on the workflows you do every week: violations, ARC, work orders, monthly close, and resident communications.



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