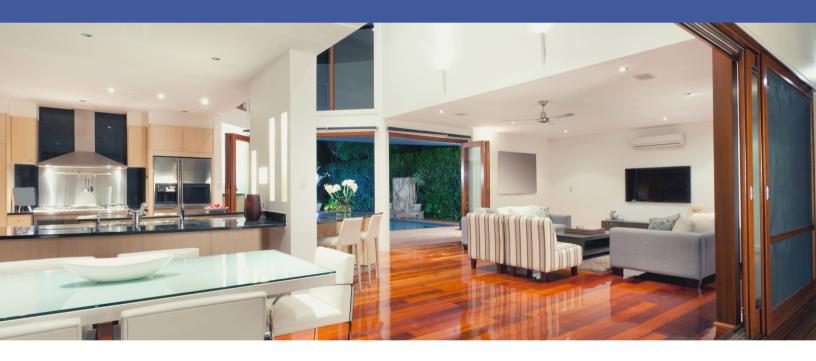


For Sale By Owner

HOMEOWNER GUIDE



At Capital Title we're sensitive to the needs of home buyers and sellers, when involved in a For Sale By Owner transaction. Our staff is trained to answer questions that may arise during your transaction. While our goal is to make your deal run smoothly and be less stressful, we know that issues arise and you look to the advice of a professional organization. You can be sure Capital Title has your best interests in mind. From our on-staff attorneys to our knowledgeable Customer Service and Escrow Team, our staff will assist you in whatever capacity you need.

"I Sold It Myself!"

Selling your home without the services of a licensed Real Estate Broker can be an intimidating process. Establishing your sales price, screening buyers, arranging showings and many other details take time and much effort. For some, it may not be the way to go. (See <u>REALTOR.com: FSBO Woes: Why It's So Hard to Sell Your Own Home</u>)

However, if you do decide to go the "For Sale By Owner" route, we can help. As a full-service licensed Title Agent, we can assist you in closing your particular transaction by performing the following on your behalf:

- · Escrow all funds of buyers and sellers in a bank protected escrow account
- · Preparation and review of the title commitment that will be provided to all parties
- Assistance in ordering payoffs, obtaining releases and other documents necessary to transfer title
- · Assistance to Seller in preparation of Seller's documents required to transfer title
- Disbursement of all funds to all parties
- Deliver all documents to the County Register of Deeds in a timely fashion

Enclosed is a sample closing package prepared by Capital Title. Our purpose in preparing this package is to provide a simulated closing package for your review. We have designed our FSBO package in short, easy to understand sections. The sale represented by these papers is a fictional closing. For your closing, the figures or layout of the papers may change. Any relation to any other closing is completely coincidental.

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Please take the time to thoroughly read all the information provided prior to calling.

For Sale By Owner Order Form

In order to better serve you, please fill this form out completely.

| | | | | DATE: | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--|
| PROPERTY A | | /Street, City/Village/Town, | Michigan Zin | | | |
| EGAL DESC | CRIPTION (If known): _ | , , , | | | | |
| ELLER (S): | | | | | | |
| . , | Last Name | First | Middle | Marital Status | Social Security # | |
| | Last Name | First | Middle | Marital Status | Social Security # | |
| | Mailing Address (If different | from property address) | | Phone | Phone | |
| | Current Mortgage Company | | Phone | Loan # | | |
| | Home Equity Line of Credit (| [If applicable) | Phone | Loan # | | |
| | Attorney Name (If applicable | e) | Attorney Phone | Attorney Fax | | |
| BUYERS: | Last Name | First | Middle | Marital Status | Social Security # | |
| | Last Name | First | Middle | - Marital Status | Social Security # | |
| | Address | | | Phone | | |
| | Attorney Name (If applicable | e) | Attorney Phone | Attorney Fax | | |
| IEW MORTO | Company Name | | | Mortgage Amount | | |
| | Company Address | 3 | | Phone | | |
| | Loan Officer or Co | ontact Person | | - Fax | | |
| ale Price: | | | Anticipated Closing | Date: | | |
| eposit Amount | t: | | Held By: | | | |
| Home Warranty Co: | | | Premium Amount: | Paid E | By: | |
| re there Manda | atory Homeowners / Cond | ominium Association d | lues: Yes | No | | |
| ssociation / Managemer | nt Company Name | Phone | Number | Contact Name | | |
| Attachments: () Purchase Agreement | | greement | () Mortga | ge Payoff Authorization | n Letter(s) | |
| | () Prior Title In | nsurance Policy | () Other_ | | | |
| Additional Instru | uctions: | | | | | |

PURCHASE AGREEMENT- Page 1

| | | County, Mich | (address) |
|--|--|---|---|
| (city, township, village) legally described as | , | | (zip code) |
| together with all buildings; gas, oil, and minera appliances; water softener, water pumps and pressi controls; shades, shutter, window blinds, and curtai garage door opener and controls; screens, storm with the story of the st | ure tanks; station in/drapery rods; a | ary laundry tubs; radio and televisio attached floor covering; attached fire | on antennas and any mechanical eplace doors and screens; |
| but does not include_ The property is purchased subject to easements, re | estrictions and zo | oning ordinances of record. | |
| 2. SALES PRICE The sales price is: \$ | | | |
| | | | (Dollars) |
| DEPOSIT Buyer deposits \$ showir applied to sale price. If the conditions in this contract provision (refer to paragraph 16). | | | |
| METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One) CASH Buyer will pay the sales price by certific NEW MORTGAGE This contract is contingent | • | lity to obtain a | mortgage |
| loan in the amount of But fails to deliver to Seller evidence of the loan approvate Buyer in full. The sale will be completed upon Se LAND CONTRACT Buyer will pay \$ | al within o | the loan within days after days, Seller may cancel this contract a warranty deed conveying market | ct and deposit will be refunded table title. |
| Contract calling for the payment of the remaining Sa including annual interest of percent and which balance, which may require a lump-sum payment, w MORTGAGE ASSUMPTION or LAND CONT | ch DO/ DO NOT rithin | include prepaid taxes and insurance years after closing. | ce. Buyer will pay the entire |
| Buyer will assume and pay the existing mortgage of sales price and the existing balance of approximately contract assignment. Buyer will reimburse Seller at | r land contract a y \$ | ccording to its terms. Buyer will pay upon Seller's delivery | y the difference between the |
| 5. CLOSING DATE Buyer and Seller will close the sevent later than | | days after all necessary doc | uments are ready, but in no |
| 6. OCCUPANCY Seller will give occupancy within the day following closing to the day Seller vacates amount due seller \$ to hold in escrow for buyer, Capital Title will pay Buyer the amount due property after closing and before vacating. GENERAL CONDITIONS of sale printed on rev | and surrenders the occupancy of and return to Se | the keys to Buyer. At closing, Cap charge. Upon Seller vacating prope eller any unused portion. Seller is li- | pital Title will retain from the erty and surrendering keys to able for any damage to |
| BUYER(S) SIGNATURE(S) Buyer's Address: Date Phone | | | |
| Sig: | Sig: | | |
| Print Name:SSN: | | me: | |
| SELLER(S) SIGNATURE(S) Seller's Address: _ Date Phone: | | | |
| Sig: | Sig: | | |
| Print Name:SSN: | | ame: | |
| BUYER'S RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF CHA was subject to changes, Buyer agrees to accept the | ANGES Buyer ha | as received Seller's acceptance of | |
| Sig: Date: | | | |
| Sig: Date: | | | |

GENERAL CONDITIONS – Page 2

THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. BOTH BUYER AND SELLER ARE ADVISED TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY.

| Ruyar initials Saller initials | |
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| Buyer and Seller have read the GENERAL CONDITIONS. | |
| 20. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS (if any) | |
| 19. ENTIRE AGREEMENT This contract constitutes the entire agreement between Buyer and Seller. This conunderstandings and agreements, written or oral. | ntract supersedes all prior |
| 18. OFFER / COUNTER OFFER It is understood that this offer is irrevocable for five (5) days from its date, and Seller within that time, the deposit shall be returned to the Buyer. If this offer is countered, Buyer must initial to deliver it to Seller by (a.m.)(p.m.) of or the offer will be null and verturned to Buyer. | the changes, sign it and |
| 17. HEIRS AND SUCCESSORS This contract binds Buyer, Seller, their personal representatives and heirs, and their interest in the property. Buyer shall not assign this contract without Seller's prior written permission. | d anyone succeeding to |
| 16. DEFAULT If Buyer defaults Seller may enforce this contract or may cancel the contract, keep the deposit, a remedies. If Seller defaults, Buyer may enforce this contract or may demand a refund of the deposit and pursu | |
| 15. WALK THROUGH Buyer reserves the right to walk through the property within 24 hours prior to closing. | |
| 14. CONDITION OF PROPERTY Buyer has personally inspected the property and accepts it in its AS IS present Buyer's right to have a property inspection, if any). Seller will obtain certification of occupancy from the municipal comply with required corrections. Seller agrees to maintain the property in its present condition until possessible ave property broom clean upon vacating. | pality, if necessary, and |
| 13. PROPERTY INSPECTION (Check One) This offer is contingent upon a satisfactory inspection of the property, at Buyer's expense, no later than fafter the date of this contract. If Buyer is not satisfied with the results of the inspection, upon written notice fror two (2) days of the inspection, this contract will terminate and any deposit refunded to Buyer. Buyer does not desire to obtain an inspection of the property. | |
| Seller will provide a Seller Disclosure Statement with Seller's acceptance of this offer. Pursuant to Public Buyer will have 72 hours after hand-delivery of the disclosure statement (or 120 hours after delivery by register this contract by delivery of a written notice to Seller or Seller's agent. | |
| SELLER'S DISCLOSURE (Check One) Buyer acknowledges that a Seller Disclosure Statement has been provided to Buyer. | |
| 11. WATER/SEWER ESCROW Seller will pay in full all water and/or sewer usage charges through the day of p Seller will give Capital Title a minimum of \$200.00 for water/sewer escrow. Seller will obtain a final bill or reach through day of possession. Final charges will be paid from escrow and any unused portion returned to Seller. | ding covering usage |
| 10. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS Seller will pay in full all public authority charges (including, but not limited to, sp paving charges, water or sewer contracts, weed cutting and lighting charges), which are a lien as of the date of Condominium association assessments will be paid in a like manner. | |
| 9. TAXES/FEES PRORATIONS Seller will pay in full all taxes, which are due and payable at time of closing. Control prorated and adjusted as of the date of closing as though they are paid in advance on the due date. Condom fees, interest and rents will be adjusted in a like manner. | |
| 8. CLOSING COSTS Unless agreed otherwise, Seller will pay all State transfer taxes and costs required to cor Unless agreed otherwise, Buyer will pay the cost of recording the deed and/or security interests and all mortga | - |
| 7. TITLE INSURANCE Seller will provide and pay for an owner's policy of title insurance without standard exce insuring Buyer's marketable title in the amount of the Sales Price. Buyer will pay for land survey if needed. Se commitment for title insurance within days of the date of this contract. Upon receipt of the commitme Buyer will have days to provide Seller with written notice of any title objections. Seller will then ha receiving written notice to remedy the claimed defects. If Seller is unable to remedy the defects within 30 days be terminated and any deposit refunded to Buyer. | eller will apply for a ent, ave 30 days after |

EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

| DATE | |
|---|--|
| PROPERTY ADDRESS | |
| DEPOSIT AMOUNT \$ | CHECK# |
| All parties agree that Capital Title Insurance Agency will mentioned property in a non-interest bearing account, to the Purchase Agreement. | |
| In the event the transaction does not close, Capital Title Release of Purchase Agreement" signed by all parties by | |
| If the funds received were accepted as a personal check verification from our bank that the funds have cleared be | · · · |
| Capital Title Insurance Agency will pass on all cost incur funds or checks drawn on closed accounts. | red on any funds returned by our bank for insufficient |
| SELLER(S) | |
| PURCHASER(S) Capital Title acknowledges receipt of the earnest money of | |
| Account Executive | |

Seller's Disclosure Statement – Page 1

| Property Address: | | | | | | | | CHIGAN | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| | | | Street | | City, Vil | lage or Tov | /nship | | |
| Purpose of Statement: This statement is a disclosure of the condition of the property in compliance with the Seller Disclosure Act. This statement is a disclosure of the condition and information concerning the property, known by the Seller. Unless otherwise advised, the Seller does not possess any expertise in construction, architecture, engineering or any other specific area related to the construction or condition of the improvements on the property or the land. Also unless otherwise advised, the Seller has not conducted any inspection of generally inaccessible areas such as the foundation or roof. This statement is not a warranty of any kind by the Seller or by any Agent representing the Seller in this transaction and is not a substitute for any inspections or warranties the Buyer may wish to obtain. | | | | | | | | | |
| Seller's Disclosure: The Seller discloses the following information with the knowledge that even though this is not a warranty, the Seller specifically makes the following representations based on the Sellers knowledge at the signing of this document. Upon receiving this statement from the Seller, the Sellers Agent is required to provide a copy to the Buyer or the Agent of the Buyer. The Seller authorizes its Agent(s) to provide a copy of this statement to any prospective Buyer in connection with any actual or anticipated sale of property. The following are representations made solely by the Seller and are not the representations of the Sellers Agent(s), if any. This information is a disclosure only and is not intended to be part of any contract between Buyer and Seller. | | | | | | | | | |
| with your signature it additionable. If | onal space you do no | e is requir t know th | ed. (4) Cor e facts, che | nplete this forn | n conditions affecting the pron n yourself. (5) If some items N. FAILURE TO PROVIDE A NATE AN OTHERWISE BINI | do not apply PURCHAS | to your ER WITH | property, I A SIGNE | D |
| Appliances/Systems/Service only if the purchase agreen | | | w are in wo | rking order. (TI | ne items listed below are inc | luded in the | sale of th | he property | ′ |
| - | Yes | No | Unknown | Not Avail | | Yes | No | Unknown | Not Avail |
| Range/Oven | | | | | I awn sprinkler system | | | | |
| Dishwasher | | | | | Lawn sprinkler system Water heater | | | | |
| Refrigerator | | | | | Plumbing system Water softener/ | | | | |
| Hood/Fan Disposal | | | | | conditioner Well & pump | | | | |
| TV antenna, TV rotor & controls | | | | | Septic lank & drain field Sump pump | | | | |
| Electrical system | | | | | | | | | |
| Garage door opener & remote control | | | | | City water system City sewer system | | | | |
| Alarm system Intercom | | | | | Central air conditioning Central heating system | | | | |
| Central vacuum Attic fan | | | | | Wall furnace | | | | |
| Pool Heater, Wall Lining | | | | | Humidifier | | | | |
| & equipment Microwave | | | | | Electric air filter Solar heating system | | | | |
| Trash compactor Ceiling fan | | | | | Fireplace & chimney Wood burning system | | | | |
| Sauna/Hot tub | | | | | Dryer | | | | |
| Washer | | | | | | | | | |
| Explanations (attach additional | I sheet if ned | cessary):. | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| UNLESS OTHERWISE AGR WARRANTY BEYOND DAT | | | HOLD APPL | LIANCES ARE | SOLD IN WORKING ORDER | EXCEPT AS | NOTED | , W ITHOUT | г |
| Property conditions, Improv | ements & a | dditional | Information | ı: | | | | | |
| Basement/Crawlspace | : Has there | been evid | ence of water | er? | | yes | | no | |
| • | | | | | | , | | | |
| If yes, explain: | | | | | | | | | |
| Insulation: Describe, If Urea Formaldehyde Foa | | n (UFFI) is | s installed? | | unknown | yes | | no | |
| 3. Roof: Leaks? | | | | | | yes | | no | |
| Approximate age if know | wn: | | | | | | | | |
| Well: Type of well (dept Has water been tested? | | age and r | epair history | , if known): | | | | | |
| If you date of loot roned | t/raaultai | | | | | yes | | no | |
| ii yes, uate or iast report | uresuits: _ | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | Page 1 of | 2 | | | | |

__Sellers Initials

___Purchasers Initials

Seller's Disclosure Statement – Page 2

| 5. | Septic tanks/drain field: Cond | dition, if known: | | | | | |
|------------|--|---|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 6. | Heating System: Type/approx | imate age: ——— | | | | | |
| 7. | Plumbing System: Type: Any known problems? | Copper | Galvanized | _ Other | | | |
| 8. | Electrical System: Any known | n problems? | | | | | |
| 9. | History of infestation, If any: | (termites, carpenter ants | , etc.) | | | | |
| 10. | Environmental problems: Are to asbestos, radon gas, formale | | | ge tanks and c | ontaminated soil | I on property. | |
| | If yes. Please explain: | | | ur | nknown | yes | no |
| 11. | Flood Insurance: Do you have | e flood insurance on the | property? | ur | nknown | yes | no |
| 12. | Mineral Rights: Do you own th | ne mineral rights? | | u | nknown | yes | no |
| Othe | r Items: Are you aware of any o | f the following: | | | | | |
| 1. | Features of the property share use or responsibility for mainte | | | | ces, roads and d | riveways, or other fe yes | atures whose no |
| 2. | Any encroachments, easement | ts, zoning violations or n | onconforming uses? | u | nknown | yes | no |
| 3. | Any "common areas" (facilities any authority over the property | | walkways, or other are | | ith others), or a unknown | | ation that has no |
| 4. | Structural modifications, alterat | tion, or repairs made with | nout necessary permits | | tractors? nknown | yes | no |
| 5. | Settling, flooding, drainage, str | uctural, or grading proble | ems? | u | ınknown | yes | no |
| 6. | Major damage to the property t | from lire, wind, flood, or l | andslides? | ι | ınknown | yes | no |
| 7. | Any underground storage tanks | s? | | ι | unknown | | no |
| 8. | Farm or farm operation in the v | vicinity; or proximity to a I | andfill, airport, shooting | range, etc.? | unknown | | no |
| 9. | Any outstanding utility assessn | nents or fees, including a | ny natural gas main ex | | ge? unknown | yes | no |
| 10. | Any outstanding municipal ass | essments or fees? | | ι | unknown | | no |
| 11. | Any pending litigation that coul | d affect the property or the | ne Seller's rights to con | | y? unknown | yes | no |
| If the | answer to any of these questions is | s yes, please explain. Attacl | n additional sheets, if nece | essary: | | | |
| The | Seller has lived in the residence | on the property from | (date) to | _ (date). The Se | eller has owned | the property since | (date) |
| struct | Seller has indicated above the co tural/mechanical/appliance syste r. In no event shall the parties h | ems of this property from | the date of this form to | the date of clos | sing, Seller will ir | mmediately disclose | the changes to |
| - | r certifies that the information in | | | · | • | • | ture. |
| | ER SHOULD OBTAIN PROFES | | | | - | • | |
| ГНЕ | PROPERTY. THESE INSPECT SUALLY HIGH LEVELS OF PO | IONS SHOULD TAKÉ IN | DOOR AIR AND WATE | ER QUALITY IN | ITO ACCOUNT, | AS WELL AS ANY | EVIDENCE OF |
| 28,72 | ER IS ADVISED THAT CERTAII 21 TO 28,732 IS AVAILABLE TO ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR | THE PUBLIC. BUYERS | SEEKING SUCH INFO | | | | |
| AND TON | ER IS ALSO ADVISED THAT TH OTHER REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSUME THAT THE BUYERS ER MICHIGAN LAW, REAL PRO | K INFORMATION IS AVA FUTURE TAX BILLS ON | AILAE3LE FROM THE A I THE PROPERTY WIL | APPROPRIATE L BE THE SAM | ELOCAL ASSES ME AS THE SEL | SSORS OFFICE. BU LERS PRESENT TA | YER SHOULD X BILLS. |
| Selle | r | | | Date | | | |
| Selle | r | | | Date | | | |
| Buye | er has read and acknowledges re | eceipt of this statement. | | | | | |
| Buye | er | | Dale | | | Time | |
| Buye | er | г | Date | | | Time | |
| | | | Page 2 of 2 | | | | |
| | Purchasers Initials | | | | | Selle | rs Initials |

LEAD-BASED PAINT AND LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTIAL SALES

PURPOSE OF THIS STATEMENT: The information provided in this statement is required to be provided by all Sellers of residential housing built before 1978. This statement is required by the Residential Lead-Based Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4852d), which went into effect in 1996.

| PROPERTY ADD | RESS: | | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| The re | sidence at this addres | s was constructed | after Jan | uary 1, 1978: | (Seller must initial one.) | |
| | Yes | | _ No | | Unknown | |
| | s initialed, omit the re portion and sign bel | | ure and | sign below, o | therwise, complete the folk | owing |
| LEAD W ARNIN | G STATEMENT | | | | | |
| that such prop developing lea learning disab poses a partic Buyer with any and notify the | erty may present exposed poisoning. Lead poilities, reduced intelligular risk to pregnant worms information on lead-lead-lead-lead-lead-lead-lead-lead- | osure to lead from isoning in young clence quotient, betomen. The Seller cleased paint hazardead-based paint ha | lead-bas hildren n navioral p of any inte Is from ri | ed paint that n nay produce poroblems, and erest in resider sk assessmen | I dwelling was built prior to 1: nay place young children at a cermanent neurological dama impaired memory. Lead pointial real property is required ts or inspections in the Selle ent or inspection for possible | risk of age, including soning also to provide the or's possession |
| SELLER'S DISC | CLOSURE (Initial <u>)</u> | | | | | |
| (seller must initial) | | • | | • | izards (check a or b below ds are present in the housing | • |
| | (b) ☐ Seller has no | knowledge of lead- | based pa | aint and/or lead | d-based paint hazards in the | - housing. |
| 2. (seller must initial) | | vided the Purchas | er with a | ll available rec | o below): ords and reports pertaining to st documents below). | to lead-based |
| | (b) ☐ Seller has no hazards in the | • | pertaini | ng to lead-bas | ed paint and/or lead-based | - paint |
| 3. (seller must initial) | Seller acknow printed on the back | | have info | ormed Seller of | Seller's obligation under 42 | U.S.C 4852d, as |
| Purchaser's | ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (| Initial <u>)</u> | | | | |
| 4. | Purchaser has rece | ived copies of all i | nformati | on listed abov | e and the attached | |
| 5. | Purchaser ha | as received the pa | amphlet | Protect Your | Family from Lead in Your | Ноте. |
| 6. | As set forth | in the Offer to Pu | rchase, | Purchaser ha | s (check a or b below): | |
| icilasei musi milialj | | | | | on period) to conduct a risked paint and/or lead-based pa | aint hazards |
| | (b) □ Waived the o | oportunity to condu ead-based paint ha | | assessment or | inspection for the presence | of lead-based |
| CERTIFICATION | N OF ACCURACY | | | | | |
| Th | | | | | he best of their knowledge, the | hat the |
| Seller | | Date | Time | Purchaser | D | ate Time |
| Seller | | Date | Time | Purchaser | D | ate Time |

PAYOFF AUTHORIZATION

| LENDER | | DATE | |
|------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| ADDRESS | | | |
| CITY/ST | | PHONE | |
| PROPERTY AD | DRESS | | |
| | | | |
| The above prop | perty has been sold. You are her | reby requested to furnish | n the following information: |
| | Payoff figures as of | with a daily rate. | |
| | Equity line payoff figures as of account once payoff letter is se | with daily ratent. Checks/Cards have b | e. Please block been destroyed. |
| | Other: | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | |
| Seller's Signatu | res_ | | ss# |
| | | | ss# |
| Phone Number | | | |
| Please forward | d this information to: | | |
| | Capital Tit | le Insurance Agency | |

26261 Evergreen, Ste. 520 Southfield, MI 48076 Phone: 248.208.4932

Email: LisaR@capitaltitle.net

EXPLANATION - SELLER'S SETTLEMENT STATEMENT

The Seller's Settlement Statement is an outline of the credits and charges from a Seller's perspective.

Seller Credits

1. Sale Price

The Seller is given a credit for the purchase price according to the Purchase Agreement and any addenda.

2 Tax Prorations

The Seller is credited for the summer and winter tax prorations. These prorations are computed based on the terms of the Purchase Agreement. Typically, prorations are done on a tax "due-date" basis. On a due-date basis, taxes are paid for the year in advance. For example, when summer taxes are due in July, the tax bill is actually for July 1st through June 30th of the following year. The Seller is credited the taxes for the portion of the upcoming and/or current year that he/she is no longer the owner of the home.

Seller Charges

1. Water/Sewer Escrow

In order to account for the Seller's final unpaid water bill, we will hold an amount, usually \$200.00, from the Seller's proceeds for payment. See also Water Escrow Agreement on page 12.

2. Occupancy Escrow

If the Purchase Agreement allows, the Buyer is entitled to rent the property to the Seller from the date of closing until the Seller vacates the property. The amount held for occupancy escrow is typically 1/30th of the Buyer's mortgage payment plus taxes and insurance, per day of occupancy. If there is no mortgage, it is a mutually agreed upon price. See also Occupancy Escrow Agreement on page 13.

3. Earnest Money Deposit

The Seller is charged for the amount of the earnest money deposit they have previously received from the buyer if that deposit is held in the Seller's personal account. Capital Title may also hold the deposit and will transfer the funds to the closing table. See also Earnest Money Deposit Agreement on page 4.

4. Owner's Policy

This charge to the Seller is for payment of the Title Insurance Policy, which provides the Buyer with insured proof of ownership. The price of the Policy is determined by the sale price. The Seller may be entitled to a discount on the cost of the new policy if a copy of the title policy they received when they bought the home is provided to the title company. Title insurance rates are regulated by the State of Michigan.

5. County and State Transfer Taxes

Commonly referred to as "stamps" or "revenue stamps", the transfer tax is calculated on the sale price of the home.

6. First Mortgage Payoff

This charge is to payoff the existing mortgage held by the Seller.

7. Overnight Delivery Fee

Capital Title uses overnight delivery services to transport mortgage payoffs in order to insure timely delivery and to track the date of receipt in case of a discrepancy with the mortgage company.

8. Document Preparation Fee

Capital Title charges a fee for preparing the various statements shown in this sample package.

EXPLANATION - BUYER'S SETTLEMENT STATEMENT

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Buyer Charges

Sale Price

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Buyer Credits

1. Earnest Money Deposit

The Buyer is credited for the amount of the deposit previously paid.

2. First Loan Credit

The Buyer is credited the amount of the new mortgage.

WATER/SEWER ESCROW AGREEMENT

This agreement describes the terms and conditions under which the water/sewer escrow will be held and disbursed.

OCCUPANCY ESCROW AGREEMENT

This agreement describes the terms and conditions under which the occupancy escrow funds will be held and disbursed.

SAMPLE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

The Purchase Agreement is a binding contract between the Buyer and the Seller. It provides a blueprint of the transaction with regard to the major terms and provisions of the sale.

The seller and buyer must work together to arrive at the terms of the purchase agreement. These terms often include:

- Purchase price
- Type of sale (sale with new mortgage, cash sale, land contract, etc).
- Earnest money deposit
- Occupancy terms
- Personal property included with the sale (washer, dryer, etc).