## **Seller's Guide to Closing Costs**

Each real estate transaction is unique, and closing costs can vary significantly depending on the agreement between parties. The following is a general outline of a typical sales transaction and the closing costs that may be incurred. However, this is not a guarantee of the exact closing costs that will be charged at the close of escrow and should only be used as a reference:

- 1. CLTA owner's Title Insurance: Insurance that protects the buyer from any losses if there are any issues with the title of the property.
- 2. Real estate commission: Fees paid to the real estate agents involved in the sale of the property.
- 3. Fee for document preparation for deed: Fee for preparing the legal document that transfers ownership of the property from the seller to the buyer.
- 4. Documentary transfer tax: Tax charged by the state or county on the transfer of ownership of the property.
- 5. Any applicable City Transfer/Conveyance tax as per contract: Additional taxes charged by the city or municipality on the transfer of ownership of the property.
- 6. Any fees for FHA or VA loans required by the buyer's lender: Fees charged by the lender for processing FHA or VA loans.
- 7. Seller's loans payoff (or existing loan balance if assumed by buyer): The remaining balance on the seller's existing loan, which must be paid off during the sale of the property.
- 8. Fees for interest accrued to the lender being paid off, statement fees, reconveyance fees, and prepayment penalties: Additional fees associated with paying off the seller's existing loan, including interest accrued, statement fees, reconveyance fees, and prepayment penalties.
- 9. Termite inspection (as per contract): Inspection to determine if there is any termite damage or infestation in the property.
- 10. Termite work (as per contract): If any termite damage is found, the cost of repairing it is included in this fee.
- 11. Home warranty (as per contract): A warranty that covers the cost of repairing or replacing major appliances and systems in the property for a certain period of time after the sale.
- 12. Fees for messenger/overnight/courier services if used: Fees for using courier services to deliver documents or payments related to the sale of the property.
- 13. Any outstanding judgments, tax liens, or other claims against the seller: Any debts or claims against the seller that must be paid off before the sale of the property can be completed.
- 14. Recording charges to clear all documents of record against the seller: Fees for filing and recording legal documents that clear any claims or debts against the seller on the property.

- 15. Tax proration for any unpaid taxes at the time of transfer of title: A prorated payment of any unpaid property taxes that the seller owes but hasn't paid yet.
- 16. Any unpaid homeowner's dues: Any unpaid fees or dues that the seller owes to the homeowner's association for the property.
- 17. Any bonds or assessments as per contract: Additional fees or assessments that the seller owes for the property, as specified in the contract.
- 18. Any delinquent taxes: Any unpaid taxes or penalties owed by the seller to the state or county.
- 19. Notary fees: Fees for a notary public to notarize legal documents related to the sale of the property.
- 20. Escrow fee (50%): Fee charged by the escrow company for managing and overseeing the transaction.
- 21. Seller's portion of sub-escrow fee: Fees for any additional services provided by the Title Company.
- 22. Demand fees: Fees charged by the seller's lender for providing a payoff demand statement.
- 23. Solar transfer fees: Fees for transferring ownership of any solar equipment or panels installed on the property, if applicable. This should be addressed in the RPA (Residential Purchase Agreement) regarding who will pay.



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