# SELLER FINANCING

(WHEN THE SELLER WANTS TO BE THE LENDER)





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- 2. Read the class booklet
- 3. At the end of the material there is a quiz (all of the answers are in the material that you have read)
- 4. Answer the questions
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## **CREATIVE FINANCING**

## Curriculum

| Session/Hours | Topics                            | method of instruction   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 60 minutes    | Seller financing can be an option | read material/take test |
|               | •                                 |                         |
|               | Review of 31.04 State vs.         |                         |
|               | Federal requirements              |                         |
|               | and Exemptions                    |                         |
|               | Need for a waiver                 |                         |
|               | Difference between Note           |                         |
|               | and Trust deed and Real           |                         |
|               | Estate Contract                   |                         |
| 60 minutes    | Review of updated 22C             | read material/take test |
| 30 minutes    | Understanding the risks           | read material/take test |
|               |                                   |                         |
| 30 minutes    | Escrow Collection                 |                         |

### **SELLER FINANCING**

Creative financing, seller financing, seller carry-back, whatever you want to call it, once you understand it, it will enable you to offer to your client alternative financing when traditional financing is not available or the seller does not want to be paid in full.

It will open up doors for both the purchaser and the seller.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

As a result of taking this class, the agent shall be able to do the following:

- 1. Understand form 22C
- 2. Have a much better understanding of the difference between a Note and Trust Deed vs a real Estate Contract
- 3. Waiver from DFI or Exemption by WAC
- 4. Know the risks involved for your client.
- 5. Understand the importance of the history of escrow collection and how it will help your clients.

### **SELLER FINANCING**

Whether you call it "Creative Financing", "Seller Financing", or "Seller Carry-back" it is an option that the seller may choose. Some of the reasons for this type of option may be:

- The seller owns the property free and clear and does not want to receive all the proceeds at once, but would rather receive it over time and therefore avoid all of the capital gain at once. (They only pay based on the amount received at closing and installments received in the calendar year. Advice should be given to have the seller contact their accountant to get a clarification on how this will affect them.) Avoid giving legal advice on this. Always instruct your client to talk to the professionals, whether an attorney or an accountant, even though you think you know the answer.
- The property may not fully appraise at this time for the sales price, but the parties still wish to continue with the sale.
- The property may not be eligible for conventional financing at this time.
- The purchaser may not qualify for a conventional loan at this time due to credit issues or other issues.
- The property may be a commercial property with unusual terms.
- The property may be a land purchase with "deed release provisions" that will be handled over time.

#### RULES ON "OWNER OCCUPIED" CREATIVE FINANCING

The first thing we need to review, if you choose creative financing as an option, is what is the buyer's intent regarding occupancy? Will the purchaser occupy the home as their primary residence? If so, you and your client will need to follow some simple NEW RULES.

#### NOTE: THE RULES ONLY APPLY TO OWNER OCCUPIED.

Understand that "residential" creative or seller financing is regulated at both the State and Federal levels. In Washington, the Consumer Loan Act, chapter 31.04 RCW and chapter 208-620 WAC, regulates the lending of money or extension of credit for family, personal or household use. This includes financing residential mortgages which can include financing the sale of raw land or vacant lots. Regulation under the Consumer Loan Act begins with the

licensing process. Licensing is twofold in that both companies and individual mortgage loan originators must be licensed.

There are some exemptions from licensing at both the company and individual levels. The company level exemptions are found at RCW 31.04.025. The individual level exemptions are found at WAC 208.620-015.

A license waiver is available pursuant to RCW 31.04.025(3) for eligible transactions under the Consumer Loan Act. A license waiver can be issued for eligible seller financed residential mortgage loan transactions. An eligible transaction is one in which the seller owns the property being sold; is selling to a buyer for their family, personal or household use; is carrying the financing taking an interest in the property; and who is not subject to the federal law that requires the licensing of mortgage loan originators.

Washington State Department of Financial Institutions has adopted a rule to implement a license waiver under RCW 31.04.025(3).

You may be eligible to make five or fewer residential mortgage loans during a calendar year without holding a company level license if you are not subject to licensing as a mortgage loan originator. See WAC 208-620-105. If you are eligible for the license waiver, you must comply with the conditions.

The following four pages are from Department of Financial Institutions:

- 1. License Waiver Steps
- 2. Residential Seller Financing License Waiver
- 3. Residential Disclosure Summary Fixed Rate Loan
- 4. Residential Disclosure Summary Variable Rate Loan

LET'S REVIEW THOSE FORMS:

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#### RESIDENTIAL SELLER FINANCING LICENSE WAIVER

| r Name:             |  |
|---------------------|--|
| lress:              |  |
|                     |  |
|                     |  |
| : Property Address: |  |

Pursuant to RCW 31.04.025(3) the Seller(s) is/are granted a waiver from the licensing provisions of the Consumer Loan Act (Act), chapter 31.04 RCW. The license waiver is granted only for the specific transaction involving the Property Address above and as described in communications from the parties.

The license waiver is applicable only to the requirement to license in order to conduct activities subject to the Act, including servicing the residential mortgage loan. The Department of Financial Institutions (Department) otherwise retains its jurisdiction over the transaction. Persons operating under a license waiver are subject to entry and examination by the Department to verify eligibility for the license waiver and to conduct examinations or investigations as permitted by the Act. As to the servicing activity, the Department specifically reserves the right to withdraw the license waiver's applicability to that activity and compel either licensing or cessation of the activity based on the circumstances. Such circumstances might include, but are not limited to, the receipt by the Department of complaints about the servicing activity.

The license waiver is conditioned on the accuracy and completeness of the information provided and is valid only upon the following additional conditions:

If you do not provide the borrower with a compliant disclosure under Regulation Z (12 CFR 1026), you must provide the buyer with a disclosure summary of the loan's material terms and conditions. Access the link below to print, complete, and provide the applicable disclosure to the borrower. If a section of the disclosure is not applicable, write "N/A". You may provide the required information in your own format.

http://dfi.wa.gov/cs/seller-financing.htm

- 2. In order to foreclose you must follow the specific foreclosure process set forth in chapter 61.24 RCW or as otherwise required by Washington law.
- 3. The license waiver is not available for loans above the state's usury limit of twelve percent.

Obtaining and complying with this license waiver from state law may not meet the requirements under the federal Truth in Lending Act as implemented by Section 1026.36 of Regulation Z (12 CFR 1026). It is your responsibility to determine applicability of that law to your transaction. We encourage you to consult with an attorney.

## RESIDENTIAL DISCLOSURE SUMMARY – FIXED RATE LOAN

| ate/                            |                              |                     |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| eller:                          |                              |                     |
|                                 |                              |                     |
|                                 |                              |                     |
| orrower:                        |                              |                     |
|                                 |                              |                     |
|                                 | 7                            |                     |
| operty Address:                 |                              |                     |
| ortgage Term (# of monthly paym | ents)                        | 11                  |
| oan Amount:                     | \$                           |                     |
| terest Rate:                    |                              |                     |
| incipal & Interest Payment:     | \$                           | per month           |
| ees(describe)                   | \$                           |                     |
|                                 | \$                           |                     |
| ther conditions of your loan:   |                              |                     |
| Yes No                          |                              |                     |
| ☐ ☐ Your intere                 | est rate is locked           |                     |
| Your loan l                     | nas a penalty if you pay off | your mortgage early |
| Your loan l                     | nas a balloon payment due o  | n:                  |
| ther:                           |                              |                     |
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## RESIDENTIAL DISCLOSURE SUMMARY – VARIABLE RATE LOAN

| Date//   |   |                |
|--|---|----------------|
| Seller:  |   |                |
|  |   | -              |
|  |   | -              |
| Borrower(s):   | × (   |                |
| · · ·  |   |                |
|  |   | -              |
| Property Address:  | 0   | -              |
| Mortgage Term (# of monthly payments):   |   |                |
| Loan Amount:   | S   |                |
| Fees(describe)   | \$  |                |
|  | S   |                |
|  |   | Monthly        |
| Interest Rates & Principal & Interest Pay  | yments: Rate  | Payment        |
| Caps (Initial, Subsequent and Lifetime adju<br>(e.g. 1/1/5, 2/2/5 and 5/2/5 are common. 5/2<br>the initial introductory rate lasts longer than | 2/5 is used when  |                |
| Index (e.g. 1 yr. T-Bill, 1 yr. LIBOR, etc.):  | %   | \$             |
| Margin (add to the index to yield the rate):   | Fully Indexed:% Maximum:%   | \$<br>\$       |
| Date of First Interest Rate Adjustment:  |   |                |
| Date and Timing of Subsequent Adjustment   | is:   |                |
| Other conditions of your loan:   |   |                |
| Yes No   |   |                |
| Your interest rate i Your loan has a pe Your loan has a ba   | s locked<br>nalty if you pay off your mortgage early<br>lloon payment due on: | <del>-</del> : |
| Other;   |   |                |
|  |   |                |
| Rev. 12/05/13  |   |                |

First, you MUST use the most current NWMLS form 22 which came out 7/23.

22 C – item B says: "Washington State DFI Waiver or Exemption. If the Property is used for a residential dwelling, Seller shall either (i) obtain a waiver from the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions ("DFI") under RCW 31.04.025(3); or (ii) identify an exemption from the licensing requirements under RCW 31.04. If Seller does not give notice that to Buyer that Seller either has (i) obtained a DFI waiver; or (ii) identified an exemption from RCW 31.04 under WAC 208-620-104 or WAC 208-620-105, within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ days (5 days if not filled in) of mutual acceptance, Buyer may terminate the Agreement at any time prior to Seller giving such notice. If the Seller is not exempt from RCW 31.04 and DFI does not grant a DFI waiver, Seller may terminate the Agreement within \_\_\_\_\_\_ days (5 days if not filled in) of mutual acceptance, provided Seller timely applied for and made a good faith effort to obtain a DFI waiver. If either party terminates under Paragraph B, the Earnest money shall be refunded to the Buyer.

Now, let's talk about the Waiver and then the exemption they are talking about.

#### **Washington State DFI Waiver:**

Basically, what this is all about is that when Dodd-Frank came into action regarding predatory lending, they addressed "seller financing" in 2014 and all our changes came. They were concerned about these sales to purchasers that would be using the home for their residential dwelling and didn't want sellers to set up any "predatory" terms.

The first item they addressed was that all sellers must apply for a mortgage brokers license before they sell to a purchaser who will be occupying the home. Well, sellers did not want to become a "mortgage broker" which would be a waste of so much money in fees, especially if they are only selling one or a few homes this way.

Then under RCW 31.04 the seller could apply for a "waiver" to NOT become a mortgage broker if they complied with the following which is under 22C – Item A:

- Seller is a natural person (and not a loan originator), estate or trust.
- ii. Seller has not financed the sale of another property within the past 12 months \*
- iii. Seller did not construct or act as a contractor for the construction of a residence on the Property in the ordinary course of Seller's business.
- iv. The repayment schedule does not result in a negative amortization; and
- v. The financing has a fixed rate of interest or an adjustable rate of interest that is adjustable after five or more years, subject to reasonable annual and lifetime limitations on interest rate increases.

The waiver is very easy to apply for. You can download a form on DFI website or you can email me at <a href="mailto:clockhoursbyangie@gmail.com">clockhoursbyangie@gmail.com</a> and I will send to you, or you can obtain from my website <a href="mailto:www.clockhoursbyangie">www.clockhoursbyangie</a>. Once you or the seller complete this form you email DFI – their email address is on the form. Usually, they will answer you that day or the next as all they are doing in looking up in their records whether your seller has sold another property this way in the past 12 months. They will email you an approval and send you two forms to choose from for the seller or you to complete, which is the payment terms (either Fixed Rate or Adjustable) that you are required to give to the Purchaser. It doesn't have a signature line but I really think the purchaser should acknowledge that they received it with either a signature or initial so you as the listing agent can have the proof in your file. Just saying......

\*Now, a better explanation on the number of sales a seller can have in a 12-month period. You have choices!

- 1. Your form NWMLS says under A (ii) only ONE
- 2. The Federal Government says THREE
- 3. And DFI says FIVE

#### WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?

#### WAC 208-620-104 OR WAC 208-620-105 EXEMPTION

You are exempt if:

- You are providing loans or extending credit primarily for business, commercial, or agricultural purposes. This exemption is not available if you secure the loan with a lien on the borrower's primary residence, RCW 31.04.025(2)(e).
- You are carrying the financing on raw land, even if that raw land is zoned residential. This exemption is not available to a person constructing or acting as a contractor for the construction of residential dwellings. See RCW 31.04.025(2)(f).
- 3. You are carrying the financing on the sale of the home you live in. (See WAC 208-620-104(7) and WAC 208-620-105(3). If you are carrying the financing on the sale of a house you own but do not live in, you are not exempt from licensure but you may be eligible for a license waiver see waiver section above.
- 4. You are providing loans or extending credit to immediate family members. (See WAC 208-620-104(6) and WAC 208-620-105(2).

#### DO THE "SELLER FINANCING" RULES APPLY?

Once again, the three questions that you ask:

- 1. Is there a dwelling?
- 2. Is the buyer a natural person?
- 3. Is the natural person moving into the dwelling?

If you answer "yes" to all three, THE RULES APPLYS.

If you answer "no", THE RULES DO NOT APPLY TO:

- Vacant land
- The purchase of properties acquired strictly for business purposes, such as commercial and investment properties that will NOT be owner-occupied, even if such properties include a dwelling.
- Land bought primarily for agriculture purposes, even if it includes a dwelling.
- Property/dwelling is purchased by a buyer other than a natural person such as an
  estate, trust, corporation, partnership, association, church, union, or fraternal
  organization. For purposes of Regulation Z, a land trust is considered a Natural Person.
- Owner-occupied rental property that is a triplex or larger. Duplexes are not exempt.
- A home purchased for use as a second or vacation home if the buyer intends to spend 14 or fewer days in the home in the coming year.

#### NOTE AND TRUST DEED OR REAL ESTATE CONTRACT?

The client must choose which to use, NOT the agent, as you never want it to be said you were "practicing law".

If the client is not sure, advise the client to seek legal advice from their personal attorney.

Here is a brief explanation of the two choices:

#### 1. PROMISSORY NOTE SECURRED BY A DEED OF TRUST

At time of closing, the real estate closer will prepare a warranty deed from the seller to the purchaser and record said deed at closing, thus title will pass to the purchaser and they will then be the record owner of the property. A promissory note will be prepared at closing setting out the payment terms due to the seller by the purchaser. Also, to be prepared and recorded is a deed of trust. This is the security for the promissory note. So, in basic terms, the note says "Mr. Seller, I agree to pay you and this is how" and the deed of trust says "this is what will happen to me and the property if I don't pay you Mr. Seller." When the deed of trust is recorded at closing, that document says the seller has a security interest in the property.

#### 2. REAL ESTATE CONTRACT

At time of closing, the real estate closer will prepare a real estate contact and record it at closing. They will also prepare a Fulfillment Warranty Deed, which will be executed by the seller, notarized, but not recorded at closing. The seller will remain in title and be the owner of record on the property. When the real estate contact is recorded it gives the purchaser a beneficial interest in the property. The warranty deed will be held in escrow collection until the purchaser has paid the contact in full. At that time the deed will be recorded and title will pass to the purchaser. It is kind of like buying a car – you don't actually get the title to the car until you have paid the car in full.

# THE BASIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN REAL ESTATE CONTRACT AND DEED OF TRUST are included as part of the forms for this class.

After reading this information your client will know the differences between the two forms of security and be able to decide. If they still do not understand, once again, point them in the direction of their own attorney to help them with this process.

(And the information provided will keep you out of the arena of "practicing law".)

#### NOW, HERE IS A REVIEW OF "NWMLS FORM 21 C"

REV 7/11/23

First of all, the name of this form finally is named something when you go to look for it in your form list, you will actually find it now.

#### SELLER FINANCING ADDENDUM TO PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

#### NWMLS 22C IS ATTACHED AS PART OF THE FORMS PROVIDED

#### 1. **GENERAL TERMS**:

- A. Limited use. Buyer represents that the Property \_\_will \_\_will not (will, if not filled in) be used for a residential dwelling. If the Property will be used for a residential dwelling, this Addendum may be used only if:
  - i. Seller is a natural person (and not a loan originator), estate or trust;
  - ii. Seller has not financed the sale of another property within the past 12 months;
  - iii. Seller did not construct or act as a contractor for the construction of a residence on the Property in the ordinary course of Seller's business;
  - iv. The repayment schedule does not result in a negative amortization;
  - v. The financing has a fixed rate of interest or an adjustable rate of interest that is adjustable after five or more years, subject to reasonable annual and lifetime limitations on interest rate increases; and

#### **BRAND NEW:**

B. Washington State DFI Waiver or exemption. If the property is used for a residential dwelling, Seller shall either (i) obtain a waiver from the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions ("DFI") under RCW 31.04.025(3) or (ii) identify an exemption from the licensing requirements. If Seller does not give notice to Buyer that Seller has either has (i) obtained DFI Waiver; or (ii) identified an exempti9on from RCW 31.04 under WAC208-620-014 or WAC 208-620-105

within\_\_\_\_\_days (f days if not filled in) of mutual acceptance, Buyer may terminate the Agreement at any time prior to Seller giving such notice. If Seller is not exempt from RCW 31.04 and DFI does not grant a DFI waiver, Seller may terminate the Agreement within \_\_\_\_\_days (5 days if not filled in) of mutual acceptance, provided Seller timely applied for an made a good faith effort to obtain a DFI waiver. If either party terminates under this Paragraph B, the Earnest Money shall be refunded to Buyer.

The above terms are very important for you to review with your client if the property is sold to an owner-occupied purchaser. You will note that this form limits the seller to one in a 12-month period, yet State law says five and Federal says three.

- C. Disclosure. If the Property will be used for a residential dwelling, Seller shall provide Buyer with a residential disclosure summary prescribed by DFI or a compliant federal disclosure under Regulation Z (12 CRF 1026) that includes the material terms and conditions of the loan and costs of financing (see the forms described on pages 9 and 10 above
- **D. Limited Practice Board Forms.** The current version of any Limited Practice Board ("LPB") form referenced below shall be attached to this Agreement as a blank form:

Washington State is the only state that has Limited Practice Officers who are licensed by the Washington State Bar Association and can prepare closings but must use the designated forms "LPB" from the list of approved forms. These forms are available by you accessing the Washington State Bar Association, Limited Practice Officer Forms and your choices are as follows:

#### THESE FORMS ARE ALSO ATTACHED TO THE END OF THIS MATERIAL

LPB Form 28A Promissory note

LPB Form 22 Deed of trust

LPB Form 22A deed of trust with due on sale and due date

LPB form 44 Real Estate Contract

If your client decided to sell/purchase the property on a real estate contract you would need to print out LPB form 44 and attach it to your NWMLS Form 22C, but do not fill it out. You are merely attaching it in blank form so the client can approve it for form and content. Your chosen closer will prepare a similar form at closing.

If your client decided to sell/purchase the property on a note and deed of trust, you would need to print out LPB form 28A, promissory note, and then chose which deed of trust you would need 22 or 22A depending on whether the client chose a due on sale clause or not. Remember if they did not choose the due on sale clause deed of trust, the note and trust deed would be fully assumable.

E. Attorney Review. Buyer and Seller are advised to seek the counsel of an attorney to review the terms of this Agreement and this Agreement is conditioned upon review and approval by counsel for Buyer and Seller. Unless a party gives written notice of disapproval of this within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_days (5 days if not filled in) of mutual acceptance, this contingency shall be deemed satisfied (waived).

Attorney Review. If Buyer and Seller agree to financing terms that differ from the terms in this Addendum or an attached LPB form, including, but not limited to making interlineations or otherwise modifying or supplementing any pre-printed terms in this Addendum or attachments thereto, the parties shall have this Agreement reviewed by legal counsel. If Buyer and Seller do not give notice of approval of this Agreement by their counsel within \_\_\_\_\_\_ days (10 days if not filled in) of mutual acceptance, this Agreement shall terminate and the Earnest Money shall be refunded to the Buyer.

NOTE: Some attorneys prepare their own note, trust deed, and real estate contract and are NOT the approved LPB Forms as noted in your Agreement. If you are aware of that fact with the chosen attorney, request a blank copy of those documents so they can be attached to the 22C to be reviewed by the parties and accepted.

F. **Prior Indebtedness and Security**. Seller understands that Seller's security interest in the Property may be inferior to a third party's interest in the Property, such as a prior lender.

This clause further notifies the seller that in the event they are not in "first position" their position will be inferior and they would need to take a strong look at the terms of the security that is in front of them in the event of default to protect their position.

#### 2. PAYMENTS TO SELLER AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

| A. | Down payment. Buyer s     | hall pay a down payment, including   | Earnest Money, which |
|----|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
|    | shall be applied to the P | urchase Price at Closing as follows: |                      |
|    | Earnest Money: \$         | + Additional Money Down:\$           | = Total Down         |
|    | Payment \$                |                                      |                      |

| В. | Interest Rat  | e. The balance of the purchase price (the "Indebtedness") shall accrue                                    |
|----|---------------|---|
|    | interest at _ |   |
|    | (clc          | sing if not checked).   |
| C. | Payments to   | Seller. Buyer shall pay (check applicable box):   |
|    | i. No ii      | nstallment payments are required  |
|    | ii. Princ     | cipal and interest installments are required  |
|    | iii. Inter    | est only payments on the outstanding principal balance.   |
|    |               | ent Payments, if any, shall begin on theday ofand ue on theday of each succeeding (check applicable box): |
|    |               | onththird calendar monthsixth calendar monthtwelfth calendar ther   |

When you get to this section it would be the perfect time to come up with a payment amount the purchaser/seller agrees upon and then to run an amortization schedule to be sure the payment amount will amortize. Many purchasers know what their limits are based on what they can afford each month. Please be sure to take into account at this time how much the estimate would be to pay monthly for the taxes and insurance if a reserve account is also being set up (that information will come later in this form (5 A iii) Many times an agent will fill in the payment amount in this area but not take into account how much will be needed monthly towards the reserves and it can be a shock to the buyer at closing when the closer reviews what the total PITI payment will be.

#### D. Promissory Note and Deed of Trust

#### i. Security:

You have the choices here of checking what position the deed of trust in favor of the seller will be in: First, Second, Third. It will default to First if you do not fill in anything. The most common position and the best protection for the seller will be First Position, as nothing would come before the seller's deed of trust.

#### ii. **Promissory note**:

It is repeated here once again that the closer will use LPB form 28A (Promissory Note). Remember that you must attach a "blank" copy of this form to NWMLS Form 22C. Do not complete the form – you are only attaching it to be approved by purchaser and seller as to the "form and content".

iii. **Deed of trust**: Under this section you are given the choice of the two LPB forms available – those being LPB form 22 or 22A.

If form 22 is chosen, the note may be assumable to a third party.

If form 22A is chosen, there will be a paragraph on the document that will need to be initialed by purchaser and seller at closing that states:

"The property described in this security instrument may not be sold or transferred without the Beneficiary's consent. Upon breach of this provision, Beneficiary may declare all sums due under the note and Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, unless prohibited by applicable law."

#### iv. **Due Date:**

Under this item, the agent will need to insert a date that the parties have agreed the note will be due and payable. Or, in the event based on the payment terms and say for example a 30-year amortization, they will need to compute what that date will be in the future. So, running an amortization schedule ahead of time will help as it will give you the exact month/year that last payment will be made so there is no guessing.

#### v. Default and Default Interest.

There are lots of blanks to complete in this section. Your closer and your clients will appreciate the agent who takes the time to fill in what was agreed upon, rather than leaving the line blank and letting it "default" to the language provided. Many times, when the agent does not fill anything and lets it go to the default, the client at a later time says" I didn't know that was what it meant by defaulting to that number". It is always best to fill in the blanks.

*This section covers the following three items:* 

1. Default interest rate: This is the interest rate that the note will increase to while the purchaser is in default. Please note that the note provides for 18% to be the default if not filled in. At this time, the current rate allowable by law for the State of Washington on Owner Occupied Property is only 12%.

- Late charge: There is a choice here of either an exact amount or the percentage. Some sellers would rather have a dollar amount in this area rather than a percentage of the payment amount.
- 3. Number of days late: Typically, 10 or 15 is used. The default is 15 days, but sometimes a seller wants a more severe late charge and will chose only 5 days, or less.
- 4. Number of days to cure default: Typically, we see sellers agreeing that 30 is the normal being used. But, once again, the seller may not be willing to wait this long for the lateness to be cured and wishes to commence with foreclosure sooner than the 30 days.
  - vi. **Prepayment**: "Buyer may prepay all or part of the balance owned under this Agreement at any time without penalty."

This clause does not allow the agent to choose. If you have a seller who wants to have some type of "prepayment penalty" it is always best to have the seller's attorney prepare the language of this penalty ahead of time and have it made a part of this agreement (to be approved by purchaser) with instructions for it to be attached to the promissory note. If your closer is an LPO, they cannot create this language but with the proper instructions by a document prepared by an attorney, may be able to attach it to the promissory note.

#### vii. No Further Encumbrances:

Optional: If the agent checks this box, the closer will also check the box that is on the LPB form deed of trust and the purchaser and seller will need to initial this box on the document at time of closing with the following provision:

As an express condition of Beneficiary making the loan secured by this Deed of trust, Grantor shall not further encumber, pledge, mortgage, hypothecate, place any lien, charge or claim upon, or otherwise give as security the property or any interest therein nor cause or allow by operation of law the encumbrance of the Trust Estate or any interest therein without the written consent of a Beneficiary even though such encumbrance may be junior to the encumbrance created by this Deed of Trust. Encumbrance of the property contrary to the provisions of this provision shall constitute a default and Beneficiary may, at Beneficiary's option, declare the entire balance of principal and interest immediately due and payable, whether the same be created by Grantor or an unaffiliated third party asserting a judgment lien, mechanic's or materialmen's lien or any other type of encumbrance or title defect."

#### E. Real Estate Contract:

The LPB Form 44 is referred to again here. If the parties want the security document to be the real estate contract, then there are 5 separate boxes that are available to choose from. If a box is checked here, the closer will have the parties initial the contract at closing the applicable box that corresponds to the box checked. The choices are:

- a. Substitutions and Security on Personal Property
- b. Alterations
- c. Due on Sale
- d. Pre-payment penalties on prior encumbrances
- e. Periodic payments on taxes and insurance

Also, there is a box to check when the entire balance will be due and payable. An amortization schedule prepared ahead of time will help assist you in placing a date there if the seller did not choose a specific due in full date.

#### 3. ASSUMED UNDERLYING OBLIGATIONS AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

This section focuses on the transaction where there is an existing note and deed of trust OR real estate contract that is currently owed by the seller and will be assumed by the purchasers or is being sold on a "wrap".

- A. **Assumed Obligations**. You would fill in this blank with the unpaid balance of the loan that the purchaser will be assuming, especially if a **FORMAL ASSUMPTION**
- B. Consent of Holder of Underlying Obligation:

If the purchaser will be assuming a loan and its terms require the underlying lienholder to approve the new purchaser, this is the clause where you would insert the number of days the purchaser/seller agree on to allow the purchaser to provide necessary information to that lienholder in order to approve them to assume the obligation.

### C. Seller Wrap of Existing loan:

A "wrap" is when the seller has an underlying loan on the property and will remain responsible for the loan and make the payments monthly according to the terms and conditions.

The seller will sell to the purchaser on a real estate contract or note and trust deed that will be an "overall" or "wrap" of the seller's encumbrance that will provide for monthly payments. Most transactions set up the contract or note and trust deed from the purchaser so that the payments that are remitted to the escrow holder instruct the holder to first pay the underlying lien, with the balance of the monthly payments to go to the seller. This is the best protection for the purchaser to have the payments made through escrow rather than all of the monthly payments going directly to the seller and the purchaser relying on the seller to pay the underlying.

#### D Cash Down to Existing Loan:

This section is where you will complete information about the loan being assumed by the purchaser and the conditions that the seller will still remain liable. Also, here is where the buyer/seller can have a review period for the loan being assumed.

#### **OTHER TERMS**

#### A. Payments to Collection Account.

Collection Account: This is where you will set up which "third party" escrow holder will be the note or contract "servicer", and establish whether the set-up charge and annual fee will be paid by the purchaser/seller or split 50/50. It also provides a box to check so that the fees for these services are collected at closing. This is a box that is missed many times by agents and it is an important feature to choose. This way, the closer will contact the escrow holder and find out what the fees are ahead of time and include them in the final settlement amounts due.

**Escrow** By checking this box, you are directing the escrow servicer to not only be responsible for collecting the monthly payments and servicing the escrow, but also to be responsible to hold the release documents.

**Taxes and Insurance** By checking these boxes you are instructing the closer to put the necessary language in the documents to have the servicer set up a reserve account for taxes and insurance as part of their service. Also, a box can be checked to instruct the closer to collect said reserves at time of closing in order to establish the necessary reserve account for the future taxes and insurance. The closer will need the insurance

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binder to compute what 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the insurance payment will be and will obtain the current tax amount to do the same. The funds will be remitted to the escrow servicer to hold on behalf of the purchaser for this escrow reserve.

#### B. Seller's Review of Buyer's Finances Contingency.

This is where you can check various boxes based on the items the seller will require from the purchaser in order to "approve" the purchaser for this "creative financing" the seller is considering.

Choices are:

Buyers credit report
Buyer's income tax returns
Verification of buyer's employment
And other

#### C. Title Insurance

When title is addressed under this paragraph, it is for the buyer to purchase the seller a "lenders" policy. The "owner's policy for the buyer is addressed on form

#### **ESCROW COLLECTION**

The role of an Escrow Collection Agent, or Escrow Servicer:

#### 1. What is an escrow collection?

An escrow collection is when two or more parties enter into an agreement through documents (note and trust deed, note and mortgage, real estate contract, lease option, etc.) and have an independent third party hold these documents, comply with the information provided on these documents, applications of payments, and disburse accordingly.

#### 2. Why place documents in collection:

- a. Safekeeping of documents in fireproof filing cabinets or vaults;
- b. Independent third-party computing balances and applications of payments.
- c. Fulfillment documents held by escrow holder, to be deposited at start of escrow collection, with instructions to be recorded when paid in full, or released or delivered by instruction of all parties in the transaction.
- d. 1099/1098 IRS reporting done annually.
- 3. Requirements of an escrow collection agent:

- a. Must be licensed by the State of Washington, Department of Financial Institutions under RCW 18:44
- b. Financial responsibility:
  - 1. Fidelity bond
  - 2. Errors and Omissions policy
  - 3. Surety bond
- c. Subject to audit by State of Washington Department of Financial Institutions.

#### **ESCROW AGENT'S RESPONSIBILITY**

The escrow agent on a collection escrow is responsible for servicing the collection according to the terms of the note, contract, or any other instrument deposited. Remember, the escrow holder is the "independent third party" and therefore cannot take directions from either party to the escrow. Directions must come from all related parties to the escrow and they must be in writing.

The escrow agent will complete "escrow instructions" for the parties to execute prior to accepting and disbursing payments. Said escrow instructions will normally describe documents placed into escrow, then repeat all the information provided in the documents to maintain this escrow and terms thereof.

A fee will be charged for this service and collected in advance or deducted from a payment received from a payment for the vendor's (seller's) portion. Escrow collection companies have a posted schedule of charges based on the various services they provide.

An example of some of the services are:

- Reserve account
- Assignments
- Direct deposit/auto withdrawal
- Late notice or late notice with copy to vendor (seller)
- Payoff quote
- Additional disbursements
- Deed releases
- Forfeiture monitoring/demand fee

- Close out fee
- Returned check fee

#### THE ESCROW AGENT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- 1. The correctness or completeness of the documents placed into escrow collection. (Nor are they responsible if the documents, when the escrow closes and the documents record, whether they will complete the chain of title or clear title)
- 2. For the deposit, procurement, or renewal of insurance policies, riders or clauses.
- 3. For the payment of taxes, insurance, or assessments, unless the arrangements are made with the collection agent to do so and sufficient funds are held in reserves and the Collection Agent has the sufficient and accurate billing information to do so.
- 4. For the determination of balances to third parties or overpayment to them where instructed to make payments to persons other than vendors (sellers).
- 5. For the performance of any act not expressly set forth in the collection instructions even though contained in the documents deposited.
- 6. For the failure to notify any party of non-payment, declaration of default, notice of foreclosure, or notice of insurance cancellation.

## **Seller Financing**

| 1  | Creative financing can be when the seller wants to be the lender.  | True | False |
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| 2  | There are some new rules regarding owner occupied property.  | True | False |
| 3  | It is very clear that the number of sales in a 12-month period that the seller can do private financing is limited to five or fewer.                               | True | False |
| 4  | If your purchaser is going to occupy the home, the seller must have a mortgage broker's license.   | True | False |
| 5  | LPB stands for Limited Practice Board.   | True | False |
| 6  | An agent must attach a copy of the LPB form that is chosen to the NWMLS Form 22C and fill out the blanks.  | True | False |
| 7  | A waiver form is to be obtained from DOL if the purchaser will be occupying the property or an exemption   | True | False |
| 8  | There is a provision in the NWMLS Form 22C that will allow the purchaser and seller to have a certain number of days to have their attorney review the terms.      | True | False |
| 9  | If an attorney does not use the LPB Forms their form will comply with no other provisions since they are attorneys.  | True | False |
| 10 | NWMLS Form 22C has many default clauses so the agent will not have to fill in all the blanks.  | True | False |
| 11 | The deed of trust sets out the payment terms for the purchasers.   | True | False |
| 12 | If the seller wants to have a "prepayment penalty" in their terms, the agent will need to create that language themselves.   | True | False |
| 13 | If the purchaser will be assuming an existing contract that has a Due-on-sale cause, the purchaser will need to obtain the consent of the underlying lien-holder.  | True | False |
| 14 | An "overall" and a "wrap" are terms referred to when there exists an underlying that will be serviced from the purchaser's payment.                                | True | False |
| 15 | An escrow collection is an independent third party holding the documents.  | True | False |
| 16 | Normally the setup fee and annual fee are split 50/50.   | True | False |
| 17 | There may be an additional charge for setting up a reserve account for taxes and insurance or assessments.   | True | False |
| 18 | Since the seller will be the "lender" there is a provision in 22C that allows the seller to require certain items from the purchaser to approve them for the loan. | True | False |

| 19 | The seller will need to do the reporting to the IRS at year end on interest | True | False |
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|    | paid or received if an independent escrow collection is not used.           |      |       |
| 20 | A request for Full Reconveyance is the document that will be held in        | True | False |
|    | escrow collection to be recorded when the note is paid in full.             |      |       |
| 21 | When the real estate contact is paid in full, the escrow holder will record | True | False |
|    | a fulfillment warranty deed.  |      |       |
| 22 | An independent escrow company is regulated by the DOL.                      | True | False |
| 23 | The escrow holder (or servicer) is responsible for the correctness of the   | True | False |
|    | documents being held in escrow.   |      |       |
| 24 | The escrow holder can make changes to the escrow with written               | True | False |
|    | instructions from either the purchaser or seller.                           |      |       |
| 25 | Escrow collection companies have their "menu" of rates posted with the      | True | False |
|    | insurance commissioner.   |      |       |

Sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

I attest that I have read the materials and have answered the questions.

| Date: |  |  |  |
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## **Mandatory Evaluation For:**

## **SELLER FINANCING**

Please fill out the following form and return with your completed clock hour class quiz.

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| Phone   | email   |
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| 1.      | What are 3 things that you learned from this course?                  |
| 2.      | Do you feel the clock hour material was easy to follow?               |
| 3.      | Did the material give you information to help you in your profession? |
| 4.      | Will the material help you with future transactions?                  |
| 5.      | Why did you choose to take this course?TimeCostEaseother              |
| 6.      | How long did this class take you complete?                            |
|         | Payment Choices:checkcashDebit or Credit card                         |
|         | Card #exp date  |
|         | Three digits on back of card Zipe code of where bill is mailed        |