

Information About Brokerage Services

Texas law requires all real estate licensees to give the following information about brokerage services to prospective buyers, tenants, sellers and landlords.

TYPES OF REAL ESTATE LICENSE HOLDERS:

- A BROKER is responsible for all brokerage activities, including acts performed by sales agents sponsored by the broker.
- A SALES AGENT must be sponsored by a broker and works with clients on behalf of the broker.

A BROKER'S MINIMUM DUTIES REQUIRED BY LAW (A client is the person or party that the broker represents):

- Put the interests of the client above all others, including the broker's own interests;
- Inform the client of any material information about the property or transaction received by the broker;
- Answer the client's questions and present any offer to or counter-offer from the client; and
- Treat all parties to a real estate transaction honestly and fairly.

A LICENSE HOLDER CAN REPRESENT A PARTY IN A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION:

AS AGENT FOR OWNER (SELLER/LANDLORD): The broker becomes the property owner's agent through an agreement with the owner, usually in a written listing to sell or property management agreement. An owner's agent must perform the broker's minimum duties above and must inform the owner of any material information about the property or transaction known by the agent, including information disclosed to the agent or subagent by the buyer or buyer's agent.

AS AGENT FOR BUYER/TENANT: The broker becomes the buyer/tenant's agent by agreeing to represent the buyer, usually through a written representation agreement. A buyer's agent must perform the broker's minimum duties above and must inform the buyer of any material information about the property or transaction known by the agent, including information disclosed to the agent by the seller or seller's agent.

AS AGENT FOR BOTH - INTERMEDIARY: To act as an intermediary between the parties the broker must first obtain the written agreement of each party to the transaction. The written agreement must state who will pay the broker and, in conspicuous bold or underlined print, set forth the broker's obligations as an intermediary. A broker who acts as an intermediary:

- Must treat all parties to the transaction impartially and fairly;
- May, with the parties' written consent, appoint a different license holder associated with the broker to each party (owner and buyer) to communicate with, provide opinions and advice to, and carry out the instructions of each party to the transaction.
- Must not, unless specifically authorized in writing to do so by the party, disclose:
 - that the owner will accept a price less than the written asking price;
 - o that the buyer/tenant will pay a price greater than the price submitted in a written offer; and
 - o any confidential information or any other information that a party specifically instructs the broker in writing not to disclose, unless required to do so by law.

AS SUBAGENT: A license holder acts as a subagent when aiding a buyer in a transaction without an agreement to represent the buyer. A subagent can assist the buyer but does not represent the buyer and must place the interests of the owner first.

TO AVOID DISPUTES, ALL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN YOU AND A BROKER SHOULD BE IN WRITING AND CLEARLY ESTABLISH:

- The broker's duties and responsibilities to you, and your obligations under the representation agreement.
- Who will pay the broker for services provided to you, when payment will be made and how the payment will be calculated.

LICENSE HOLDER CONTACT INFORMATION: This notice is being provided for information purposes. It does not create an obligation for you to use the broker's services. Please acknowledge receipt of this notice below and retain a copy for your records.

RE/MAX CROSSROADS REALTY	9005836	ROBBIE@ROBBIENELSON.COM	(409)927-1764
Licensed Broker /Broker Firm Name of	or License No.	Email	Phone
Primary Assumed Business Name			
ROBBIE NELSON	520398	ROBBIE@ROBBIENELSON.COM	(409)927-1764
Designated Broker of Firm	License No.	Email	Phone
ROBBIE NELSON	520398	ROBBIE@ROBBIENELSON.COM	(409)927-1764
Licensed Supervisor of Sales Agent/	License No.	Email	Phone
Associate			
KRISTI WAGNER	685044	KRISTIWAGNER78@GMAIL.COM	(409)789-6923
Sales Agent/Associate's Name	License No.	Email	Phone
	Buyer/Tenant/Seller/Landlord Initia	als Date	

Regulated by the Texas Real Estate Commission

Information available at www.trec.texas.gov

Fax:

THE TEXAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION (TREC) REGULATES REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALES AGENTS, REAL ESTATE INSPECTORS, HOME WARRANTY COMPANIES, EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGENTS. AND TIMESHARE INTEREST PROVIDERS

> YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION AND CHECK THE STATUS OF A LICENSE HOLDER AT WWW.TREC.TEXAS.GOV

YOU CAN SEND A COMPLAINT AGAINST A LICENSE HOLDER TO TREC

A COMPLAINT FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE TREC WEBSITE

TREC ADMINISTERS TWO RECOVERY FUNDS WHICH MAY BE USED TO SATISFY A CIVIL COURT JUDGMENT AGAINST A BROKER, SALES AGENT, REAL ESTATE INSPECTOR, OR EASEMENT OR RIGHT-OF-WAY AGENT, IF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR ISSUES ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF A LICENSE HOLDER, THE COMPLAINT PROCESS OR THE RECOVERY FUNDS, PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE OR CONTACT TREC AT

> TEXAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION P.O. BOX 12188 **AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711-2188** (512) 936-3000



SELLER'S ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS

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The figures below are estima	ates. Actual costs and	proceeds will vary. Estimates are not guarantee	d.
Seller:	BEVEF	RLY HARRIS	
Address:	12126 14TH ST	, SANTA FE, TX 77510	
Anticipated Closing Date: July 10	, 2019		
Estimated Annual Property Taxes	: \$ 3,200.00		
Estimated Annual Maintenance Fe	ees: \$		
Buyer's Anticipated Financing: [Conventional VA		
Estimated Costs Attorney's Fees / Doc. Prep. Brokers' Fees	10,200.00 325.00 1,666.00 75.00	Estimated Proceeds to Seller: Sales Price 170,000 Less Estimated Costs (14,768.9 Less Estimated Loan Payoff (14,768.9 Estimated Net Proceeds: 155,231 After Closing Refunds Estimated Unused Insurance Estimated Escrow Balance Total Estimated Refunds:	.05
Note: Seller may be required to pay the service providers before of * Prorations are calculated thro	closing. Prep	ared by: Kristi Wagner KRISTI WAGNER	
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Seller's Initials to acknowledge receipt:

Phone: (409)927-1764

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	Address: 12126 14TH ST, SANTA FE, TX 77510					
Anticipated Closing Date: July 10						
Estimated Annual Property Taxes	: \$ 3,200.00					
Estimated Annual Maintenance Fe	ees: \$					
Buyer's Anticipated Financing: [_	X FHA USDA Reverse Mortgage				
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Certificate of Compliance WPI-8

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07-01-1992

Application ID:

139208

Certificate Number:

38354

Occupancy Type:

Residential

Building Type:

House

Certificate Type:

BCL

Certificate Detail:

Certificate Date:

Appointed Qualified Inspector/TDI Inspector:

Roof

Entire Re-Roof

July 8, 1992

Location of Property to be Insured:

Street:

Lot:

Block:

Tract or Addition:

12126 14TH STREET

City:

County:

State:

SANTA FE

GALVESTON

TEXAS

Outside City Limits

Inland - SSBC-Southern Standard Building Code

This Certificate of Compliance, Form WPI-8, is issued by the Texas Department of Insurance under Insurance Code § 2210.251 and § 2210.2515 and demonstrates that the improvement identified in the certificate complies with the applicable windstorm building code under 28 Texas Administrative Code §§ 5.4007 – 5.4011.

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Certificate of Compliance WPI-8

Date of Construction:

04-22-2013

Application ID:

718521

Certificate Number:

653559

Occupancy Type:

Residential

Building Type:

House

BCH

Certificate Type:

Certificate Detail:

Certificate Date:

Appointed Qualified Inspector/TDI Inspector:

Roof

Partial Re-Roof

May 6, 2013

Appointed Qualified Inspector

EXCLUDE EXISTING METAL CARPORT ON FRONT

& METAL PATIO COVER ON REAR

Location of Property to be Insured:

Street:

Lot:

Block:

Tract or Addition:

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City:

County:

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To:	BEVERLY HARRIS	^	
From:	RE/MAX CROSSROADS REALTY		(Broker)
Prope	rty Address: <u>12126 14th St, Santa Fe, TX</u>	77510	
Date:	June 4, 2019		
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Bew Signat	ot of this notice is acknowledged by: US CHOURS US 6	4-19 Date	
Signat	ure	Date	

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NOTICE REGARDING WIRE FRAUD



Wire fraud has become a major issue in real estate transactions. All parties to a transaction must exercise extreme caution and personally voice verify wiring instructions before sending any wire.

RE/MAX Crossroads Realty and any of our agents will not ever send you wiring instructions. If you receive wiring instructions that appear to be from one of our agents, assume it is fraud and immediately call your agent to discuss.

The title company will provide you with wiring instructions, should they be needed, and each title company has their own way of presenting this information to their clients. The contract on your home should have the title company's main phone number listed on it. If you receive wiring instructions from the title company, you must personally call the title company and confirm the instructions. Keep in mind, you have the option of bringing a cashier's check to closing, no wire has to be sent!

There have been many cases this year throughout America in which a buyer or seller received fraudulent wiring instructions. The buyer or seller, not realizing the instructions were fraudulent, wired funds to the fraudulent account and therefore lost their money.

By signing this notice, you are stating that you understand that wire fraud is a serious issue. You understand and agree that you are responsible for the protection of your funds and for confirming wiring instructions. You also understand and agree that you have the alternate option of bringing a cashier's check to closing payable to the title company.

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Buyer	Date	Seller	Date
Buyer	Date	 Seller	 Date

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WIRE FRAUD WARNING

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Buyers and Sellers Beware: Criminals are targeting real estate transactions. Don't be a victim of wire fraud.

What is wire fraud and how does it occur? Criminals are targeting real estate transactions by gaining access to electronic communications or sending emails that appear to be from a real estate agent, a title company, a lender, or another trusted source. These fraudulent emails seem legitimate and direct you to wire funds to a fraudulent account. Once you wire funds to the fraudulent account, your money is gone.

How can you protect yourself from wire fraud? You should not send personal information, such as bank account numbers or other financial information, via email or other unsecured electronic communication.

If you receive any electronic communication regarding wiring instructions, even if the communication appears to come from a legitimate source, you should verify the communication's authenticity prior to the transfer of funds in person or via phone call using a recognized phone number that is not found in the communication.

Notice: This brokerage will never use any electronic communications, such as email, text messages, or social media messages, to ask you to wire funds or provide personal information.

If you think you are being targeted in a wire fraud scam, immediately notify law enforcement, your lender, the title company, and your agent.

This form was provided by:		By signing below I acknowledge that I recand understand this information and notice	8 8
RE/MAX CROSSROADS REALTY Broker's Printed Name		Beverly C. Larris X Seller Buyer BEVERLY HARRIS	6-4-10 Date
By: Kristi Wagner Broker's Associate's Signature KRISTI WAGNER	Date	Seller Buyer	Date

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RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE LISTING AGREEMENT **EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO SELL**

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1.	PA	RTIES: The parties to this agreement (this Listing) are:
	Se	ller: BEVERLY HARRIS
		Address: 12126 14TH ST
		City, State, Zip: SANTA FE, TX 77510
		Phone: (409)771-2210 Fax:
		E-Mail:
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	Bro	oker: RE/MAX CROSSROADS REALTY
		Address: 4111 FM 1764 STE C
		City, State, Zip: SANTA FE, TX 77517 Phone: (406)927-1764 Fax: (832)202-2716
		E-Mail: KRISTIWAGNER78@GMAIL.COM
		ller appoints Broker as Seller's sole and exclusive real estate agent and grants to Broker the exclusive right to sel Property.
2.	exc	OPERTY: "Property" means the land, improvements, and accessories described below, except for any described below.
	A.	Land: Lot 24 & PT LOTS 23 & 25 , Block 5 , ALTA LOMA TOWNSITE Lot Addition, City of Santa Fe , in GALVESTON County, Texas known as 12126 14TH ST, SANTA FE, TX 77510
		Addition, City ofSanta Fe,
		in GALVESTON County, Texas known as 12126 14TH ST, SANTA FE, TX 77510
		or as described on attached exhibit. (If Property is a condominium, attach Condominium Addendum.)
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	B.	Improvements: The house, garage and all other fixtures and improvements attached to the above-described real property, including without limitation, the following permanently installed and built-in items , if any: all equipment and appliances, valances, screens, shutters, awnings, wall-to-wall carpeting, mirrors, ceiling fans, attic fans, mail boxes, television antennas, mounts and brackets for televisions and speakers, heating and air-conditioning units, security and fire detection equipment, wiring, plumbing and lighting fixtures, chandeliers, water softener system, kitchen equipment, garage door openers, cleaning equipment, shrubbery, landscaping, outdoor cooking equipment, and all other property owned by Seller and attached to the above-described real property.
	C.	Accessories: The following described related accessories, if any: window air conditioning units, stove, fireplace screens, curtains and rods, blinds, window shades, draperies and rods, door keys, mailbox keys, above-ground pool, swimming pool equipment and maintenance accessories, artificial fireplace logs, and controls for: (i) satellited dish systems, (ii) garage doors, (iii) entry gates, and (iv) other improvements and accessories.

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an amount equal to the lesser of one-half of the amount collected after deductions or the amount of the Broker's Compensation stated in Paragraph 5A. Any amount paid under this Paragraph 5D(1) is in addition to any amount that Broker may be entitled to receive for subsequently selling the Property.

- (2) Service Providers: If Broker refers Seller or a prospective buyer to a service provider (for example, mover, cable company, telecommunications provider, utility, or contractor) Broker may receive a fee from the service provider for the referral. Any referral fee Broker receives under this Paragraph 5D(2) is in addition to any other compensation Broker may receive under this Listing.
- (3) Other Fees and/or Reimbursable Expenses: IF SELLER TERMINATES OR WITHDRAWALS LISTING FROM MLS PRIOR TO EXPIRATION, SELLER AGREES TO PAY \$500.00 ADMIN FEE FOR PHOTOS AND MARKETING COSTS.

E. Protection Period:

- (1) "Protection period" means that time starting the day after this Listing ends and continuing for days. "Sell" means any transfer of any fee simple interest in the Property whether by oral or written agreement or option.
- (2) Not later than 10 days after this Listing ends, Broker may send Seller written notice specifying the names of persons whose attention was called to the Property during this Listing. If Seller agrees to sell the Property during the protection period to a person named in the notice or to a relative of a person named in the notice, Seller will pay Broker, upon the closing of the sale, the amount Broker would have been entitled to receive if this Listing were still in effect.
- (3) This Paragraph 5E survives termination of this Listing. This Paragraph 5E will not apply if:
 - (a) Seller agrees to sell the Property during the protection period;
 - (b) the Property is exclusively listed with another broker who is a member of Texas REALTORS® at the time the sale is negotiated; and
 - (c) Seller is obligated to pay the other broker a fee for the sale.

F.	County: All amounts payable to Broker are to be paid in cash in	GALVESTON
	County, Texas.	

G. Escrow Authorization: Seller authorizes, and Broker may so instruct, any escrow or closing agent authorized to close a transaction for the purchase or acquisition of the Property to collect and disburse to Broker all amounts payable to Broker under this Listing.

6. LISTING SERVICES:

A. <u>Filing</u> : Seller instructs Broker as follo	ows: (Check 1 or 2	only.)
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- (1) Broker will file this Listing with one or more Multiple Listing Services (MLS) according to the following: (Check only one box.)
 - (a) Broker will file this Listing with one or more Multiple Listing Services (MLS) by the earlier of the time required by MLS rules or 5 days after the date this Listing begins. Seller authorizes Broker to submit information about this Listing and the sale of the Property to the MLS.
 - (b) Seller instructs Broker not to file this Listing with one or more Multiple Listing Services (MLS) until days after the date this Listing begins for the following purpose(s):

(Note: Do not check if prohibited by Multiple Listing Service(s).)

Notice: MLS rules require Broker to accurately and timely submit all information the MLS requires including final closing of sales and sales prices. MLS rules may require that the information be submitted to the MLS throughout the time the Listing is in effect. Subscribers to the MLS and appraisal districts may use the information for market evaluation or appraisal purposes. Subscribers are other brokers, agents, and real estate professionals such as appraisers. Any information filed with the MLS becomes the property of the MLS

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for all purposes. Submission of information to MLS ensures that persons who use and benefit from the MLS also contribute information.

(2) Broker will not file this Listing with any Multiple Listing Services (MLS) or other listing services.

Notice: Seller acknowledges and understands that if this option is checked: (1) Seller's Property will not be included in the MLS database available to real estate agents and brokers from other real estate offices who subscribe to and participate in the MLS, and their buyer clients may not be aware that Seller's Property is offered for sale; (2) Seller's Property will not be included in the MLS's download to various real estate Internet sites that are used by the public to search for property listings; and (3) real estate agents, brokers, and members of the public may be unaware of the terms and conditions under which Seller is marketing the Property.

- B. <u>Listing Content</u>: If Broker files this Listing under Paragraph 6A(1)(a) or (b), the parties agree to the following:
 - (1) Definitions:
 - (a) "Listing Content" means all photographs, images, graphics, video recordings, virtual tours, drawings, written descriptions, remarks, narratives, pricing information, and other copyrightable elements relating to the Property.
 - (b) "Seller Listing Content" means Listing Content provided by Seller to Broker or Broker's associates.
 - (c) "Broker Listing Content" means Listing Content that is otherwise obtained or produced by Broker or Broker's associates in connection with this Listing.
 - (2) Seller grants Broker a non-exclusive, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free license to use, sublicense through multiple tiers, publish, display, and reproduce the Seller Listing Content, to prepare derivative works of the Seller Listing Content, and to distribute the Seller Listing Content, including any derivative works of the Seller Listing Content. This Paragraph 6B(2) survives termination of this Listing.
 - (3) All Broker Listing Content is owned exclusively by Broker, and Seller has no right, title or interest in or to any Broker Listing Content.
 - (4) Seller understands and agrees that both the Seller Listing Content and Broker Listing Content, including any changes to such content, may be filed with the MLS, included in compilations of listings, and otherwise distributed, publicly displayed and reproduced.

7. ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY:

- A. <u>Authorizing Access</u>: Authorizing access to the Property means giving permission to another person to enter the Property, disclosing to the other person any security codes necessary to enter the Property, and lending a key to the other person to enter the Property, directly or through a keybox. To facilitate the showing and sale of the Property, Seller instructs Broker to:
 - (1) access the Property at reasonable times;
 - (2) authorize other brokers, their associates, inspectors, appraisers, and contractors to access the Property at reasonable times; and
 - (3) duplicate keys to facilitate convenient and efficient showings of the Property.
- B. <u>Scheduling Companies</u>: Broker may engage the following companies to schedule appointments and to authorize others to access the Property: **SHOWING TIME 800-746-9464**
- C. <u>Keybox</u>: A keybox is a locked container placed on the Property that holds a key to the Property. A keybox makes it more convenient for brokers, their associates, inspectors, appraisers, and contractors to show, inspect, or repair the Property. The keybox is opened by a special combination, key, or programmed device so that authorized persons may enter the Property, even in Seller's absence. Using a keybox will probably increase the number of showings, but involves risks (for example, unauthorized entry, theft, property damage, or personal injury). Neither the Association of REALTORS® nor MLS requires the use of a keybox.

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- (1) Broker **X** is is not authorized to place a keybox on the Property.
- (2) If a tenant occupies the Property at any time during this Listing, Seller will furnish Broker a written statement (for example, TXR No. 1411), signed by all tenants, authorizing the use of a keybox or Broker may remove the keybox from the Property.
- D. Liability and Indemnification: When authorizing access to the Property, Broker, other brokers, their associates, any keybox provider, or any scheduling company are not responsible for personal injury or property loss to Seller or any other person. Seller assumes all risk of any loss, damage, or injury. Except for a loss caused by Broker, Seller will indemnify and hold Broker harmless from any claim for personal injury, property damage, or other loss.
- COOPERATION WITH OTHER BROKERS: Broker will allow other brokers to show the Property to prospective buyers. Broker will offer to pay the other broker a fee as described below if the other broker procures a buyer that purchases the Property.
 - A. MLS Participants: If the other broker is a participant in the MLS in which this Listing is filed, Broker will offer to pay the other broker:

% of the sales price or \$ <u>-0-</u>; and (1) if the other broker represents the buyer: 3.000 (2) if the other broker is a subagent: -0- % of the sales price or \$ -0-

B. Non-MLS Brokers: If the other broker is not a participant in the MLS in which this Listing is filed, Broker will offer to pay the other broker:

(1) if the other broker represents the buyer: 3.000 % of the sales price or \$ -0- ; and

- (2) if the other broker is a subagent: -0- % of the sales price or \$ -0-
- 9. INTERMEDIARY: (Check A or B only.)
- A. <u>Intermediary Status</u>: Broker may show the Property to interested prospective buyers who Broker represents. If a prospective buyer who Broker represents offers to buy the Property, Seller authorizes Broker to act as an intermediary and Broker will notify Seller that Broker will service the parties in accordance with one of the following alternatives.
 - (1) If a prospective buyer who Broker represents is serviced by an associate other than the associate servicing Seller under this Listing, Broker may notify Seller that Broker will: (a) appoint the associate then servicing Seller to communicate with, carry out instructions of, and provide opinions and advice during negotiations to Seller; and (b) appoint the associate then servicing the prospective buyer to the prospective buyer for the same purpose.
 - (2) If a prospective buyer who Broker represents is serviced by the same associate who is servicing Seller, Broker may notify Seller that Broker will: (a) appoint another associate to communicate with, carry out instructions of, and provide opinions and advice during negotiations to the prospective buyer; and (b) appoint the associate servicing the Seller under this Listing to the Seller for the same purpose.
 - (3) Broker may notify Seller that Broker will make no appointments as described under this Paragraph 9A and, in such an event, the associate servicing the parties will act solely as Broker's intermediary representative, who may facilitate the transaction but will not render opinions or advice during negotiations to either party.

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Resider	ential Listing concerning	12126 14th St Santa Fe, TX 77510
□ В.	No Intermediary Status: Seller agrees represents.	that Broker will not show the Property to prospective buyers who Broker
Notice	 may not disclose to the prospunless otherwise instructed in may not disclose to Seller submitted in a written offer prospective buyer; may not disclose any confidence specifically instructs Broker writing by the respective particles. 	
ob an	otained in confidence from Seller except as	his Listing or after it ends, Broker may not knowingly disclose information s authorized by Seller or required by law. Broker may not disclose to Seller y other person Broker represents or previously represented except as
11. BF	ROKER'S AUTHORITY:	
A.	Broker will use reasonable efforts an negotiate the sale of the Property.	d act diligently to market the Property for sale, procure a buyer, and
В.	Broker is authorized to display this Listin	ng on the Internet without limitation unless one of the following is checked:
	(1) Seller does not want this Listing(2) Seller does not want the address	g to be displayed on the Internet. ss of the Property to be displayed on the Internet.
		nowledges that, if box 11B(1) is selected, consumers who conduct not see information about this Listing in response to their search.
C.	. Broker is authorized to market the Prop	erty with the following financing options:
	X (1) Conventional X (2) VA X (3) FHA X (4) Cash	(5) Texas Veterans Land Program(6) Owner Financing(7) Other
D.	 advertise the Property by means ar placing advertisements with interior related information in any media and place a "For Sale" sign on the Property furnish comparative marketing and disseminate information about the disclosures or notices that Seller is 	nd methods as Broker determines, including but not limited to creating and rand exterior photographic and audio-visual images of the Property and

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14. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

- A. If the Property is or becomes vacant during this Listing, Seller must notify Seller's casualty insurance company and request a "vacancy clause" to cover the Property. Broker is not responsible for the security of the Property nor for inspecting the Property on any periodic basis.
- B. Broker is not responsible or liable in any manner for personal injury to any person or for loss or damage to any person's real or personal property resulting from any act or omission not caused by Broker's negligence, including but not limited to injuries or damages caused by:
 - (1) other brokers, their associates, inspectors, appraisers, and contractors who are authorized to access the Property;
 - (2) other brokers or their associates who may have information about the Property on their websites;
 - (3) acts of third parties (for example, vandalism or theft);
 - (4) freezing water pipes:
 - (5) a dangerous condition on the Property;
 - (6) the Property's non-compliance with any law or ordinance; or
 - (7) Seller, negligently or otherwise.
- C. Seller agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold Broker harmless from any damage, costs, attorney's fees, and expenses that:
 - (1) are caused by Seller, negligently or otherwise;
 - (2) arise from Seller's failure to disclose any material or relevant information about the Property; or
 - (3) are caused by Seller giving incorrect information to any person.

15. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

- 16. DEFAULT: If Seller breaches this Listing, Seller is in default and will be liable to Broker for the amount of the Broker's compensation specified in Paragraph 5A and any other compensation Broker is entitled to receive under this Listing. If a sales price is not determinable in the event of an exchange or breach of this Listing, the Listing Price will be the sales price for purposes of computing compensation. If Broker breaches this Listing, Broker is in default and Seller may exercise any remedy at law.
- 17. MEDIATION: The parties agree to negotiate in good faith in an effort to resolve any dispute related to this Listing that may arise between the parties. If the dispute cannot be resolved by negotiation, the dispute will be submitted to mediation. The parties to the dispute will choose a mutually acceptable mediator and will share the cost of mediation equally.
- 18. ATTORNEY'S FEES: If Seller or Broker is a prevailing party in any legal proceeding brought as a result of a dispute under this Listing or any transaction related to or contemplated by this Listing, such party will be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party all costs of such proceeding and reasonable attorney's fees.
- 19. ADDENDA AND OTHER DOCUMENTS: Addenda that are part of this Listing and other documents that Seller may need to provide are:
- A. Information About Brokerage Services;
- B. Seller Disclosure Notice (§5.008, Texas Property Code);

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- (6) accept and deposit earnest money in trust in accordance with a contract for the sale of the Property;
- (7) disclose the sales price and terms of sale to other brokers, appraisers, or other real estate professionals;
- (8) in response to inquiries from prospective buyers and other brokers, disclose whether the Seller is considering more than one offer (Broker will not disclose the terms of any competing offer unless specifically instructed by Seller);
- (9) advertise, during or after this Listing ends, that Broker "sold" the Property; and
- (10) place information about this Listing, the Property, and a transaction for the Property on an electronic transaction platform (typically an Internet-based system where professionals related to the transaction such as title companies, lenders, and others may receive, view, and input information).
- E. Broker is not authorized to execute any document in the name of or on behalf of Seller concerning the Property.

12. SELLER'S REPRESENTATIONS: Except as provided by Paragraph 15, Seller represents that:

- A. Seller has fee simple title to and peaceable possession of the Property and all its improvements and fixtures, unless rented, and the legal capacity to convey the Property;
- B. Seller is not bound by a listing agreement with another broker for the sale, exchange, or lease of the Property that is or will be in effect during this Listing;
- C. any pool or spa and any required enclosures, fences, gates, and latches comply with all applicable laws and ordinances:
- D. no person or entity has any right to purchase, lease, or acquire the Property by an option, right of refusal, or other agreement;
- E. Seller is current and not delinquent on all loans and all other financial obligations related to the Property, including but not limited to mortgages, home equity loans, home improvement loans, homeowner association fees, and taxes, except

F.	Seller is not aware of any liens or other encumbrances against the Property, except	

- G. the Property is not subject to the jurisdiction of any court;
- H. all information relating to the Property Seller provides to Broker is true and correct to the best of Seller's knowledge; and
- I. the name of any employer, relocation company, or other entity that provides benefits to Seller when selling the Property is: ____ and
- J. the Seller Listing Content, and the license granted to Broker for the Seller Listing Content, do not violate or infringe upon the rights, including any copyright rights, of any person or entity.

13. SELLER'S ADDITIONAL PROMISES: Seller agrees to:

- A. cooperate with Broker to facilitate the showing, marketing, and sale of the Property;
- B. not rent or lease the Property during this Listing without Broker's prior written approval;
- C. not negotiate with any prospective buyer who may contact Seller directly, but refer all prospective buyers to Broker;
- D. not enter into a listing agreement with another broker for the sale, exchange, lease, or management of the Property to become effective during this Listing without Broker's prior written approval;
- E. maintain any pool and all required enclosures in compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances:
- F. provide Broker with copies of any leases or rental agreements pertaining to the Property and advise Broker of tenants moving in or out of the Property;
- G. complete any disclosures or notices required by law or a contract to sell the Property; and
- H. amend any applicable notices and disclosures if any material change occurs during this Listing.

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X	C.	Addendum for Seller's Disclosure of Information on Lead-Based Paint and Lead-Based Paint Hazards (required in
		Property was built before 1978);
	D.	Residential Real Property Affidavit (T-47 Affidavit; related to existing survey);
	E.	MUD, Water District, or Statutory Tax District Disclosure Notice (Chapter 49, Texas Water Code);
	F.	Request for Information from an Owners' Association;
	G.	Request for Mortgage Information;
	Η.	Information about Mineral Clauses in Contract Forms;
	1.	Information about On-Site Sewer Facility;
X	J.	Information about Property Insurance for a Buyer or Seller;
X	K.	Information about Special Flood Hazard Areas;
	L.	Condominium Addendum to Listing;
	M.	Keybox Authorization by Tenant;
	N.	Seller's Authorization to Release and Advertise Certain Information; and
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20. AGREEMENT OF PARTIES:

- A. <u>Entire Agreement</u>: This Listing is the entire agreement of the parties and may not be changed except by written agreement.
- B. Assignability: Neither party may assign this Listing without the written consent of the other party.
- C. <u>Binding Effect</u>: Seller's obligation to pay Broker an earned compensation is binding upon Seller and Seller's heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and permitted assignees.
- D. <u>Joint and Several</u>: All Sellers executing this Listing are jointly and severally liable for the performance of all its terms.
- E. Governing Law: Texas law governs the interpretation, validity, performance, and enforcement of this Listing.
- F. <u>Severability</u>: If a court finds any clause in this Listing invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Listing will not be affected and all other provisions of this Listing will remain valid and enforceable.
- G. <u>Notices</u>: Notices between the parties must be in writing and are effective when sent to the receiving party's address, fax, or e-mail address specified in Paragraph 1.

21. ADDITIONAL NOTICES:

- A. Broker's compensation or the sharing of compensation between brokers is not fixed, controlled, recommended, suggested, or maintained by the Association of REALTORS®, MLS, or any listing service.
- B. In accordance with fair housing laws and the National Association of REALTORS® Code of Ethics, Broker's services must be provided and the Property must be shown and made available to all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Local ordinances may provide for additional protected classes (for example, creed, status as a student, marital status, or age).
- C. Broker advises Seller to contact any mortgage lender or other lien holder to obtain information regarding payoff amounts for any existing mortgages or liens on the Property.
- D. Broker advises Seller to review the information Broker submits to an MLS or other listing service.

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- E. Broker advises Seller to remove or secure jewelry, prescription drugs, other valuables, firearms and any other weapons.
- F. Broker advises Seller to consult an attorney before using any type of surveillance device in the Property to record or otherwise monitor prospective buyers without their knowledge or consent. Seller should be aware that a prospective buyer might photograph or otherwise record the Property without Seller's knowledge or consent.
- G. Statutes or ordinances may regulate certain items on the Property (for example, swimming pools and septic systems). Non-compliance with the statutes or ordinances may delay a transaction and may result in fines, penalties, and liability to Seller.
- H. If the Property was built before 1978, Federal law requires the Seller to: (1) provide the buyer with the federally approved pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention; (2) disclose the presence of any known lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards in the Property; (3) deliver all records and reports to the buyer related to such paint or hazards; and (4) provide the buyer a period up to 10 days to have the Property inspected for such paint or hazards.
- I. If Seller is a "foreign person" as defined by federal law, a buyer may be required to withhold certain amounts from the sales proceeds and deliver the same to the Internal Revenue Service to comply with applicable tax law. A "foreign person" is a: (1) nonresident alien individual; (2) foreign corporation that has not made an election under section 897(i) of the Internal Revenue Code to be treated as a domestic corporation; or (3) foreign partnership, trust, or estate. The definition does not include a resident alien individual. Seller notifies Broker that Seller is $\overline{\mathbf{X}}$ is not a "foreign person" as defined by federal law. If Seller is unsure whether Seller qualifies as a "foreign person" under federal law, Broker advises Seller to consult a tax professional or an attorney.
- J. Broker advises Seller to refrain from transmitting personal information, such as bank account numbers or other financial information, via unsecured email or other electronic communication to reduce risk of wire fraud.
- K. Broker cannot give legal advice. READ THIS LISTING CAREFULLY. If you do not understand the effect of this Listing, consult an attorney BEFORE signing.

RE/MAX CROSSROADS REALTY		BEVERLY HARRIS	
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To: Lender, Title Company, Escrow Agent, and/or their	representatives
RE: 12126 14th St, Santa Fe, TX 77510	(Property)
I,BEVERLY HARRIS an exclusive listing/representation agreement with the	Seller Buyer, have entered into following Broker:
Name of Broker: RE/MAX Crossroads Realty TREC License Number: 9005836 Address: 4111 FM 1764 STE C City, State, Zip: SANTA FE, TX 77517 Phone: (409)927-1764 E-Mail: robbie@robbienelson.com Name of Broker's authorized agent, if applicable: K TREC License Number of Broker's authorized agen	
	y of any and all loan estimates, closing disclosures or ne closing of the real estate transaction involving the rized agent.
Signature of Client BEVERLY HARRIS	Date
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INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

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CONCERNING THE PROPERTY AT

12126 14th St Santa Fe, TX 77510

A. FLOOD AREAS:

- (1) The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates areas that have a high risk of flooding as special flood hazard areas.
- (2) A property that is in a special flood hazard area lies in a "V-Zone" or "A-Zone" as noted on flood insurance rate maps. Both V-Zone and A-Zone areas are areas with high risk of flooding.
- (3) Some properties may also lie in the "floodway" which is the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge a flood under FEMA rules. Communities must regulate development in these floodways.

B. AVAILABILITY OF FLOOD INSURANCE:

- (1) Generally, flood insurance is available regardless of whether the property is located in or out of a special flood hazard area. Contact your insurance agent to determine if any limitations or restrictions apply to the property in which you are interested.
- (2) FEMA encourages every property owner to purchase flood insurance regardless of whether the property is in a high, moderate, or low risk flood area.
- (3) A homeowner may obtain flood insurance coverage (up to certain limits) through the National Flood Insurance Program. Supplemental coverage is available through private insurance carriers.
- (4) A mortgage lender making a federally related mortgage will require the borrower to maintain flood insurance if the property is in a special flood hazard area.

C. GROUND FLOOR REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) Many homes in special flood hazard areas are built-up or are elevated. In elevated homes the ground floor typically lies below the base flood elevation and the first floor is elevated on piers, columns, posts, or piles. The base flood elevation is the highest level at which a flood is likely to occur as shown on flood insurance rate maps.
- (2) Federal, state, county, and city regulations:
 - (a) restrict the use and construction of any ground floor enclosures in elevated homes that are in special flood hazard areas.
 - (b) may prohibit or restrict the remodeling, rebuilding, and redevelopment of property and improvements in the floodway.
- (3) The first floor of all homes must now be built above the base flood elevation.
 - (a) Older homes may have been built in compliance with applicable regulations at the time of construction and may have first floors that lie below the base flood elevation, but flood insurance rates for such homes may be significant.

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- (b) It is possible that modifications were made to a ground floor enclosure after a home was first built. The modifications may or may not comply with applicable regulations and may or may not affect flood insurance rates.
- (c) It is important for a buyer to determine if the first floor of a home is elevated at or above the base flood elevation. It is also important for a buyer to determine if the property lies in a floodway.
- (4) Ground floor enclosures that lie below the base flood elevation may be used only for: (i) parking; (ii) storage; and (iii) building access. Plumbing, mechanical, or electrical items in ground floor enclosures that lie below the base flood elevation may be prohibited or restricted and may not be eligible for flood insurance coverage. Additionally:
 - (a) in A-Zones, the ground floor enclosures below the base flood elevation must have flow-through vents or openings that permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters;
 - (b) in V-Zones, the ground floor enclosures must have break-away walls, screening, or lattice walls; and
 - (c) in floodways, the remodeling or reconstruction of any improvements may be prohibited or otherwise restricted.

D. COMPLIANCE:

- (1) The above-referenced property may or may not comply with regulations affecting ground floor enclosures below the base flood elevation.
- (2) A property owner's eligibility to purchase or maintain flood insurance, as well as the cost of the flood insurance, is dependent on whether the property complies with the regulations affecting ground floor enclosures.
- (3) A purchaser or property owner may be required to remove or modify a ground floor enclosure that is not in compliance with city or county building requirements or is not entitled to an exemption from such requirements.
- (4) A flood insurance policy maintained by the current property owner does not mean that the property is in compliance with the regulations affecting ground floor enclosures or that the buyer will be able to continue to maintain flood insurance at the same rate.
- (5) Insurance carriers calculate the cost of flood insurance using a rate that is based on the elevation of the lowest floor.
 - (a) If the ground floor lies below the base flood elevation and does not meet federal, state, county, and city requirements, the ground floor will be the lowest floor for the purpose of computing the rate.
 - (b) If the property is in compliance, the first elevated floor will be the lowest floor and the insurance rate will be significantly less than the rate for a property that is not in compliance.
 - (c) If the property lies in a V-Zone the flood insurance rate will be impacted if a ground floor enclosure below the base flood elevation exceeds 299 square feet (even if constructed with break-away walls).

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E. ELEVATION CERTIFICATE:

The elevation certificate is an important tool in determining flood insurance rates. It is used to provide elevation information that is necessary to ensure compliance with floodplain management laws. To determine the proper insurance premium rate, insurers rely on an elevation certificate to certify building elevations at an acceptable level above flood map levels. If available in your area, it is recommended that you obtain an elevation certificate for the property as soon as possible to accurately determine future flood insurance rates.

You are encouraged to: (1) inspect the property for all purposes, including compliance with any ground floor enclosure requirement; (2) review the flood insurance policy (costs and coverage) with your insurance agent; and (3) contact the building permitting authority if you have any questions about building requirements or compliance issues.

Receipt acknowledged by:

Signature

BEVERLY HARRIS

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Date

Signature

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ADDENDUM FOR SELLER'S DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON LEAD-BASED PAINT AND LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS AS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW

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			(Street Address and City)
A.	residential dwelling was built prior to 19 based paint that may place young childred may produce permanent neurological behavioral problems, and impaired memoral problems in residential real based paint hazards from risk assessments.	78 is notified to ren at risk of conduction damage, incloory. Lead poison property is resents or inspecti	of any interest in residential real property on which that such property may present exposure to lead from lead developing lead poisoning. Lead poisoning in young childre cluding learning disabilities, reduced intelligence quotien soning also poses a particular risk to pregnant women. The equired to provide the buyer with any information on lead tions in the seller's possession and notify the buyer of an or inspection for possible lead-paint hazards is recommended.
	NOTICE: Inspector must be properly cert	ified as require	ed by federal law.
B.			p-BASED PAINT HAZARDS (check one box only): aint hazards are present in the Property (explain):
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E.	2. Buyer has received the pamphlet <i>F</i> BROKERS' ACKNOWLEDGMENT: Brokers (a) provide Buyer with the federally addendum; (c) disclose any known lead-trecords and reports to Buyer pertaining provide Buyer a period of up to 10 days.	Protect Your Fan s have informed approved par based paint and to lead-based s to have the	mily from Lead in Your Home. d Seller of Seller's obligations under 42 U.S.C. 4852d to: mphlet on lead poisoning prevention; (b) complete thi nd/or lead-based paint hazards in the Property; (d) deliver a paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the Property; (e Property inspected; and (f) retain a completed copy of thi
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PROTECTING YOUR HOME FROM MOLD JUNE 2002

Mold growth problems can adversely affect many homeowners in Texas. Homeowners who act quickly and appropriately can prevent or correct conditions that may cause mold growth. The Texas Department of Health (TDH) and Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) prepared this publication to help you understand the concerns related to mold growth and to provide some effective steps you can take to help prevent mold growth. The following information will help protect your investment in your home and may prevent the possibility of health risks due to mold exposure.

If you are a renter, you should contact your landlord or property manager immediately when you have a maintenance need related to water damage.

WHAT ARE MOLDS?

Molds are microscopic organisms commonly found both indoors and outdoors. Molds, along with mushrooms and yeast, are known scientifically as fungi. Their purpose in nature is to break down dead material and recycle nutrients in the environment. For molds to grow and reproduce, they need a food source -any organic material, such as leaves, wood, paper, or dirt -and moisture. Since molds grow by "eating" the organic material, they gradually destroy whatever they are feeding on. Mold growth on surfaces can often be seen as a colored spot, frequently green, gray, brown, black or white. It commonly appears as a powdery, fuzzy, or hair-like material. Actively growing molds typically produce odors, sometimes described as earthy or moldy, or like mildew, old dirty socks, or ammonia. Molds release thousands of microscopic spores, which are lightweight, easily airborne and carried by air currents to surrounding areas. The spores must have both food and moisture to actually start growing, similar to plant seeds.

WHAT DO I DO IF A LEAK OCCURS?

Whether or not the water damage may be covered by your insurance policy, it is important to act quickly to prevent further damage to your home.

- Immediately stop the source of leak or flooding.
- Remove excess water with mops or a wet vacuum. If the damage is significant, consider contacting a water extraction company for immediate action.
- Whenever possible, move wet items to a secure, dry and wellventilated area or outside to expedite drying.
- Protect repairable and undamaged items from further damage.
- Move rugs and pull up areas of wet carpet as soon as possible.
- Increase circulation in and around wet areas by opening closet and cabinet doors, moving furniture away from walls and running fans.
- If necessary, remove wallboard and flooring materials to dry out those areas.
- Don't throw away removed or damaged materials until instructed by your insurance company.
- Dry any damp or wet building materials and furnishings within 24-48 hours.
- · Keep all receipts, photos and other relevant documents.
- Contact your insurance company, if applicable.

NOTE: The sooner the affected areas dry out and the source of the leak is repaired, the better your chances of minimizing damage to your property. If the water cannot be removed and the area dried promptly and efficiently, consider contacting a water extraction company for immediate action.

RESOURCES

For additional information, consult the mold and/or indoor air quality resources at the following:

Texas Department of Health www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/iaq/1-800-572-5548

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency www.epa.gov/iaq/ 1-800-438-4318

Texas Department of Insurance www.tdi.state.tx.us/commish/mold.html 1-800-252-3439

WHY ARE MOLDS A CONCERN?

Damage to the Home

It is common to find mold spores in the air inside homes, and on most surfaces including clothes, walls, and furniture. Most of the time mold spores found indoors come from outdoor sources. Routine cleaning of your home and furnishings helps keep these levels low. Cleaning small areas of visible mold, such as mold that may occur around your shower, is necessary to prevent unsanitary conditions.

The level of concern greatly increases when there are large amounts of active mold growth in your home. Large-scale mold problems are most likely to occur when there has been an on-going water leak, a flood, or very high levels of humidity in the home. Indoor mold growth may cause very high levels of airborne mold spores, which, in turn, may cause the spread of mold growth from the original source to other areas of the home where high moisture levels exist. Extensive mold growth can damage your home and belongings, such as carpets, sofas and cabinets. In time, unchecked mold growth can cause damage to the structural elements in your home. While there is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in the indoor environment, keeping your home clean and dry can prevent extensive mold growth and its related damage.

Health Effects

The vast majority of people are exposed to small amounts of mold or their spores on a daily basis without evident harm. However, mold growing inside a home is an unsanitary condition that may present potential health risks to occupants. Therefore, it is always best to identify and correct high moisture conditions quickly before mold grows and possible health problems develop.

Potential health effects produced by molds may include allergic, irritating, or toxigenic effects, and rarely, infection. Allergic reactions are generally the most common health effect. Typical symptoms (alone or in combination) reported by people living in moldy homes include:

- respiratory problems, such as wheezing, difficulty breathing, and shortness of breath
- sneezing and/or nasal congestion
- eye irritation (itching, burning, watery, or reddened eyes)
- coughing or throat irritation
- skin rashes or irritation
- headaches
- fatigue

The potential health effects depend on the amounts and types of mold present, the length and frequency of exposure, and the sensitivity and health condition of exposed individuals. While many people seldom experience ill effects from mold exposures, some may develop very serious illnesses. Some persons exposed to mold or mold spores may become sensitized and develop allergies to the mold or other health problems. Even "dead" mold (including spores and pieces of mold) may still cause allergy, irritation, or toxigenic reactions. Thus, killing mold without removing the residue may still be a health concern. Complete removal and thorough cleanup of mold is the safest solution.

Individuals at greater risk who may experience more severe symptoms or become ill more rapidly than others include:

- individuals with existing respiratory conditions, such as allergies, asthma, or chemical sensitivities
- individuals with weakened immune systems due to conditions such as HIV infection or cancer treatment
- infants and young children
- the elderly

Anyone with a health problem they believe may be due to mold exposure should consult a medical professional.

Fax:

Since you cannot remove all food sources for molds, it is important as a homeowner to take sensible precautions to prevent moisture from creating a breeding ground for mold.

MOISTURE CONTROL

- Maintain levels of humidity below 60% (preferably between 30% and 50%) by
 - venting bathrooms, dryers and other moisture-generating sources to the outside
 - avoiding blockage of air conditioning vents
 - using air conditioners and de-humidifiers
 - increasing ventilation by installing additional crawlspace and attic vents, opening windows or installing an air-to-air heat exchanger
 - using exhaust fans when cooking, dishwashing and cleaning
 - avoiding the use of unvented heaters or high heat in confined areas
 - setting the air conditioning thermostat to "auto" to prevent circulation of humid air.
- Add insulation to reduce the potential for condensation on cold surfaces (windows, piping, exterior walls, roof or floors).
- Consider using moisture sensors that sound an audible alarm when a leak occurs.

OTHER PRECAUTIONS

- Water Valve-Make sure everyone in the household knows where the main valve is located and how to turn the water off.
- Rain Gutters and Downspouts-Direct rainwater away from your home. Keep gutters clear and make sure downspouts are long enough to effectively carry water away from your foundation. Gutters that are filled with leaves and other debris allow water to back up on the roof, which can result in water damage to eaves and roofing material.
- Insulate Pipes and Outside Faucets-Minimize the potential for water damage from frozen, broken pipes by insulating supply lines (in attic, crawlspaces and exterior walls), protecting exposed outdoor faucets, sealing gaps in exterior walls and maintaining adequate heat in your home.
- Sump Pump-The sump pump is the first line of defense in preventing water seepage into basements. Periodically check the sump and remove any debris that could clog the pump. Consider installing a battery-powered backup to protect your basement during power outages.
- Don't block weep holes-Weep holes are openings at the foundation level of a brick wall that allow moisture to escape from behind the wall. Do not close or block these openings.
- Monitor Utility Bills-An abnormally high water bill could signal a water leak.
- Before You Travel-Turn the water off at the main valve or at major appliances. While you are away, consider leaving a house key and contact information with a neighbor or trusted friend and ask the person to check the inside and outside of your home periodically while you are away.

PREVENTION

- Purchase paint with EPA approved mold inhibitors
- Clean bathrooms often with mold killing products and keep surfaces dry
- Do not carpet bathrooms, basements, kitchens or other areas prone to collect moisture
- Repair damages that could lead to water intrusion promptly and properly
- Ensure that the home has adequate ventilation, including exhaust fans in the kitchen and bathrooms



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INSPECTION

Inspect your home regularly for the indications and sources of indoor moisture. Establish a maintenance schedule to check the following sources of water leaks on a regular basis. Contact a maintenance or service company with any questions or concerns.

- Hot Water Heaters- Over time, these appliances may rust or develop cracks, and the resulting leaks can be very costly. Check your water heater for rust and deterioration every year. Check the drain pan for water and ensure that the drain line for the overflow pan is not clogged. Drain and clean the water heater as recommended by the manufacturer.
- A/C Drain Lines-Damage can occur when the line that drains condensation from the evaporator coils becomes clogged and water overflows from the drip pan. To prevent this, periodically check the drip pan for water and consider an annual inspection or service call to reduce the buildup of algae and mold in the drain line.
- Appliance Hoses-Broken hoses are among the most common causes of water damage. Regularly inspect hoses and hose fittings on washing machines, icemakers and dishwashers for kinks, cracks, bulges or evidence of deterioration. Replace standard rubber washing machine hoses every two to five years, or more frequently if they are showing signs of water. Consider using steel-reinforced hoses for longer life.
- Showers, Tubs, Sinks and Toilets-Water that leaks from around bathtubs, showers, sinks and toilets can cause extensive damage because the leak is often hidden from view. To prevent leaks, make sure you have a continuous watertight seal of caulk around the edges of sinks, toilets, tubs and shower stalls. Cracks or mold on the caulk or on the grout at tiles on walls or shower floors may indicate that you do not have a watertight seal. Remove all caulk or grout, clean and dry the surface thoroughly, and apply fresh caulk. Do not apply new caulk or grout on top of the old materials.
- Visible Piping-Routinely check piping under cabinets and sinks for leaks, rust and evidence of deterioration.
- Waste/Garbage Disposal System-Routinely check for cracking or other sources of leaks in the waste disposal system.
- Caulking around Windows, Doors, Penetrations and Cracks-Windows and doors should have a continuous bead of caulk sealing them to the exterior surface of the home. Penetrations of the exterior walls by pipes, electrical conduit, phone or cable lines, and exhaust ducts should also be caulked. Cracks or mold on the caulk may indicate that you do not have a watertight seal. Remove all caulk, clean and dry the surface thoroughly, and apply fresh caulk. Do not apply new caulk on top of the old caulk.
- Attic and Ceilings-Routinely check for wet insulation and water stains.
- Wallpaper-Routinely check for bubbling and/or peeling, as well as pink or black stains.
- Roofs-Keep roofs free of debris that can damage roofing material
 and allow water to seep in. Trim tree branches to prevent them
 from rubbing and damaging the roof. Promptly repair missing or
 damaged shingles. Properly seal any cracks around chimneys,
 skylights and vents. Check metal flashing for holes, cracks or
 other damage. Replace flashing or use silicon caulk to seal any
 openings.
- Landscape-Yards should slope away from the house to prevent puddling near the foundation or under pier and beam houses.
- Sprinklers and Irrigation System-Do not allow sprinklers or sprinkler heads to soak the exterior of the home.
- Check for evidence of water stains or odors, particularly after rains, on areas that could get wet.

POTENTIAL SIGNS OF MOLD GROWTH

- Unexplained discoloration on any surface
- Musty odor
- Dark spots on or around vents
- Water stains anywhere
- · Peeling or curling of vinyl floors or wallpaper



INFORMATION ABOUT PROPERTY INSURANCE FOR A BUYER OR SELLER

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A. The availability and the affordability of property insurance may affect both the buyer and the seller.

Typically a buyer will seek to insure the property. Most mortgage lenders require that the property be insured in an amount not less than the loan amount. The failure to obtain property insurance at or before closing may delay the transaction or cause it to end, either of which can impose both inconvenience and cost to both the buyer and the seller.

B. There are a number of factors that affect the availability and affordability of insurance.

- (1) The level of coverage will significantly affect the cost of insurance. There are several levels of insurance coverage. For example:
 - (a) a policy may cover the replacement cost of the improvements and the replacement cost of many personal items in the property in the event of most casualties;
 - (b) a policy may cover only value of the improvements and exclude many casualties; or
 - (c) a policy may cover casualties and costs between the two noted extremes under (a) and (b).
- (2) Coverage levels and prices vary from company to company. There are many insurance companies conducting business in Texas who offer a variety of insurance products at various prices.
 - (a) One insurance company may refuse to insure a particular property or person while another insurance company may elect to do so.
 - (b) One insurance company may charge a significantly lower premium than another insurance company for the same or similar coverage.
 - (c) Generally, each insurance company has specific guidelines by which it prices its insurance policies. The following are examples of criteria that an insurance company may use in evaluating an application for insurance. The criteria vary from company to company.
 - (1) Past claims filed against the property to be insured in the 5 years preceding the application.
 - (2) Past claims filed by the applicant to be insured in the 5 years preceding the application.
 - (3) The applicant's insurance credit score.
 - (4) The past relationship between the insurance company and the applicant.
 - (5) The physical characteristics of the property such as condition, age, location, or construction materials.

C. Most insurance companies participate in the Comprehensive Loss Underwriting Exchange (CLUE) and obtain a CLUE report to evaluate the claims history of the property and the applicant.

- (1) Most insurance companies contribute information about claims to an insurance industry database known as CLUE (a registered trademark of Equifax, Inc.). An insurance company obtains a CLUE report when evaluating an application for insurance.
- (2) A CLUE report contains information about the claims history of the property and of the applicant for insurance.
 - (a) The CLUE report contains only data and does not inform the buyer or seller whether insurance is or is not available or at what cost.
 - (b) Insurance companies use the CLUE report in different ways.
 - (c) It is best to speak with an insurance agent with respect to how the information in a particular CLUE report affects the affordability and availability of insurance.

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- (3) While CLUE reports are generally accurate, there may be errors in the reports.
 - (a) An event may be listed as a claim even though the insurance company did not pay any proceeds (for example, the cost of repair did not exceed the deductible or an inquiry may be incorrectly classified as a claim).
 - (b) Federal law permits a person to challenge inaccurate information. One may contact the administrator of the CLUE report (Lexis-Nexis) to correct information in a CLUE report.
- (4) A property owner may, for a fee, obtain the CLUE report on his or her property through companies such as Lexis-Nexis (https://personalreports.lexisnexis.com, 1-866-312-9076), A-Plus (800-709-8842) or other companies, most of whose services are accessible via the Internet. An owner may also contact the Equifax Insurance Consumer Center at 800-456-6004.
- D. Promptly after entering into a contract to buy a property in Texas, the buyer should take the following steps to avoid delays in closing and to avoid additional costs.

If the buyer has the option to terminate the contract, the buyer should make sure that the buyer and the insurance agent have completed the following steps before the option expires.

- (1) Contact one or more insurance agents.
 - (a) The buyer should discuss the various levels of coverage with an insurance agent and ask questions that are necessary so the buyer understands the levels of available coverage.
 - (b) Insurance agents can provide applicants with written summaries of the various coverage levels.
 - (c) Basic summaries are available at the websites noted in Paragraph E.
- (2) Submit an application for insurance with the insurance agent of the buyer's choice.
 - (a) Applying for insurance promptly after entering into a contract to buy a property helps avoid surprises or delays in closing the transaction.
 - (b) Prompt application permits the buyer time to evaluate various coverage levels and prices.
 - (c) Delaying the application for insurance may limit opportunities to obtain the most suitable coverage and may limit opportunities to address any unforeseen problems or delays in obtaining coverage.
 - (d) In recent years, many transactions have been delayed or terminated because of problems associated with obtaining insurance.
- (3) Ask for written confirmation from the insurance agent that the insurance company:
 - (a) has received the application;
 - (b) has reviewed the applicant's CLUE report; and
 - (c) has conducted all necessary reviews to issue a policy at the particular price quoted (some insurance companies may ask for specific information or may wish to inspect the property).
- (4) Verify that the insurance coverage the buyer chooses is acceptable to the buyer's lender.
- E. If one is not able to obtain insurance at a reasonable price or more information is needed, contact the Texas Department of Insurance (www.helpinsure.com or www.tdi.state.tx.us).

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