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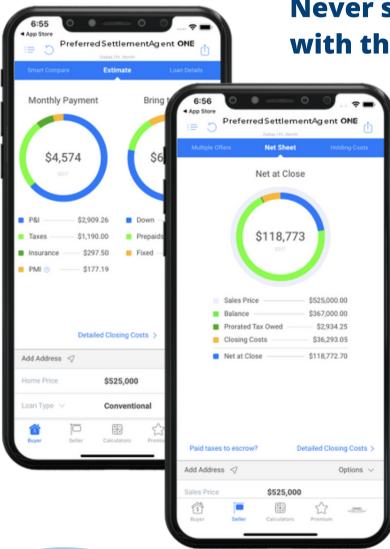
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Closing Reference Guide



Customary Closing Fees and Costs

Use these points to discuss expenses with your clients.

Seller Expenses:

- **Real Estate Agent Commission:** As agreed in the listing agreement.
- **Estoppel/Approval Fees:** Charged by relevant HOA/Condominium association.
- **Payoff Fees:** Due to seller's lender(s).
- **Title Correction Costs:** Expenses for resolving title defects.
- **Survey Remediation Costs:** Addressing survey-related problems, like encroachments.
- **Documentary Stamp Taxes:** 70 cents per \$100 of property price on the deed.

Buyer Expenses:

- Recording Fees: Deed and mortgage recording fees, currently \$10.00 for the first page and \$8.50 for each additional page.
- **Documentary Stamp Taxes:** 35 cents per \$100 borrowed for mortgage (if financing is obtained).
- **Intangible Tax:** 20 cents per \$100 borrowed for mortgage (if financing is obtained).
- **Title Insurance:** Required for financing, along with policy endorsements. Cost is based on purchase price.
- **Property Survey:** Needed for property purchase, except for condos.
- **Lender-related Expenses:** Additional costs associated with financing (if applicable).

10 helpful hints for buyers after they are under contract

- 1. Review the contract thoroughly: Encourage buyers to carefully review the terms and conditions of the contract, seeking clarification or professional advice if needed, before proceeding with the transaction.
- 2. Stay in contact with your lender: Remind buyers to maintain regular communication with their lender to ensure a smooth and timely mortgage approval and funding process.
- 3. Complete all necessary documentation promptly: Advise buyers to promptly provide any requested documentation, such as income verification or bank statements, to their lender or title company to avoid unnecessary delays.
- 4. Schedule a final walkthrough: Recommend buyers to schedule a final walkthrough before closing to ensure the property is in the agreed-upon condition and all negotiated repairs or improvements have been completed.
- 5. Arrange for homeowners insurance: Encourage buyers to secure homeowners insurance well in advance of the closing date to comply with lender requirements and protect their investment from unexpected events.
- 6. Establish utilities and services: Remind buyers to transfer or set up utilities and services, such as electricity, water, gas, and internet, to be in effect on the closing date or move-in day.
- 7. Coordinate with your moving company: Provide information on reputable moving companies or tips for a smooth move, such as packing strategies, organizing boxes, and updates on change of address notifications.
- 8. Plan for closing costs: Inform buyers about the estimated closing costs, which may include title insurance fees, attorney fees, recording fees, and prepaid property taxes, advising them to have funds available on the closing day.
- 9. Attend the closing meeting prepared: Educate buyers on what to expect at the closing meeting, such as signing various documents, bringing valid identification, and ensuring funds are available for any down payment or closing costs.
- 10. Celebrate homeownership: Finally, encourage buyers to celebrate their new homeownership! Provide resources or ideas for home maintenance, decorating tips, or local community resources to help them settle into their new home comfortably.

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