

**WFG National Title Company**  
**CLOSING AGREEMENT AND ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS**  
**For Purchase and Sale Transaction**

The undersigned buyer and seller (referred to herein as "the parties") hereby designate and appoint WFG National Title Company (referred to herein as "the closing agent") to act as their closing and escrow agent according to the following agreements and instructions.

**IT IS AGREED, AND THE CLOSING AGENT IS INSTRUCTED, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Terms of Sale.** The terms and conditions of the transaction which is the subject of these instructions (referred to herein as "the transaction") are set forth in the parties' Purchase and Sale Agreement, Earnest Money Agreement, or other written agreement, and any attachments, amendments or addenda to that agreement (referred to herein as "the parties' agreement"), which is made a part of these instructions by this reference. Any changes to the parties' agreement will be made a part of these instructions, without further reference, when signed by the parties and delivered to the closing agent. These instructions are not intended to amend, modify or supersede the terms and conditions of the parties' agreement and if there is any conflict or inconsistency between these instructions and the parties' agreement, the terms and conditions of the parties' agreement shall control.

**Description of Real Property.** The real property which is the subject of the transaction (referred to herein as "the property") is identified in the parties' agreement. The documents required to close the transaction must contain the "legal description" of the property, if the parties' agreement does not yet contain the correct legal description the parties or the real estate agent shall obtain an addendum setting forth the legal description as soon as possible and deliver it to the closing agent.

**Closing Date.** The date on which the documents required to close the transaction are filed for record (referred to herein as "the closing date") shall be on or before the date for closing of the transaction specified in the parties' agreement or in an addendum extending that date.

**Documents.** The closing agent is instructed to select, prepare, complete, correct, receive, hold, record and deliver documents as necessary to close the transaction. The closing agent may request that certain documents be prepared or obtained by the parties or their attorneys, in which case the parties shall deliver the requested documents to the closing agent before the closing date. Each party signing such document will consider execution of any document approval of its form and contents.

**Deposits and Disbursement of Funds.** Before the closing date, each party shall deposit with the closing agent all funds required to be paid by such party to close the transaction, less any earnest money previously deposited with the real estate agent. The closing agent is authorized, but not required, to consider a lending institution's written commitment to deposit funds as the equivalent of a deposit of such funds, if all conditions of the commitment will be met on or before the closing date. All funds received by the closing agent shall be deposited in a trust account with any bank doing business in the State of Washington and may be transferred to any other such accounts. The closing agent shall not be required to disburse any funds deposited by check or draft until it has been advised by its bank that such check or draft has been honored. All disbursements shall be made by the closing agent's check.

**Settlement Statement.** The closing agent is instructed to prepare a settlement statement showing all funds deposited for the account of each of the parties and the proposed disbursements from such funds. No funds shall be disbursed until the parties have examined and approved the settlement statement. Some items may be estimated, and the final amount of each estimated item will be adjusted to the exact amount required to be paid at the time of disbursement. The settlement statement will be subject to audit and any errors or omissions may be corrected at any time. If any monetary error is found, the party liable for such payment will immediately pay the amount to the party entitled to receive it.

**Prorations.** Adjustments or pro-rations of real estate taxes, and other charges if any, shall be made on a per-diem basis using a 365-day year, unless the closing agent is otherwise instructed.

**Title Insurance.** The closing agent is instructed to obtain and forward to the parties a preliminary commitment for title insurance on the property and on any other parcel of real property that will be used to secure payment of any obligation created in the transaction (referred to herein as "the title report"). The closing agent is authorized to rely on the title report in the performance of its duties and shall have no responsibility or liability for any title defects or encumbrances which are not disclosed in the title report.

**Verification or Existing Encumbrances.** The closing agent is instructed to request a written statement from the holder of each existing encumbrance on the property, verifying its status, terms, balance owing and, if it will not be removed at closing, the requirements that must be met to obtain a waiver of any due-on-sale provision. The closing agent is authorized to rely upon such written statements in the performance of its duties, without liability or responsibility for their accuracy or completeness.

**Instructions From Third Parties.** If any written instructions necessary to close the transaction according to the Parties' agreement are given to the closing agent by anyone other than the parties or their attorney, including but not limited to lenders, such instructions are accepted and agreed to by the parties.

**Disclosure of Information to Third Parties.** The closing agent is authorized to furnish, upon request, copies of any closing documents, agreements or instructions concerning the transaction to the parties' attorneys, and to any real estate agent, lender or title insurance company involved in the transaction. Other papers or documents containing personal or financial information concerning any party may not be released to anyone other than the party's attorney or lender, without prior written approval.

**Potential Legal Problems.** If the closing agent becomes aware of any facts, circumstances or potential problems which in the closing agent's opinion should be reviewed by any of the parties' attorneys, the closing agent is authorized, in its sole discretion, to advise the parties of such facts, circumstances or potential problems and recommend that legal counsel be sought.

**Closing Agent's Fees and Expenses.** The closing agent's fee is intended as compensation for the services set forth in these instructions. If additional services are required to comply with any change or addition to the parties' agreement or these instructions, or as a result of any party's assignment of interest or delay in performance, the parties agree to pay a reasonable additional fee for such services. The parties shall also reimburse the closing agent for any out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by it under these instructions. The closing agent's fees, costs and expenses shall be due and payable on the closing date or other termination of the closing agent's duties and responsibilities under these instructions, and shall be paid one-half by the buyer and one-half by the seller unless otherwise provided in the parties agreement.

**Reconveyance.** WFG National Title Co. Reconveyance Department will provide reconveyance tracking services. Such services follow up after closing to be sure a full reconveyance or satisfaction of liens paid at closing are recorded to clear the title. The charges will be separately shown on the HUD-1 settlement statement and will be the amount charged for the particular transaction. There are other reconveyance service providers available with similar services. You are free to shop around to determine that you are receiving the best services and the best rate for these services. If you wish to do so your preference should be expressed to WFG National Title Co. in time to arrange for the services and fees in time for closing.

**Cancellation.** These instructions may be canceled by a written agreement, signed by all of the parties, and payment of the closing agent's fees, costs and expenses. Upon receipt of such agreement and payment, the closing agent shall return any money or documents then held by it to the parties that deposited the same, and shall have no further duties or responsibilities under these instructions.

**Inability to Comply With Instructions.** If the closing agent receives conflicting instructions or determines, for any reason, that it cannot comply with these instructions by the date for closing specified in the parties' agreement or in any written extension of that date, it shall notify the parties, request further instructions, and in its discretion: (1) continue to perform its duties and close the transaction as soon as possible after receiving further instructions, or (2) if no conflicting instructions have been received, return any money or documents then held by it to the parties that deposited the same, less any fees and expenses chargeable to such party, or (3) commence a court action, deposit the money and documents held by it into the registry of the court, and ask the court to determine the rights of the parties. When the money and documents have been returned to the parties or deposited into the registry of the court, the closing agent shall have no further duties or responsibilities under these instructions.

**Disputes.** Should any dispute arise between the parties, or any of them, and/or any other party, concerning the property or funds involved in the transaction, the closing agent may, in its sole discretion, hold all documents and funds in their existing status pending resolution of the dispute, or join or commence a court action, deposit the money and documents held by it with the court, and ask the court to determine the rights of the parties. Upon depositing said funds and documents with the court, the closing agent shall have no further duties or responsibilities under these instructions. The parties jointly and severally agree to pay the closing agents costs, expenses and reasonable attorneys fees incurred in any lawsuit arising out of or in connection with the transaction or these instructions, whether such lawsuit is instituted by the closing agent, the parties, or any other person.

**Notices.** Any notice, declaration or request made under these instructions shall be in writing, signed by the party giving such notice or making such declaration or request, and personally delivered or mailed to the closing agent and other parties at their addresses set forth in these instructions.

**Amendments.** Any amendment, addition or supplement to these instructions must be in writing, signed by the appropriate parties and delivered to the closing agent.

**Counterparts.** These instructions may be executed in one or more counterparts with like effect as if all signatures appeared on one copy.

**Effect.** These instructions shall bind and benefit the parties, the closing agent, and their successors in interest.

**Definitions.** When used herein or in any amendment, addition or supplement hereto, words and phrases are defined and are to be construed as follows:

The words "buyer" and "seller" refer to all persons and entities identified as such by their signatures on this document, jointly and severally unless otherwise indicated, and shall be construed interchangeably with other similar terms such as "purchaser", "vendee", "vendor", "grantee" or "grantor" as may be appropriate in the context and circumstances to which such words apply.

The word "lender" refers to any lending institution or other party, including the seller if appropriate, that has agreed to provide all or part of the financing for the transaction or to which the buyer has made a loan application.

The phrase "these instructions" refers to the agreements, instructions and provisions set forth in this document and all amendments, additions and supplements to this document.

The phrase "the property" refers to the real property identified in the parties' agreement, including any other parcel of real property that will be used to secure payment or any obligation created in the transaction, and does not include any items of personal property unless otherwise specifically stated in these instructions.

The phrase "outside of escrow" refers to any duty, obligation or other matter which is the sole responsibility of the parties or of any party, and for which the closing agent shall have no responsibility or liability.

In these instructions, singular and plural words, and masculine, feminine and neuter words, shall be construed interchangeably as may be appropriate in the context and circumstances to which such words apply.

## **MATTERS TO BE COMPLETED BY TITLE BUYER AND SELLER IMPORTANT-READ CAREFULLY**

**The following items must be completed by the parties, outside of escrow, and are not part of the closing agent's duties under these instructions.**

**Disclosures, Inspection and Approval of the Property.** Any required disclosures concerning the property, or inspections or approvals of the property or of improvements, additions or repairs to the property will be arranged and completed by the parties, outside of escrow. The closing agent shall have no liability with respect to the accuracy of any disclosures made, or for the physical condition of the property, or any building improvements, plumbing, heating, cooling, electrical, septic or other systems on the property, and no responsibility to inspect the property, or to otherwise determine or disclose its physical condition, or to determine whether any required disclosures have been made, or whether any required improvements, additions or repairs have been satisfactorily completed.

**Personal Property.** Any required inspections, approvals or transfers of possession of any owned or leased fixtures, equipment or other items of personal property included in the transaction, and payment of any personal property, sales or use taxes, will be completed by the parties outside of escrow. Unless otherwise instructed, the closing agent shall have no responsibility with respect to such personal property and shall not be required to determine the status or condition of the title to. Encumbrances upon, ownership, or physical condition of such personal property, nor to calculate, pro-rate, collect, prepare returns for or pay any personal property tax, sales tax or use tax arising from the transaction.

**Utilities.** If the Purchase and Sale Agreement lists the names and addresses of public utilities which could claim a lien, the closing agent shall request statements for payment of final or estimated billings and is instructed to pay the amounts demanded by such designated public utilities. In the event such designated public utilities do not provide the payment information within the time allowances prescribed by law, closing agent shall have no further responsibility to the parties for the payment of said utilities, and shall not be required to pay them, and seller agrees to discharge said utilities outside of escrow. All other orders, cancellations, transfers, payments and adjustments of accounts for installation or service of water, sewer, garbage collection electricity, gas, fuel oil, telephone, television cable and any other utilities for public services, including installation fees, will be completed by the parties outside of escrow. Unless otherwise instructed in writing by the parties, in accordance with the State of Washington RCW 60.80, all orders, cancellations, transfers, payments and adjustments of accounts for water, sewer, garbage collection, electricity, gas, fuel oil, telephone, television cable and any other utilities or public services will be completed by the parties outside of escrow.

**Undisclosed Sewer Charges.** Buyer and Seller acknowledge that the subject property may be located within one of those participating cities or sewer districts which levy a fee or charge an additional service fee. Buyer and Seller agree that any adjustment shall be handled outside of closing and closing agent shall be held harmless with respect to any such "capacity charge".

**Fire or Casualty Insurance.** If a new policy of fire, hazard or casualty insurance on the property is necessary to close the transaction, the buyer will arrange for the policy to be issued, outside of escrow, and will provide evidence of the required insurance coverage to the closing agent before the closing date. Unless otherwise instructed, the closing agent shall have no responsibility to contract for or obtain any policy of fire, hazard or casualty insurance on the property, or any assignment of such policy.

**Possession of the Property.** The transfer of possession of the property shall be arranged directly between the parties outside of escrow and shall not be the responsibility of the closing agent.

**Collection Account.** If any financing for the transaction will be provided by a private party, the parties are advised to open a collection account at a financial institution to receive and disburse payments to be made under the private promissory note or contract. The collection account shall be established by the parties outside of escrow and shall not be the responsibility of the closing agent.

**Payment of Omitted Taxes.** If any additional real property taxes are assessed for recent improvements made to the property and not added to the tax rolls before the closing date, the parties shall pay their respective shares of such omitted taxes, pro-rated as of the closing date, within 30 days after receipt of notification that such taxes have been assessed. The closing agent shall not be responsible or liable for any assessment, collection or payment of omitted taxes.

**Individual Taxes.** The parties are advised to consult with their attorneys to determine whether they must report income, deduct expenses or losses, or withhold or pay any income or business taxes as a result of the transaction. The closing agent shall have no responsibility for the parties' individual tax consequences arising from the transaction.

**Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act.** If any seller is, or may be, a non-resident alien or a foreign corporation, partnership, trust or estate for the purposes of United States income taxation, the parties are advised to consult with their attorneys before the closing date to determine their responsibilities and liabilities, if any, under the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act (Section 1445 et seq. of the Internal Revenue Code). The closing agent is not required to verify the nationality or foreign status of any of the sellers, or to withhold, report or pay any amounts due under such act.

**Approvals and Permits.** The parties are advised to consult with their attorneys to determine whether any building, zoning, subdivision, septic system, or other construction or land use permits or approvals will be required, either before or after the closing date. The closing agent shall have no responsibility with respect to any such permit or approval, and shall have no liability arising from the failure of any party to obtain, or from the refusal of any governmental authority to grant, any such permit or approval.

**Compliance With Certain Laws.** The parties are advised to consult with their attorneys to determine their rights and responsibilities, if any, with respect to disclosures concerning the condition of the property, or under the Consumer Protection Act, Truth-in-Lending Act, Interstate Land Sales Act or other similar laws. The closing agent shall have no responsibility for disclosures concerning the condition of the property, or for the parties' compliance, nor any liability arising from the failure of any party to comply, with any such requirement or law.

**Privacy.** The nature of our relationship may result in us obtaining or sharing certain types of information about you. We will not share information about you with anyone, except as necessary to close or complete your transaction according to the instructions given by you and the other parties to the transaction, unless we are required to do so by law.

### **NOTICE TO PARTIES**

The services of the closing agent under these instructions will be performed by a person certified as a Limited Practice Officer under the Admission to Practice Rule 12, adopted by the Washington State Supreme Court. Under that rule, Limited Practice Officers may only select, prepare and complete certain documents on forms which have been approved for their use.

You are further advised that:

THE LIMITED PRACTICE OFFICER IS NOT ACTING AS THE ADVOCATE OR REPRESENTATIVE OF EITHER (OR ANY) OF THE PARTIES.

THE DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY THE LIMITED PRACTICE OFFICER WILL AFFECT THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES.

THE PARTIES' INTERESTS IN THE DOCUMENT MAY DIFFER.

THE PARTIES HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY LAWYERS OF THEIR OWN SELECTION.

THE LIMITED PRACTICE OFFICER CANNOT GIVE LEGAL ADVICE AS TO THE MANNER IN WHICH THE DOCUMENTS AFFECT THE PARTIES.