

# TN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CONDITION EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_

Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

The Tennessee Residential Property Disclosure Act requires sellers of residential real property with one to four dwelling units to furnish to a buyer one of the following: (1) a residential property disclosure statement (the "Disclosure"), or (2) a residential property disclaimer statement (permitted only where the buyer waives the required Disclosure). Some property transfers may be exempt from this requirement (see § 66-5-209). The following is a summary of the buyers' and sellers' rights and obligations under the Act. A complete copy of the Act may be found at: [http://www.state.tn.us/commerce/boards/trec/rulesandlaws.html/t66/t\\_66\\_ch\\_5.htm](http://www.state.tn.us/commerce/boards/trec/rulesandlaws.html/t66/t_66_ch_5.htm)

1. Sellers must disclose all known material defects, and must answer the questions on the Disclosure form in good faith to the best of the seller's knowledge as of the Disclosure date.
2. Sellers must give the buyers the Disclosure form before the acceptance of a purchase contract.
3. Sellers must inform the buyers, at or before closing, of any inaccuracies or material changes in the condition that have occurred since the time of the initial Disclosure or certify that there are no changes.
4. Sellers may give the buyers a report or opinion prepared by a professional inspector or other expert(s), or certain information provided by a public agency, in lieu of responding to some or all of the questions on the form (See § 66-5-204).
5. Sellers are not required to have a home inspection or other investigation in order to complete the Disclosure form.
6. Sellers are not required to repair any items listed on the disclosure form, or on any inspection report, unless agreed to in the purchase contract.
7. Sellers involved in the first sale of a dwelling must disclose the amount of any impact fees or adequate facility taxes paid.
8. Sellers are not required to disclose if any occupant was HIV-positive, or had any other disease not likely to be transmitted by occupying a home, or whether the home had been the site of a homicide, suicide or felony, or act or occurrence which had no effect on the physical structure of the property.
9. Sellers may provide an "as is", "no representations or warranties" disclaimer statement in lieu of the Disclosure form only if the buyer waives the right to the required disclosure, otherwise the sellers must provide the completed Disclosure form (see § 66-5-202).
10. Sellers may be exempt from having to complete the Disclosure form in certain limited circumstances (e.g. public auctions, court orders, some foreclosures and bankruptcies, new construction with written warranty, or owner has not resided on the property at any time within the prior 3 years. See § 66-5-209).
11. Buyers are advised to include home and wood infestation, well, water sources, septic system, lead-based paint, radon, mold, and other appropriate inspection contingencies in the contract, as the Disclosure form is not a warranty of any kind by the seller, and is not a substitute for any warranties or inspections the buyer may desire to purchase.
12. Any repair of disclosed defects must be negotiated and addressed in the Purchase and Sale Agreement; otherwise, Seller is not required to repair any such items.
13. Buyers may, but do not have to, waive their right to receive the Disclosure form from the sellers if the sellers provide a disclaimer statement with no representations or warranties (see § 66-5-202).
14. Remedies for misrepresentations or nondisclosure in a Property Condition Disclosure statement may be available to Buyer and are set out fully in TCA § 62-5-208. Buyer should consult with an attorney regarding any such matters.
15. Representations in the Disclosure form are those of the sellers only, and not of any real estate licensee, although licensees are required to disclose to all parties adverse facts of which the licensee has actual knowledge or notice.
16. Pursuant to § 47-18-104(b), Sellers of residences on a septic system are prohibited from knowingly advertising or marketing a home as having more bedrooms than are permitted by the subsurface sewage disposal system permit.

The Buyers and Sellers involved in the current or prospective real estate transaction for the property listed above acknowledge that they were informed of their rights and obligations regarding Residential Property Disclosures, and that this information was provided by the real estate licensee(s) prior to the completion or reviewing of a TN Residential Property Condition Disclosure, or a TN Residential Property Condition Disclaimer Statement, or a TN Residential Property Condition Exemption Notification. Buyers and Sellers also acknowledge that they were advised to seek the advice of an attorney on any legal questions they may have regarding this information, or prior to taking any legal actions.



The Tennessee Residential Property Disclosure Act states that anyone transferring title to residential real property must provide information about the condition of the property. This completed form constitutes that disclosure by the Seller. The information contained in the disclosure is the representation of the owner and not the representation of the real estate licensee or sales person, if any. This is not a warranty or a substitute for any professional inspections or warranties that the purchasers may wish to obtain. **Buyers and Sellers should be aware that any sales agreement executed between the parties will supersede this form as to the terms of sale, property included in the sale and any obligations on the part of the seller to repair items identified below and/or the obligation of the buyer to accept such items "as is."**

The undersigned Seller of the property described as \_\_\_\_\_ does hereby notify Buyer that said property is being offered without a Residential Property Condition Disclosure Statement as provided by the Tennessee Residential Property Disclosure Act. This transfer is excluded under T.C.A. § 66-5-209 for the following reason(s):

- This is a transfer pursuant to court order including, but not limited to, transfers ordered by a court in the administration of an estate, transfers pursuant to a writ of execution, transfers by foreclosure sale, transfers by a trustee in a bankruptcy, transfers by eminent domain and transfers resulting from a decree of specific performance;
- This is a transfer to a beneficiary of a deed of trust by a trustor or successor in interest who is in default; transfers by a trustee under a deed of trust pursuant to a foreclosure sale, or transfers by a beneficiary under a deed of trust who has acquired the real property at a sale conducted pursuant to a foreclosure sale under a deed of trust or has acquired the real property by a deed in lieu of foreclosure;
- This is a transfer by a fiduciary in the course of the administration of a decedent's estate, guardianship, conservatorship or trust;
- This is a transfer from one (1) or more co-owners solely to one (1) or more co-owners. This provision is intended to apply and only does apply in situations where ownership is by a tenancy by the entirety, a joint tenancy or a tenancy in common and the transfer will be made from one (1) or more of the owners to another owner or co-owners holding property either as a joint tenancy, tenancy in common or tenancy by the entirety;
- This is a transfer made by virtue of the record owner's failure to pay federal, state or local taxes;
- This is a transfer between spouses resulting from a decree of divorce or a property settlement stipulation;
- This is a transfer made solely to any combination of a spouse or a person or persons in the lineal line of consanguinity of one (1) or more of the transferors;
- This is a transfer to or from any governmental entity of public or quasi-public housing authority or agency;
- This is a transfer involving the first sale of a dwelling provided that the builder offers a written warranty;
- This is a transfer of any property sold at public auction;
- This is a transfer of any property where the owner has not resided on the property at any time within three (3) years prior to the date of transfer.
- This is a transfer from a debtor in a chapter 7 or a chapter 13 bankruptcy to a creditor or third party by a deed in lieu of foreclosure or by a quitclaim deed.

The party(ies) below have signed and acknowledge receipt of a copy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SELLER**

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  am/  pm  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SELLER**

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  am/  pm  
DATE

Buyer is advised that no representation or warranties, express or implied, as to the condition of the property and its improvements, are being offered by Seller or Seller's Agent except in the case where transfer involves the first sale of a dwelling in which builder offers a written warranty. Furthermore, the Buyer should make or have made on the Buyer's behalf a thorough and diligent inspection of the property.

The party(ies) below have signed and acknowledge receipt of a copy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**BUYER**

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  am/  pm  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
**BUYER**

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  am/  pm  
DATE

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