

# Comprehensive Rider to the Residential Contract For Sale And Purchase

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If initialed by all parties, the clauses below will be incorporated into the Florida Realtors®/Florida Bar Residential Contract For Sale And Purchase between \_\_\_\_\_ (SELLER) and \_\_\_\_\_ (BUYER) concerning the Property described as \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer's Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Seller's Initials \_\_\_\_\_

## G. SHORT SALE APPROVAL CONTINGENCY

1. **Approval of Seller's Lender(s) and Requirements for Seller's Approval of Short Sale.** This Contract is contingent upon: (a) Seller's lender(s) and all other lien holder(s) (collectively "Seller's Lender") approving the Purchase Price, terms of this Contract and the HUD-1 settlement statement; (b) Seller's Lender's agreement to accept a payoff which is less than the balance due on the loan or other indebtedness; and (c) Seller's Lender's agreement to release and provide a satisfaction of the mortgage(s) and/or other lien(s) encumbering the Property (the "Mortgage(s)") upon receipt of reduced payoff amount(s).

Approval of, or agreement to, items (a) through (c) by Seller's Lender is referred to as "Short Sale Approval". However, an approval by Seller's Lender which does not provide a waiver and complete release of any claim(s) for a deficiency against Seller for sums due Seller's Lender under the Mortgage(s) as of the payoff date, or which requires additional terms or obligations affecting either party shall not be deemed "Short Sale Approval" unless the party affected accepts those additional terms or obligations in writing. A copy of a Short Sale Approval accepted by Seller shall be delivered by Seller to Buyer and Closing Agent within 3 days of Seller's receipt of such Short Sale Approval.

2. **Application for Approval of Short Sale.** Seller shall within \_\_\_\_\_ (if left blank, then 10) days after Effective Date obtain from Seller's Lender their application forms for a "short sale", and Seller shall diligently complete and return such forms to Seller's Lender within 5 days thereafter and promptly provide such additional documents as may be requested by Seller's Lender.

3. **Status of Short Sale Approval Application.** Seller hereby authorizes Seller's Lender to provide Buyer and Buyer's Broker and Closing Agent with information stating the status of Seller's application for approval of a Short Sale and notice of the approval(s) or denial(s) of such application(s). Seller shall promptly notify Buyer when Seller obtains Short Sale Approval as provided in Paragraph 1 above, or denial of such approval from Seller's Lender.

4. **Short Sale Approval Deadline; Termination.** If Seller does not deliver a copy of Seller's accepted Short Sale Approval to Buyer within \_\_\_\_\_ (if left blank, then 90) days from Effective Date ("Short Sale Approval Deadline"), then either party may thereafter terminate this Contract by delivering written notice to the other party, and the Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer, thereby releasing Buyer and Seller from all further obligations under this Contract.

This Contract shall automatically terminate if Seller has not delivered the Short Sale Approval to Buyer within 30 days after expiration of the Short Sale Approval Deadline, including any extension(s) of the Short Sale Approval Deadline ("Contract Expiration Date"), in which event the Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer, thereby releasing Buyer and Seller from all further obligations under this Contract.

5. **Time Periods.** The time for making the initial deposit specified in Paragraph 2(a) and for calculating the Short Sale Approval Deadline shall be computed from the Effective Date. All other time periods and other obligations under this Contract shall commence from the date of Buyer's receipt of Short Sale Approval pursuant to Paragraph 1 above.

6. **Closing Date.** The Closing Date shall be \_\_\_\_\_ (if left blank, then 45) days after Buyer receives Short Sale Approval pursuant to Paragraph 1 above.

## G. SHORT SALE APPROVAL CONTINGENCY (CONTINUED)

**7. Back-up Offers. (CHECK ONE - If no option is checked, then option (a) shall be deemed selected):**

- (a)  **Seller's Agreement Not to Accept Other Contracts or Offers.** During the term of this Contract, Seller shall not accept or enter into any back-up offers, contracts, options or other agreements concerning the sale of the Property.
- (b)  **Seller's Right to Accept Back-up Contracts or Offers.** During the term of this Contract, Seller may accept or enter into bona fide "back-up" contracts or offers to purchase the Property that are conditioned upon a failure of the Closing of the sale contemplated by this Contract.

**8. Acknowledgement by Seller.**

- (a) If Seller is advised of Seller's Lender's refusal to participate in any short sale, Seller agrees to immediately communicate this to Buyer and Broker.
- (b) Seller acknowledges that Broker has advised Seller to consult with professionals for any tax, legal or specialized advice and has been encouraged to discuss other options with legal counsel of Seller's choosing prior to entering into this short sale transaction.

**9. Acknowledgement by Buyer.**

- (a) Buyer acknowledges Seller's Lender is not a party to this Contract and therefore is not obligated to approve this Contract; that Seller's acceptance of this Contract does not guarantee Seller's Lender's acceptance; and Seller's Lender is under no obligation to consider, respond, approve or advise either Seller or Buyer, or Broker as to any offer submitted to it.
- (b) Buyer further acknowledges that Seller and/or Broker shall not be liable for delays caused by Seller's Lender or costs and expenses (such as payments for loan applications, inspections and appraisals) incurred by Buyer under this Contract if Seller's Lender does not complete the short sale after Seller's receipt of Short Sale Approval.

**10. Termination Upon Foreclosure Sale.** If during the term of this Contract, the Property is sold at foreclosure sale prior to the parties obtaining Short Sale Approval and Closing the transaction contemplated by this Contract, this Contract shall be terminated, and Buyer shall be refunded the Deposit, thereby releasing Buyer and Seller from all further obligations under this Contract.