

## GEOGRAPHIC TARGETING ORDERS

## **NOW EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 15,2024**



The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's (FinCEN) mission is to safeguard the financial system from illicit use and combat money laundering and promote national security through the collection, analysis, and dissemination of financial intelligence and strategic use of financial authorities. In early 2016 they issued Geographic Targeting Orders (GTO) requiring all of the Company-owned title agents to collect and report information about certain residential real estate transactions. Since then they have expanded and extended the order a few more times. FFinCEN issued a new Order effective April 19, 2024 expiring on October 15, 2024.

## **Covered Transactions:**

Transactions that meet ALL of the following parameters:

- 1. Sale of residential property (1 to 4 family), including condominiums and co-ops located in a covered area listed on the table to the right; and
- 2. Sale completed between April 19, 2024 through October 15, 2024; and
- Sale price is at least \$50,000 when the property is located in the City or County of Baltimore in Maryland; or
- 4. Sale price is at least \$300,000 or more in all other geographic locations listed on the table to the right; and
- 5. Buyer is a legal business entity (LLC, corporation, partnership) EXCEPT for (1) a Reverse Exchange where the exchange company is a division of IPX 1031; (2) a business whose common stock or analogous equity interests are listed on a securities exchange regulated by the Securities Exchange Commission ("SEC"); or (3) a self-regulatory organization registered with the SEC, or an entity solely owned by such a business.
- 6. Purchase is made without a bank loan by a financial institution by a financial institution that has both an obligation to maintain an anti-money laundering program and an obligation to report suspicious transactions under FinCEN regulations appearing in Chapter X of Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations; and
- 7. Any portion of the transaction is paid with cash, cashier's check, certified check, traveler's check, personal check, business check, money order, funds transfer, or virtual currency.

## **Information Collection Form**

In order to comply with the GTO, an Information Collection Form must be completed and signed by the buyer and returned to the settlement agent on or before the date of closing for any transactions which appears to be Covered Transaction as described above.

TARGET STATE	COVERED BOROUGH, CITY OR COUNTY
California	Counties of San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Mateo or Santa Clara
Colorado	Counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Eagle, Elbert, El Paso, Fremont, Jefferson, Mesa, Pitkin, Pueblo, or Summit
Connecticut	Counties of Fairfield or Litchfield
Florida	Counties of Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Manatee, Sara- sota, Charlotte, Lee, or Collier
Hawaii	Counties of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai or Honolulu or the City of Honolulu
Illinois	County of Cook
Massachusetts	Counties of Suffolk, Middlesex, Bristol, Essex, Norfolk, or Plymouth
Maryland	Counties of Montgomery, Anne Arundel, Prince George's or Howard
New York	Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx, Staten Island or Man- hattan in New York City
Nevada	County of Clark
Texas	Counties of Bexar, Tarrant, Dallas, Harris, Montgomery, Webb or Travis
Virginia	Counties of Arlington or Fairfax, or cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, or Fairfax
Washington	County of King
	District of Columbia

For more information and details about the GTO and how it may affect your transactions, please visit www.FinCEN.gov or contact your escrow officer. Always allow extra closing time for any GTO transaction.