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1. **THE STRUCTURAL OR OTHER CONDITIONS OF THE PROPERTY.** Consult with professional engineers or other independent, qualified professionals to ascertain the existence of structural issues, the condition of synthetic stucco (E.I.F.S.) and/or the overall condition of the property.
2. **THE CONDITION OF ROOFING.** Consult with a bonded roofing company for any concerns about the condition of the roof.
3. **HOME INSPECTION.** We strongly recommend that you have a home inspection, which is a useful tool for determining the overall condition of a home including, but not limited to, electrical, heating, air conditioning, plumbing, water-heating systems, fireplaces, windows, doors and appliances. Contact several sources (like the Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance (<http://tn.gov/commerce/>), the American Society of Home Inspectors (www.ashi.com), the National Association of Certified Home Inspectors (www.nahi.org), and Home Inspectors of Tennessee Association (www.hita.us) and independently investigate the competency of an inspector, including whether he has complied with State and/or local licensing and registration requirements in your area. The home inspector may, in turn, recommend further examination by a specialist (heating-air-plumbing, etc.). Failure to inspect typically means that you are accepting the property "as is".
4. **WOOD DESTROYING ORGANISMS, PESTS AND INFESTATIONS.** It is strongly recommended that you use the services of a licensed, professional pest control company to determine the presence of wood destroying organisms (termites, fungus, etc.) or other pests or infestations and to examine the property for any potential damage from such.
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS.** Environmental hazards, such as, but not limited to: radon gas, mold, asbestos, lead-based paint, hazardous wastes, landfills, byproducts of methamphetamine production, high-voltage electricity, noise levels, etc., require advanced techniques by environmental specialists to evaluate, remediate and/or repair. It is strongly recommended that you secure the services of knowledgeable professionals and inspectors in all areas of environmental concern.
6. **SQUARE FOOTAGE.** There are multiple sources from which square footage of a property may be obtained. Information is sometimes gathered from tax or real estate records on the property. Square footage provided by builders, real estate licensees, or tax records is only an estimate with which to make comparisons, but it is not guaranteed. It is advised that you have a licensed appraiser determine actual square footage.
7. **CURRENT VALUE, INVESTMENT POTENTIAL, OR RESALE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY.** A true estimate of the value can only be obtained through the services of a licensed appraiser. No one, not even a professional appraiser, can know the future value of a property. Unexpected and unforeseeable things happen.

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NOTE: A real estate licensee's Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) or Broker's Price Opinion (BPO), etc., while sometimes used to set an asking price or an offer price, is not an appraisal.

8. **BOUNDARY LINES, EASEMENTS, ENCROACHMENTS, ROAD MAINTENANCE, AND ACREAGE.** A survey can provide helpful information, including whether the road to the home is a public or private road. It is strongly advised that you secure the services of a licensed surveyor for a full-stake boundary survey with all boundary lines, easements, encroachments, flood zones, road information, total acreage, etc., clearly identified. It is also advised that you not rely on mortgage loan inspection surveys, previous surveys, plat data, or Multiple Listing Service (MLS) data for this information, even if acceptable to your lender.
9. **ZONING, CODES, COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND RELATED ISSUES.** Zoning, codes, covenants, restrictions, home owner association by-laws, special assessments, city ordinances, governmental repair requirements and related issues need to be verified by the appropriate sources in writing. If your projected use requires a zoning or other change, it is recommended that you either wait until the change is in effect before committing to a property or provide for this contingency in your Purchase and Sale Agreement.
10. **UTILITY CONNECTIONS, SEPTIC SYSTEM CAPABILITY, AND RELATED SERVICES.** The availability, adequacy, connection and/or condition of waste disposal (sewer, septic system, etc.), water supply, electric, gas, cable, internet, telephone, or other utilities and related services to the property need to be verified by the appropriate sources in writing (including but not limited to fire protection). You should have a professional check access and/or connection to public sewer and/or public water source and/or the condition of any septic system(s) and/or wells. To confirm that any septic systems are properly permitted for the actual number of bedrooms, it is recommended that sellers and/or buyers request a copy of the information contained in the file for the property maintained by the appropriate governmental permitting authority. If the file for this property cannot be located or you do not understand the information contained in the file, you should seek professional advice regarding this matter. For unimproved land, septic system capability can only be determined by using the services of a professional soil scientist and verifying with the appropriate governmental authorities that a septic system of the desired type, size, location, and cost can be permitted and installed to accommodate the size home that you wish to build.
11. **FLOODING, DRAINAGE, FLOOD INSURANCE, AND RELATED ITEMS.** It is recommended that you have a civil or geotechnical engineer or other independent expert determine the risks of flooding, drainage or run-off problems, erosion, land shifting, unstable colluvial soil, sinkholes and landfills. The risk of flooding may increase and drainage or storm run-off pathways may change. Be sure to consult with the proper governmental authorities, elevation surveyors, and flood insurance professionals regarding flood and elevation certificates, flood zones, and flood insurance requirements, recommendations and costs.
12. **CONDEMNATION.** It is recommended that you investigate whether there are any pending or proposed condemnation proceedings or similar matters concerning any portion of the property with the State, County and city/town governments in which the property is located. Condemnation proceedings could result in all or a portion of the property being taken by the government with compensation being paid to the landowner.
13. **SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION.** It is advised that you independently confirm school zoning with the appropriate school authorities, as school districts are subject to change. Other school information (rankings, curriculums, student-teacher ratios, etc.) should be confirmed by appropriate sources in writing.
14. **INFORMATION ABOUT CRIMES, METHAMPHETAMINE PROPERTIES, OR SEX OFFENDERS.** You should consult with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies for information or statistics regarding criminal activity at or near the property, the presence of methamphetamine manufacturing, or for the location of sex offenders in a given area.
15. **LEGAL AND TAX ADVICE.** You should seek the advice of an attorney and/or certified tax specialist on any legal or tax questions concerning any offers, contracts, issues relating to title or ownership of the property, or any other matters of concern, including those itemized in this Disclaimer Notice. Real estate licensees are not legal or tax experts, and therefore cannot advise you in these areas.

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