



County of Santa Cruz

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SELLER TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY TO BUYER FOR SEPTIC REPAIR

Property Information

Street Address: _____ City: _____ APN: _____

Requirements

Santa Cruz County Code Section 7.38.216 provides that sellers of real property must complete a point-of-sale septic inspection report to identify any defects in the Seller's OWTS and other characteristics of the system. If such inspection shows the septic system is failing, then repairs needed to meet the County's OWTS standards shall be completed by the Seller prior to the sale of the Property or transferred to the Buyer to complete the repairs per section 7.38.216.A.4.

In the event the Buyer agrees to assume responsibility for repairing the OWTS, the Seller shall provide the inspection report to the Buyer, which indicates the repairs needed. The Buyer shall then submit the permit to repair no later than 30 calendar days after the close of escrow and complete the repair within 90 days of the close of escrow. Failure to comply may result in civil and administrative penalties as specified in the code.

Seller's Certification

By signing below, I the Seller, declare I will adhere to the requirements stated herein and state that the Buyer has agreed to assume the responsibility to complete the required OWTS repairs at the referenced property.

Seller's Printed Name

Date

Telephone No

Seller's Signature

Buyer's Certification

By signing below, I, the Buyer, declare I will adhere to the requirements stated herein and accept the responsibility to complete the required OWTS repairs no later than 90 days after the close of escrow.

Buyer's Printed Name

Date

Telephone No

Buyer's Signature

To be completed by the Buyer and the Seller

Seller or Seller's agent:

Mailing Address for the next 90 days: _____

Physical Residence Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Buyer or Buyers' agent:

Mailing Address for the next 90 days: _____

Physical Residence Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Please email complete forms to: ENVPointofSale@santacruzcounty.us

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The Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Division has reviewed the disclosure statement and confirms that the responsibility to complete the County required OWTS repairs:

_____ Rests with the Seller and must be completed prior to the transfer of title OR

_____ Has been transferred to the Buyer and must be complete no later than 90 days of close of escrow.

This signed transfer of responsibility to repair form must be submitted to the County prior to the close of escrow and included in the real estate title transfer documentation.