## **COMMERCIAL SELLER ADVISORY**

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# WHEN IN DOUBT - DISCLOSE!





Sellers are obligated by law to disclose all known material (important) facts about the property to the buyer. Arizona law requires that you disclose material facts about the property whether or not you are asked by the buyer or a real estate agent, or when asked to complete a disclosure form. You may also be required to complete and record an affidavit of disclosure if selling property in an unincorporated area of a county.

"...you have a duty to disclose the information, regardless of whether or not you consider the information material."

If the buyer asks you about an aspect of the property, you have a duty to disclose the information, regardless of whether or not you consider the information material. You also have a legal duty to disclose facts when disclosure is necessary to prevent a previous statement from being misleading or a misrepresentation: for example, if something changes. However, a seller does not generally have a legal obligation to correct defects in the property, as long as the defects are disclosed. Any correction of the defects is a matter of contract negotiation between you and the buyer.

If you do not make the legally required disclosures, you may be subject to civil liability. Under certain circumstances, nondisclosure of a fact is the same as saying that the fact does not exist. Therefore, nondisclosure may be given the same legal effect as fraud.

The Arizona Association of REALTORS® Commercial Seller's Property Disclosure Statement ("SPDS") is designed to assist you in making these legally required disclosures and to avoid inadvertent nondisclosures of material facts.

You should complete the SPDS by answering all questions as truthfully and as fully as possible. Attach copies of any available supporting documentation to insure that you are disclosing accurate information. Also, use the blank lines to explain your answers. If you do not have the personal knowledge to answer a question, it is important not to guess — use the blank lines to explain the situation.

### The SPDS is divided into nine general sections:

#### (A) Ownership and Property:

This section asks for general information about the property such as location and ownership. Any seller should be able to answer most, if not all, of the questions in this section.

## (B) Property Type:

This section indicates whether this is office, industrial, retail, etc.

### (C) Utilities:

You are asked whether the property currently receives the listed utilities.

#### (D) Access/Use:

This section asks for any easement or restriction information governing the property.

#### (E) Compliance with Law/Legal Matters:

Zoning issues and any previous property violations are addressed here.

#### (F) Contractual Obligations:

This section asks what, if any, contractual obligations are attached to the property.

#### (G) Environmental Factors:

This section deals with the property and the area around it. What, if any, environmental factors such as noise, hazardous materials, etc. are addressed here.

#### (H) Reports/Studies:

If there have been any studies or reports made on this property, you will be asked to address them here.

#### (I) Material Physical Defects and Other Factors:

Any miscellaneous items not addressed elsewhere are addressed in this section.

Please note: By law, sellers are not obligated to disclose that the property is or has been: (1) the site of a natural death, suicide, homicide, or any other crime classified as a felony; (2) owned or occupied by a person exposed to HIV, or diagnosed as having AIDS or any other disease not known to be transmitted through common occupancy of real estate; or (3) located in the vicinity of a sex offender. However, the law does not protect a seller who makes an intentional misrepresentation. For example, if you are asked whether there has been a death on the property and you know that there was such a death, you should not answer "no" or "I don't know"; instead you should either answer truthfully or respond that you are not legally required to answer the question.

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## COMMERCIAL SELLER'S PROPERTY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (SPDS) (To be completed by Seller)

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The pre-printed portion of this form has been drafted by the Arizona Association of REALTORS®. Any change in the pre-printed language of this form must be made in a prominent manner. No representations are made as to the legal validity, adequacy and/or effects of any provision, including tax consequences thereof. If you desire legal, tax or other professional advice, please consult your attorney, tax advisor or professional consultant.





#### **MESSAGE TO THE SELLER:**

Sellers are obligated by law to disclose all known material (important) facts about the Property to the Buyer. The SPDS is designed to assist you in making these disclosures. If you know something important about the Property that is not addressed on the SPDS, add that information to the form. Prospective Buyers may rely on the information you provide.

INSTRUCTIONS: (1) Complete this form yourself. (2) Answer all questions truthfully and as fully as possible. (3) Attach all available supporting documentation. (4) Use explanation lines as necessary. (5) If you do not have the personal knowledge to answer a question, use the explanation lines to explain. By signing below you acknowledge that the failure to disclose known material information about the Property may result in liability.

#### MESSAGE TO THE BUYER:

Although Sellers are obligated to disclose all known material (important) facts about the Property, there are likely facts about the Property that the Sellers do not know. Therefore, it is important that you take an active role in obtaining information about the Property.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** (1) Review this form and any attachments carefully. (2) Verify all important information. (3) Ask about any incomplete or inadequate responses. (4) Inquire about any concerns not addressed on the SPDS. (5) Review all other applicable documents, such as environmental studies, CC&R's, association bylaws, surveys, title report or commitment, etc. (6) Obtain professional inspections of the Property. (7) Investigate the surrounding area. (8) Obtain such other professional advice as you deem necessary.

THE FOLLOWING ARE REPRESENTATIONS OF THE SELLER(S) AND ARE NOT VERIFIED BY THE BROKER(S) OR AGENT(S).

	A. OV	VNERSH	HIP AND PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION			
1.	THIS D	DISCLOS	URE CONCERNS THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY:			
2.	Addres	ss				
			, County , AZ, Zip			
			s) Approximate Year Built			
			Date Purchased			
6.	. Owner 🔲 Is 🔲 Is not occupying property. Owner 🔲 Has 🔲 Has not occupied the Property in the past.					
	B. PR	OPERT	Y TYPE			
7.			Industrial Retail Hotel/Motel/Resort Multi-family Other			
			— — — , —			
0		ILITIES	Y IS SERVED BY THE FOLLOWING UTILITIES:			
Ο.	YES	NO	PROVIDER			
9.			Septic System			
10.	$\overline{\Box}$		Sewer			
11.	$\overline{\Box}$	$\overline{\Box}$	Electric			
12.	$\overline{\Box}$	$\overline{\Box}$	Domestic Water Private Private			
13.			Well Registered Yes No If yes, Registration number:			
14.			If yes, complete and attach the <b>Domestic Water Well/Water Use Addendum</b> .			
15.			Fuel Supply Natural Gas Propane Other:			
16.			Garbage/Waste Collection  Public  Private			
17.			Fire Protection Public Private			
18.			Telephone			
19.			Irrigation			
20.			Cable TV			
21.			Satellite Dish			
22.			High Speed Internet Connection (Cable, T1, Fiber Optics, Etc.)			
23.			Other			
24.	Pleas	e describe	e any other items concerning utilities			
25.						
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	D. ACCESS/USE				
26.	ARE Y	YOU AW	ARE OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AFFECTING ACCESS OR USE OF THE PROPERTY?		
	YES	NO			
27.			Encroachments		
28.			Access Easements		
29.			Utility Easements		
30.			Unrecorded Easements		
31.	$\overline{\Box}$		Reciprocal Easement Agreement		
32.	$\overline{\sqcap}$	$\overline{\Box}$	Restrictions on Legal or Physical Access		
33.	$\overline{\Box}$	$\overline{\Box}$	Shared Use Agreements		
34.	$\Box$		Use Permits		
35.	$\overline{\Box}$		Deed Restricitions		
36.	H		Shared Fences/Walls		
37.	$\exists$	$\vdash$	Shared Driveways		
	H				
38.			Shared Signage		
39.	片	H	Leased Parking		
40.			Grandfathered Uses		
41.	片	Ц	Association Agreements		
42.			Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's)		
43.	Ш		Other (describe)		
44.	If the	answer	to any of the preceding is yes, please explain. (Attach additional sheets if necessary).		
45.					
46.					
	E. CO	OMPLIA	ANCE WITH LAW/LEGAL MATTERS		
47.			/ARE OF:		
	YES	NO			
48.			Any legal actions such as condemnation, pending or anticipated, that affect the Property?		
49.			Any tenant bankruptcy proceedings?		
50.	Any v	iolation	of laws or regulations of the following:		
51.			Zoning		
52.	$\overline{\sqcap}$	$\Box$	Building Code		
53.	$\overline{\Box}$	$\overline{\Box}$	Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)		
54.	$\overline{\Box}$	Ħ	Utility Service		
55.	$\Box$		Sanitary Health Regulations		
56.	H	H	Swimming Pools		
57.	$\exists$		Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's)		
58.	$\exists$	H	Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)		
	∐ If the	onowor:			
			to any of the preceding is yes, please explain and provide copies of any documentation you have pertaining to such		
61.		•	ch additional sheets if necessary)		
62.					
<b>-</b>	F CC	ONTRA	CTUAL OBLIGATIONS		
63.			ARE OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AFFECTING THE PROPERTY?		
	YES	NO			
64.			Tenant Leases or Subleases		
65.			Alarm/Security System Agreements		
66.			Property Management Agreements		
67.			Leased Equipment		
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	YES		
68.			Service Agreements such as Landscaping, Garbage/Waste Disposal
69.			Water Treatment Agreements
70.			Communications Systems or Cable System Agreements
71.			Other Equipment or Service Contracts or Agreements (describe)
72.	If the	ans	wer to any of the preceding is yes, please explain. (Attach additional sheets if necessary).
73.			
			RONMENTAL FACTORS
74.			J AWARE OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AFFECTING THE PROPERTY?
75.	YES		Hazards or hazardous materials on the Property, such as asbestos; chemicals used in the manufacture of
76.	ш	ш	methamphetamine, LSD or Ecstasy; PCB transformers; dumps; pesticides; radon; oil or chemicals, now or in the past?
77.	П		Fuel or insecticide storage tanks (above or underground) on the Property, now or in the past?
78.	$\Box$	$\Box$	Hazards or hazardous materials in close proximity to the Property, such as asbestos, dumps, pesticides, radon, oil,
79.			chemicals or underground fuel storage tanks, now or in the past?
80.	П		Location within an area currently of environmental concern, e.g., Superfund, Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF)
81.			or Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) sites, etc.?
82.	П	П	Current or proposed noises, such as airports, freeways, or rail lines?
83.	$\Box$	$\Box$	Location within the vicinity of an airport (military, public or private)?
84.	П	$\Box$	Area odors, nuisances or pollutants?
85.	$\overline{\Box}$	$\Box$	High voltage distribution towers or lines?
86.	Ħ	П	Soil settlement, expansion, fissures or erosion now or in the past?
87.			NOTICE TO BUYER: THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE PROVIDES EARTH FISSURE MAPS TO
88.			ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IN PRINTED OR ELECTRONIC FORMAT UPON REQUEST AND ON ITS WEB SITE
89. 90.			AT www.azre.gov. Situated on or near a sanitary landfill?
90.	H	H	Location in a flood plain/way?
92.	H	H	Water-caused damage?
93.	H	H	Mold growth or conditions conducive to mold?
94.	$\vdash$	H	Drywell (drainage)? If yes, Registration #
9 <del>4</del> .	☐ If the	⊔ ane	wer to any of the preceding is yes, please explain and provide copies of any documentation you have pertaining to such
			Attach additional sheets if necessary).
97.			
98.	Desc	cribe	any other known environmental factors that might affect the use or value of the Property
99.			
100.	Buye	ers ar	e advised to obtain an independent environmental assessment of the Property.
	<u>H. R</u>	REPO	DRTS/STUDIES
101.			HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CONCERNING THE PROPERTY?
100	YES	NO	Sails Tost Danort
102.		H	Soils Test Report
103. 104.		H	Land Survey Flood Plain Report
10 <del>4</del> . 105.		H	Septic/Waste Disposal Reports/Certifications
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106.	H	$\vdash$	Registrations of Wells  Any Environmental Site Accessments of Studies
107.	H	H	Any Environmental Site Assessments or Studies
108.			Title Reports Other
109. 110	∐ If tha	 . and	Other were to any of the preceding is yes, please explain and provide copies of any reports/studies you have pertaining to such
			wer to any of the preceding is yes, please explain and provide copies of any reports/studies you have pertaining to such Attach additional sheets if necessary)
112.		J. J. (/	Attach additional sheets if necessary).
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110.	YES NO			
114.		g or other modifications	made without necessary permits?	
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120.	☐ The Property being located in a de	-	ict?	
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122.		· · ·	or nearby Property, such as: new develo	opments, zonina
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124.		roperty or improvements	s and structures thereon that might affect	ct the decision of a
125.	•	· ·	S	
126.	Any defects/problems with the he	ating, ventilating, air cor	nditioning, plumbing, electrical, fire safet	y, security,
127.	or lighting systems?			
128.	If the answer to any of the preceding is yes,	please explain and pro	vide copies of any documentation you h	ave pertaining to such
	matters. (Attach additional sheets if necessary	•	, ,	3
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	What other material (important) information	are vou aware of conce	rning the Property that might affect the I	Buver's decision-making
	process, the value of the Property, or its use	•		-
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134	SELLER CERTIFICATION: Seller certifies	that the information of	ontained herein is true and complete	a to Seller's knowledge as
	of the date signed. Seller agrees that any m			
	to Close of Escrow.	•		, , ,
127				
137.	^ SELLER'S SIGNATURE	MO/DA/YR	^ SELLER'S SIGNATURE	MO/DA/YF
138.				
	SELLER'S NAME PRINTED		SELLER'S NAME PRINTED	
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140.	Its:			
140.	its			
141.	Reviewed and updated: Initials: _	1		
	• -	SELLER SELLER	MO/DA/YR	
142.	BUYER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REC	CEIPT: Buyer acknowle	dges that the information contained h	erein is based only on the
143.	Seller's knowledge and is not a warranty of	f any kind. Buyer ackno	wledges that it is Buyer's obligation to	investigate all material facts
	regarding the property to Buyer's satisfaction			
	obtain other independent professional coun copy of this Seller's Property Disclosure Sta		cessary. By signing below, Buyer hereb	y acknowledges receipt of a
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	II buver disapproves or is concerned about any	y item in this disclosure, ii	is the Buyer's responsibility and not the re	esponsibility of the broker(s) of
147.	agent(s) to investigate such items and to sa	itisfy Buyer as to the cor	idition of the Property within the Buver's	Due Diligence Period.
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151. <b>By:</b>			

152.

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