





8 Important Preliminary title report items

1. Vesting

If title doesn't include a name, look for a real estate contract as an exception in the pre-lim report. If there is none, check legal description to make sure that the property in the pre-lim is the same as that shown in the purchase and sale agreement.

2. Taxes and Assessments

look for an exemption designation that would change the tax amount as a result of the sale, then disclose this to the buyer.

3. Deed of Trust

Deeds of Trust that are paid off but not reconveyed require a reconveyance from the trustee or a court order to remove it from the record. Upon proof of payment, the title company may insure around the encumbrance.

4. Identity Matters

Judgements and Liens may be eliminated with an identity affdavit, commonly known as Statement of Information, if they do not affect the party in question. If they do affect the party buy have been paid and not satisfed, a release must be obtained and recorded or fled to eliminate these matters.

5. Pending Actions

A civil action affecting real property will generally have to be dismissed before title to the land can be insured. Please check with your Title offce for details.

6. Joint Use Matters

Driveways, party walls and access easements may prompt a lender to require a joint maintenance agreement.

7. Extended Coverage Matters

If a physical inspection of the property discloses encroachments, lien rights or other matters, these must be addressed before the lender will close.

8. Legal Description

The legal description should always be compared to the legal description in the purchase and sale agreement to be sure that all the property being conveyed has been included in the preliminary title report.



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