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Understanding Recurring and Non-Recurring Closing Costs

There are two types of costs, (expenses) in an escrow: recurring costs and non-recurring costs. The information below will define and give examples of both.

RECURRING COSTS

Costs which the party pays at closing but will continue to occur or be repeated after the escrow closes as a cost of maintaining the property.

- Interest on the New Loan
- Real Property Taxes
- Homeowner's Association Dues
- Fire Insurance Premium

NON-RECURRING COSTS

Costs which are charged ONE TIME ONLY as an expense of closing the transaction.

- Escrow Fees
- Notary Fees
- Messenger Fees
- Title Company Expenses such as:

Title Insurance Premium

Endorsements to Title Policies

Sub-Escrow Fee which may be due to Title Company

Reconveyance Fees

Documentary Transfer Tax

• In the case of a refinance:

Fees Associated with Making an Existing Loan Payoff

- Transfer or Document Fees to a Homeowner's Association
- In the case of a sale:

Real Estate Broker Commissions

Fees for Property Disclosures or City Reports

Transaction Coordinator Fee

Home Warranty Premium

• Lender's Costs such as:

Appraisal

Credit Report

Loan Origination

Loan Processing

Document Fees

Tax Service Contract