

Disclosure pertaining to Chapter 2023-33 (Senate Bill 264), Interests of Foreign Countries

The purpose of this notice is to disclose information pertaining to Florida Law that <u>may or may not</u> be relevant to your transaction.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed Ch. No. 2023-33 (Senate Bill 264), Interests of Foreign Countries, effective July 1, 2023. The law, in part, limits and regulates the sale, purchase and ownership of certain properties in Florida by foreign principals, persons and entities described in Part III of Chapter 692, Florida Statutes.

We are providing you with the attached Affidavit to have signed, notarized and returned. If you are not able to comply with this request, it will NOT delay your closing, as it is not a title requirement but may be a requirement of your sales contract. We are providing in the interest of disclosure.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE. PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE DEFINED AS "FOREIGN PRINCIPALS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES OF CONCERN" SHOULD CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY BEFORE PURCHASING OR ACQUIRING ANY INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY IN FLORIDA ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2023. LAND ACQUIRED IN VIOLATION OF THIS LAW MAY BE FORFEITED TO THE STATE.

AFFIDAVIT

[Part III, Ch. 692 F.S. - Conveyances to Foreign Entities - By Individual Buyer]

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly authorized to take acknowledgments and administer oaths, personally appeared ______ ("Affiant") who deposes and says under penalties of perjury that:

(When used "Affiant" and "Buyer" include singular or plural as context so requires or admits.)

1. Affiant is purchasing or acquiring an interest in the following described real property:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTION

- 2. Affiant has read the Notice below and has been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney.
- 3. Affiant is (Initial which is applicable):

Not a Foreign Principal as defined in §692.201, F.S. and is in compliance with the requirements set out in §692.202-205, F.S.

OR

A Foreign Principal as defined in §692.201, F.S. and is in compliance with the requirements set out in §692.202-205, F.S.

4. Affiant acknowledges the foregoing representations will be relied upon to establish compliance with the law.

(Affiant)				
Print Name:				
Address:				
STATE OF, (COUNTY OF			
Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed bef	ore me by means	s of 🛛 physica	al presence or 🛛 onlin	e notarization this
day of	, 20	, by		who
\Box is personally known or \Box has produced _				
Notary Public				
Printed Name:				

My Commission Expires:

The attached affidavits and notice were drafted as suggestions to the Florida Real Estate Commission to be adopted by Rule pursuant to Laws of Florida Chapter 2023-33. That process will likely not be finalized prior to the July 1, 2023 effective date of the law.

Publication of this form is not legal advice, guidance, or an endorsement of its use, however the Florida Land Title Association is providing it as a possible form of the Buyer's affidavit required under Chapter 2023-33 for use until the Florida Real Estate Commission adopts official forms for use under this law.

After the official form(s) is finalized by the Florida Real Estate Commission, only that form(s) should be used.

NOTICE: FLORIDA NOW RESTRICTS THE SALE OF PROPERTY TO FOREIGN PRINCIPALS (Secs. 692.202-205, F.S.)

Effective July 1, 2023, *foreign principals* of these *foreign countries of concern* are prohibited from purchasing or acquiring any interest in certain types of Florida real property, subject to limited exceptions:

- The People's Republic of China
- The Russian Federation
- The Islamic Republic of Iran
- The Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- The Republic of Cuba
- The Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro
- The Syrian Arab Republic
- Any agency of or any other entity of significant control of such foreign country of concern

BUYERS ARE A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL IF ANY OF THESE APPLY TO THEM:

- (a) The government or any official of the government of a foreign country of concern;
- (b) A political party or member of a political party or any subdivision of a political party in a foreign country of concern;
- (c) A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern, or a subsidiary of such entity;
- (d) Any person who is domiciled in a foreign country of concern and is not a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States, or
- (e) Any person, entity, or collection of persons or entities, described in paragraphs (a) through (d) having a controlling interest in a partnership, association, corporation, organization, trust, or any other legal entity or subsidiary formed for the purpose of owning real property in Florida.

IF A BUYER IS A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL, FLORIDA LAW <u>PROHIBITS</u> THEM:

 From purchasing or acquiring any interest in real property in Florida classified as agricultural land¹ or within 5 miles of a military installation.²

- With limited exceptions, from purchasing or acquiring any interest in real property in Florida within 10 miles of a critical infrastructure facility³ or military installation.
- NOTE: Foreign principals of the People's Republic China are prohibited from purchasing or acquiring any interest in <u>any</u> real property in Florida regardless of its classification, subject to the Limited Residential Exception and Diplomatic Purposes Exception described below.

CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS MAY APPLY:

- <u>Limited Residential Exception</u> If the Buyer is a 'natural person' subject to the law, they may still purchase one residential real property, up to 2 acres in size, if all of the following apply:
 - (a) The parcel is not on or within 5 miles of any military installation;
 - (b) Buyer has a current verified United States visa that is not limited to authorizing tourist-based travel or official documentation confirming that the person has been granted asylum in the United States and such visa or documentation authorizes the person to be legally present in Florida;
 - (c) The purchase is in the Buyer's name, i.e., the name of the person who holds the visa or official documentation described in paragraph (b), and
 - (d) The Buyer is only entitled to one residential property as described above.
- <u>Diplomatic Purposes Exception</u> The real property is for diplomatic purposes as recognized, acknowledged, or allowed by the Federal Government

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BY SIGNING BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE HAVING REVIEWED THE ABOVE NOTICE.

Buyer:

Dated: _____