

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE
FOR
PARCEL MERGER
(UPDATED JULY 2020)**

In accordance with Government Code Section 66499.20.3/4 a parcel merger must be of contiguous lots under common ownership without reverting to acreage. The primary function of this process is to comply with California Subdivision Map Act Code Section 66499.35 for Certificate of Compliance.

FROM OWNER

1. A Preliminary Title Report not more than three (3) months old for subject properties.
2. A completed Owner's Affidavit for Parcel Merger. A notary public acknowledgement must accompany all signatures.
3. Any Deeds of Trust for security also need to be signed by the Beneficiary Deed of Trust (as shown in your Title Report) and submitted prior to FINAL City approval. Lending institutions may charge processing fees, and all applicable fees will be paid for by the applicant. A notary public acknowledgement must accompany all signatures.
4. Corporations, LPs, & LLCs named as owners must submit Articles of Incorporation, specifically naming the officers and their titles, specifying their powers in real estate transactions. Trusts named as owners must submit trust documents naming trustees, specifying their powers in real estate transactions.
5. A Preliminary Change of Ownership Report (PCOOR) is required by Riverside County Recorder-Assessor to be filled out and signed by the Owner. Form will be submitted at the time of recording. Signature DOES NOT require a notary acknowledgement.
6. A Document Transfer Tax Affidavit (DTTA) is required to be filled out and signed by the Riverside County Recorder-Assessor and submitted at the time of recording.
7. Please check the City website for the latest fee amount. Please call the Engineering Services department to pay the fee with a credit card. If you want to pay by check, you must mail check and all paperwork to:

City of Palm Springs Engineering Services
3200 Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262
RE: PM Application

FROM THE ENGINEER/SURVEYOR

NOTE: Registered engineers CANNOT prepare and seal a legal description unless they are licensed BEFORE January 1, 1982 (registration number must be lower than 33965).

1. Legal descriptions of existing lots to be adjusted. Descriptions should follow those shown in title report.

EXHIBIT "A":

- a. Legal descriptions of existing lots to be merged. Descriptions should follow those shown in title report.

- b. Approved METES and BOUNDS legal descriptions of final parcels after adjustments, labeled as EXHIBIT "A", along with a closure report for each parcel.
- c. Closure reports for each final parcel configuration. exposure

EXHIBIT "B":

- a. Plat of final parcel merger, labeled as EXHIBIT "B" 8-1/2" X 11" plat, on city form, prepared by a qualified professional (see item 1 above), which will show lot lines to be adjusted, in its existing position and new position. New parcel lines will be significantly bolder to distinguish them from existing lot lines.
- b. Bearings and distances for new parcels will be shown sufficient to clearly indicate what is being proposed. County Recorder will not accept text smaller than 0.10-inch. 0.125-inch is a standard text height. Indicate if new bearings and distances are different from recorded information. Tables may be used if so desired.
- c. Building footprint and outlines of all existing structures with dimensions to nearest NEW PARCEL BOUNDARIES to verify compliance with current setback requirements.
- d. Location map of site within City of Palm Springs showing nearest intersecting major thoroughfares.
- e. North arrow, pointing up or to the left with scale of drawing. Scale must be sufficient to clearly show what is being contemplated. Use engineer's scale only.
- f. Show Assessor's parcel number or Tract/Parcel map lot numbers of each existing lot.
- g. Show final square footage and acreage for final parcel.
- h. Signature area per attached example. DWG/PDF files can be downloaded from our website.

SUBSEQUENT SUBMITTALS: Corrections should be submitted through the SharePoint LINK provided to the consultant by the City Plan Checker via email.

FINAL SUBMITTAL: 1 set of original legal descriptions and exhibits signed and sealed by qualified professional and submitted to City Plan Checker for final sign-off.

Internal Routing:

1. Applicant/consultant will email application and required paperwork to the Palm Springs Engineering Department at engineering-submit@palmspringsca.gov.
2. The City will contact applicant/consultant to process application fee, if it hasn't already (See 6.). Once fee is processed, the City will forward the required paperwork and application to City Plan Checker for review and comment.
3. Plan Checker will email to the consultant (see Account Setup) with a link to download the review comments and redlines. Consultant will address comments and upload new documents per the link on the same email. **This process will repeat as needed until all plan checker comments are completely addressed.**
4. City will email document to the Consultant/Owner for notarized signature on Grant Deed. City will also request a check for County recording fees amount based on the final number of pages of the completed document.
5. After the consultant has addressed all review comments, the plan checker will email a signed approval letter to consultant.

6. The consultant will transmit sealed and signed original documents to the Plan Checker as per their instructions. They will mail original signed Grant Deed and Riverside County forms to the City. The Plan Checker will mail final Exhibits "A" and "B" documents to the City.
7. The Director of Planning Services and the City Engineer shall give a final review and sign the final Parcel Merger documents.
8. The City will transmit final signature documents and check for recording fees to Riverside County Recorder. The City will email the consultant/owner recorded documents after they are recorded, and retain original recorded documents in their archives.



CITY OF PALM SPRINGS

PARCEL MERGER

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 66499.20.3/4
GOVERNMENT CODE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Legal description of lots or parcels to be adjusted:

Address of Property(ies): _____

Section _____, Township ____ North, Range _____ South, S.B.B. & M.

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ / _____ /
_____ / _____ / _____

Area of lots or parcels, after adjustment _____

Zoning _____ General Plan _____

Reason for Request:

- Adjust lot line(s)
- Reduce No. of lots
- Proposed Development: _____
- Planning Dept. Case No. _____
- Planner Name: _____

Are you requesting a variance from lot or parcel size, width or depth for final lot or parcel? Yes ___ No ___

Reason: _____

Name of Owner _____

Address _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Name of Owner _____

Address _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

PARCEL MERGER
EXIISTING LEGAL DESCRIPTION
PM YY-XX

LOT 1:

RECORDED LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF EXISTIING LOT BOUNDARY

LOT 2:

RECORDED LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF EXISTIING LOT BOUNDARY

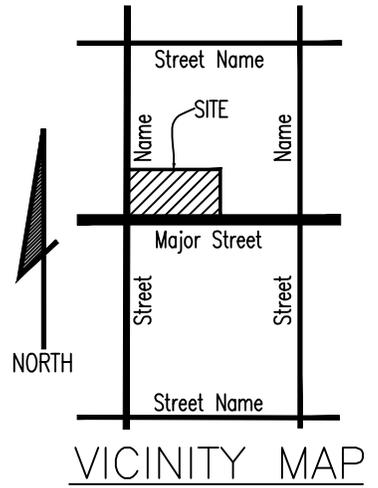
EXHIBIT "A"

PARCEL MERGER
APPROVED LEGAL DESCRIPTION
PM YY-XX

PARCEL A:

METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION OF NEW PARCEL BOUNDARY

EXHIBIT "B"



CITY OF PALM SPRINGS ENGINEERING SERVICES

APPROVED:

DATE
7648
P.L.S.

ERIK HOWARD, Engineering Resources Inc.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

SEE EXHIBIT "A"

DRAWN BY: XXX	SCALE: 1"=XX'	CPS FILE NO. R XX-XX
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CHECKED BY: XXX	DATE: XX/XX/XX	SHEET NO. 1 OF X
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ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

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DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX AFFIDAVIT

WARNING

ANY PERSON WHO MAKES ANY MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION OF FACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING ALL OR ANY PART OF THE DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR UNDER SECTION 5 OF ORDINANCE 516 OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND IS SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION FOR SUCH OFFENSE.

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. _____ -- _____ -- _____ I declare that the documentary transfer tax for this
Property Address: _____ transaction is: \$ _____.

If this transaction is exempt from Documentary Transfer Tax, the reason must be identified below.

I CLAIM THAT THIS TRANSACTION IS EXEMPT FROM DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX BECAUSE: (The Sections listed below are taken from the Revenue and Taxation Code with the exception of items 9 and 10 which are taken from Riverside County Ordinance 516). Please check one or explain in "Other".

1. ____Section 11911. The consideration or value of the property, exclusive of any liens and encumbrances is \$100.00 or less and there is no additional consideration received by the grantor.
2. ____Section 11911. The conveyance transfers to a revocable living trust by the grantor or from a revocable living trust to a beneficiary.
3. ____Section 11921. The conveyance was given to secure a debt.
4. ____Section 11922. The conveyance is to a governmental entity or political subdivision.
5. ____Section 11925. The transfer is between individuals and a legal entity or partnership, or between legal entities and does not change the proportional interests held.
6. ____Section 11926. The conveyance is to a grantee who is the foreclosing beneficiary and the consideration paid by the foreclosing beneficiary does not exceed the unpaid debt.
7. ____Section 11927. The conveyance relates to a dissolution of marriage or legal separation.
(A spouse must sign a written recital in order to claim this exemption. This form may be used for that purpose.)
8. ____Section 11930. The conveyance is an *inter vivos* gift* or a transfer by death.
***Please be aware that information stated on this document may be given to and used by governmental agencies, including the Internal Revenue Service. Also, certain gifts in excess of the annual Federal gift tax exemption may trigger a Federal Gift Tax. In such cases, the Transferor (donor/grantor) may be required to file Form 709 (Federal Gift Tax Return) with the Internal Revenue Service.**
9. ____Section 8. The easement is **not** perpetual, permanent, or for life.
10. ____Section 9. The document is a lease for a term of **less** than (35) years (including written options.)
11. ____Other (Include explanation and legal authority) Lots are owned by the same entity .The intent of Parcel Merger
PM _____ with the California Subdivision Map Act Code Section 66499.20.3 for a Certificate of Compliance.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____
City State

Signature of Affiant

Printed Name of Affiant

Name of Firm (if applicable)

Address of Affiant (including City, State, and Zip Code)

Telephone Number of Affiant (including area code)

This form is subject to the California Public Records Act (Government Code 6250 et. seq.)

For Recorder's Use:

Affix PCOR Label Here

PRELIMINARY CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP REPORT

To be completed by the transferee (buyer) prior to a transfer of subject property, in accordance with section 480.3 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. A Preliminary Change of Ownership Report must be filed with each conveyance in the County Recorder's office for the county where the property is located.

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF BUYER/TRANSFeree
(Make necessary corrections to the printed name and mailing address)

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ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER

SELLER/TRANSFEROR

BUYER'S DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER

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BUYER'S EMAIL ADDRESS

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STREET ADDRESS OR PHYSICAL LOCATION OF REAL PROPERTY

MAIL PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION TO (NAME)

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

YES NO This property is intended as my principal residence. If YES, please indicate the date of occupancy or intended occupancy.

MO

DAY

YEAR

PART 1. TRANSFER INFORMATION

Please complete all statements.

This section contains possible exclusions from reassessment for certain types of transfers.

YES NO

- A. This transfer is solely between spouses (*addition or removal of a spouse, death of a spouse, divorce settlement, etc.*).
- B. This transfer is solely between domestic partners currently registered with the California Secretary of State (*addition or removal of a partner, death of a partner, termination settlement, etc.*).
- *C. This is a transfer: between parent(s) and child(ren) from grandparent(s) to grandchild(ren).
- *D. This transfer is the result of a cotenant's death. Date of death _____
- *E. This transaction is to replace a principal residence by a person 55 years of age or older. Within the same county? YES NO
- *F. This transaction is to replace a principal residence by a person who is severely disabled as defined by Revenue and Taxation Code section 69.5. Within the same county? YES NO
- G. This transaction is only a correction of the name(s) of the person(s) holding title to the property (*e.g., a name change upon marriage*). If YES, please explain: _____
- H. The recorded document creates, terminates, or reconveys a lender's interest in the property.
- I. This transaction is recorded only as a requirement for financing purposes or to create, terminate, or reconvey a security interest (*e.g., cosigner*). If YES, please explain: _____
- J. The recorded document substitutes a trustee of a trust, mortgage, or other similar document.
- K. This is a transfer of property:
 - 1. to/from a revocable trust that may be revoked by the transferor and is for the benefit of the transferor, and/or the transferor's spouse registered domestic partner.
 - 2. to/from a trust that may be revoked by the creator/grantor/trustor who is also a joint tenant, and which names the other joint tenant(s) as beneficiaries when the creator/grantor/trustor dies.
 - 3. to/from an irrevocable trust for the benefit of the creator/grantor/trustor and/or grantor's/trustor's spouse grantor's/trustor's registered domestic partner.
- L. This property is subject to a lease with a remaining lease term of 35 years or more including written options.
- M. This is a transfer between parties in which proportional interests of the transferor(s) and transferee(s) in each and every parcel being transferred remain exactly the same after the transfer.
- N. This is a transfer subject to subsidized low-income housing requirements with governmentally imposed restrictions.
- *O. This transfer is to the first purchaser of a new building containing an active solar energy system.

* Please refer to the instructions for Part 1.

Please provide any other information that will help the Assessor understand the nature of the transfer.

PART 2. OTHER TRANSFER INFORMATION

Check and complete as applicable.

A. Date of transfer, if other than recording date: _____

B. Type of transfer:

- Purchase Foreclosure Gift Trade or exchange Merger, stock, or partnership acquisition (Form BOE-100-B)
- Contract of sale. Date of contract: _____ Inheritance. Date of death: _____
- Sale/leaseback Creation of a lease Assignment of a lease Termination of a lease. Date lease began: _____

Original term in years (including written options): _____ Remaining term in years (including written options): _____

Other. Please explain: **PARCEL MERGER PM** _____

C. Only a partial interest in the property was transferred. YES NO If YES, indicate the percentage transferred: _____ %

PART 3. PURCHASE PRICE AND TERMS OF SALE

Check and complete as applicable.

A. Total purchase price \$ _____

B. Cash down payment or value of trade or exchange excluding closing costs Amount \$ _____

C. First deed of trust @ _____% interest for _____ years. Monthly payment \$ _____ Amount \$ _____

FHA (___Discount Points) Cal-Vet VA (___Discount Points) Fixed rate Variable rate

Bank/Savings & Loan/Credit Union Loan carried by seller

Balloon payment \$ _____ Due date: _____

D. Second deed of trust @ _____% interest for _____ years. Monthly payment \$ _____ Amount \$ _____

Fixed rate Variable rate Bank/Savings & Loan/Credit Union Loan carried by seller

Balloon payment \$ _____ Due date: _____

E. Was an Improvement Bond or other public financing assumed by the buyer? YES NO Outstanding balance \$ _____

F. Amount, if any, of real estate commission fees paid by the buyer which are not included in the purchase price \$ _____

G. The property was purchased: Through real estate broker. Broker name: _____ Phone number: (____) _____

Direct from seller From a family member-Relationship _____

Other. Please explain: _____

H. Please explain any special terms, seller concessions, broker/agent fees waived, financing, and any other information (e.g., buyer assumed the existing loan balance) that would assist the Assessor in the valuation of your property.

PART 4. PROPERTY INFORMATION

Check and complete as applicable.

A. Type of property transferred

- Single-family residence Co-op/Own-your-own Manufactured home
- Multiple-family residence. Number of units: _____ Condominium Unimproved lot
- Other. Description: (i.e., timber, mineral, water rights, etc.) Timeshare Commercial/Industrial

B. YES NO Personal/business property, or incentives, provided by seller to buyer are included in the purchase price. Examples of personal property are furniture, farm equipment, machinery, etc. Examples of incentives are club memberships, etc. Attach list if available.

If YES, enter the value of the personal/business property: \$ _____ Incentives \$ _____

C. YES NO A manufactured home is included in the purchase price.

If YES, enter the value attributed to the manufactured home: \$ _____

YES NO The manufactured home is subject to local property tax. If NO, enter decal number: _____

D. YES NO The property produces rental or other income.

If YES, the income is from: Lease/rent Contract Mineral rights Other: _____

E. The condition of the property at the time of sale was: Good Average Fair Poor

Please describe: _____

CERTIFICATION

I certify (or declare) that the foregoing and all information hereon, including any accompanying statements or documents, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF BUYER/TRANSFeree OR CORPORATE OFFICER ▶	DATE	TELEPHONE (____) _____
NAME OF BUYER/TRANSFeree/LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE/CORPORATE OFFICER (PLEASE PRINT)	TITLE	EMAIL ADDRESS

The Assessor's office may contact you for additional information regarding this transaction.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please answer all questions in each section, and sign and complete the certification before filing. This form may be used in all 58 California counties. If a document evidencing a change in ownership is presented to the Recorder for recordation without the concurrent filing of a *Preliminary Change of Ownership Report*, the Recorder may charge an additional recording fee of twenty dollars (\$20).

NOTICE: The property which you acquired may be subject to a supplemental assessment in an amount to be determined by the County Assessor. Supplemental assessments are not paid by the title or escrow company at close of escrow, and are not included in lender impound accounts. **You may be responsible for the current or upcoming property taxes even if you do not receive the tax bill.**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF BUYER: Please make necessary corrections to the printed name and mailing address. Enter Assessor's Parcel Number, name of seller, buyer's daytime telephone number, buyer's email address, and street address or physical location of the real property.

NOTE: Your telephone number and/or email address is very important. If there is a question or a problem, the Assessor needs to be able to contact you.

MAIL PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION TO: Enter the name, address, city, state, and zip code where property tax information should be mailed. This must be a valid mailing address.

PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE: To help you determine your principal residence, consider (1) where you are registered to vote, (2) the home address on your automobile registration, and (3) where you normally return after work. If after considering these criteria you are still uncertain, choose the place at which you have spent the major portion of your time this year. Check YES if the property is intended as your principal residence, and indicate the date of occupancy or intended occupancy.

PART 1: TRANSFER INFORMATION

If you check YES to any of these statements, the Assessor may ask for supporting documentation.

C,D,E, F: If you checked YES to any of these statements, you may qualify for a property tax reassessment exclusion, which may allow you to maintain your property's previous tax base. **A claim form must be filed and all requirements met in order to obtain any of these exclusions.** Contact the Assessor for claim forms. **NOTE:** If you give someone money or property during your life, you may be subject to federal gift tax. You make a gift if you give property (including money), the use of property, or the right to receive income from property without expecting to receive something of at least equal value in return. The transferor (donor) may be required to file Form 709, Federal Gift Tax Return, with the Internal Revenue Service if they make gifts in excess of the annual exclusion amount.

G: Check YES if the reason for recording is to correct a name already on title [e.g., Mary Jones, who acquired title as Mary J. Smith, is granting to Mary Jones]. This is not for use when a name is being removed from title.

H: Check YES if the change involves a lender, who holds title for security purposes on a loan, and who has no other beneficial interest in the property.

"Beneficial interest" is the right to enjoy all the benefits of property ownership. Those benefits include the right to use, sell, mortgage, or lease the property to another. A beneficial interest can be held by the beneficiary of a trust, while legal control of the trust is held by the trustee.

I: A **"cosigner"** is a third party to a mortgage/loan who provides a guarantee that a loan will be repaid. The cosigner signs an agreement with the lender stating that if the borrower fails to repay the loan, the cosigner will assume legal liability for it.

M: This is primarily for use when the transfer is into, out of, or between legal entities such as partnerships, corporations, or limited liability companies. Check YES only if the interest held in each and every parcel being transferred remains exactly the same.

N: Check YES only if property is subject to subsidized low-income housing requirements with governmentally imposed restrictions; property may qualify for a restricted valuation method (i.e., may result in lower taxes).

O: If you checked YES, you may qualify for a new construction property tax exclusion. **A claim form must be filed and all requirements met in order to obtain the exclusion. Contact the Assessor for a claim form.**

PART 2: OTHER TRANSFER INFORMATION

A: The date of recording is rebuttably presumed to be the date of transfer. If you believe the date of transfer was a different date (e.g., the transfer was by an unrecorded contract, or a lease identifies a specific start date), put the date you believe is the correct transfer date. If it is not the date of recording, the Assessor may ask you for supporting documentation.

B: Check the box that corresponds to the type of transfer. If OTHER is checked, please provide a detailed description. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

PART 3: PURCHASE PRICE AND TERMS OF SALE

It is important to complete this section completely and accurately. The reported purchase price and terms of sale are important factors in determining the assessed value of the property, which is used to calculate your property tax bill. Your failure to provide any required or requested information may result in an inaccurate assessment of the property and in an overpayment or underpayment of taxes.

A. Enter the total purchase price, not including closing costs or mortgage insurance.

“Mortgage insurance” is insurance protecting a lender against loss from a mortgagor’s default, issued by the FHA or a private mortgage insurer.

B. Enter the amount of the down payment, whether paid in cash or by an exchange. If through an exchange, exclude the closing costs.

“Closing costs” are fees and expenses, over and above the price of the property, incurred by the buyer and/or seller, which include title searches, lawyer’s fees, survey charges, and document recording fees.

C. Enter the amount of the First Deed of Trust, if any. Check all the applicable boxes, and complete the information requested.

A **“balloon payment”** is the final installment of a loan to be paid in an amount that is disproportionately larger than the regular installment.

D. Enter the amount of the Second Deed of Trust, if any. Check all the applicable boxes, and complete the information requested.

E. If there was an assumption of an improvement bond or other public financing with a remaining balance, enter the outstanding balance, and mark the applicable box.

An **“improvement bond or other public financing”** is a lien against real property due to property-specific improvement financing, such as green or solar construction financing, assessment district bonds, Mello-Roos (a form of financing that can be used by cities, counties and special districts to finance major improvements and services within the particular district) or general improvement bonds, etc. Amounts for repayment of contractual assessments are included with the annual property tax bill.

F. Enter the amount of any real estate commission fees paid by the buyer which are not included in the purchase price.

G. If the property was purchased through a real estate broker, check that box and enter the broker’s name and phone number. If the property was purchased directly from the seller (who is not a family member of one of the parties purchasing the property), check the “Direct from seller” box. If the property was purchased directly from a member of your family, or a family member of one of the parties who is purchasing the property, check the “From a family member” box and indicate the relationship of the family member (e.g., father, aunt, cousin, etc.). If the property was purchased by some other means (e.g., over the Internet, at auction, etc.), check the “OTHER” box and provide a detailed description (attach a separate sheet if necessary).

H. Describe any special terms (e.g., seller retains an unrecorded life estate in a portion of the property, etc.), seller concessions (e.g., seller agrees to replace roof, seller agrees to certain interior finish work, etc.), broker/agent fees waived (e.g., fees waived by the broker/agent for either the buyer or seller), financing, buyer paid commissions, and any other information that will assist the Assessor in determining the value of the property.

PART 4: PROPERTY INFORMATION

A. Indicate the property type or property right transferred. Property rights may include water, timber, mineral rights, etc.

B. Check YES if personal, business property or incentives are included in the purchase price in Part 3. Examples of personal or business property are furniture, farm equipment, machinery, etc. Examples of incentives are club memberships (golf, health, etc.), ski lift tickets, homeowners’ dues, etc. Attach a list of items and their purchase price allocation. An adjustment will not be made if a detailed list is not provided.

C. Check YES if a manufactured home or homes are included in the purchase price. Indicate the purchase price directly attributable to each of the manufactured homes. If the manufactured home is registered through the Department of Motor Vehicles in lieu of being subject to property taxes, check NO and enter the decal number.

D. Check YES if the property was purchased or acquired with the intent to rent or lease it out to generate income, and indicate the source of that anticipated income. Check NO if the property will not generate income, or was purchased with the intent of being owner-occupied.

E. Provide your opinion of the condition of the property at the time of purchase. If the property is in “fair” or “poor” condition, include a brief description of repair needed.