PROPERTY TAX GUIDE California



- 1. The California Constitution provides a \$7,000 reduction in the taxable value for a qualifying owner-occupied home. The home must have been the principal place of residence of the owner on the lien date, January 1st. To claim the exemption, the homeowner must make a one-time filing of a simple form with the county assessor where the property is located. The claim form, BOE-266, Claim for Homeowners' Property Tax Exemption, is available from the county assessor. A person filing for the first time on a property may file anytime after the property or claimant becomes eligible, but no later than February 15 to receive the full exemption for that year. Source http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/exempt.htm#8
- 2. Contact your County Tax Assessor for information on penalties and fees for late payments. http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/assessors.htm
- 3. Property may be sold at public auction after 5 years of delinquency.

Tax Impound Reserve Schedule						Property Tax Proration	
Closing Month		Pay 1 st in Escrow	Pay 2 nd in Escrow	No. Months Required By Lender to Impound		Charge	Credit
January	March			6		No Proration	No Proration
February	y April		\checkmark	1		Collect 2 nd Installment from Seller's Account	Credit Seller 5 months
March	May		\checkmark	2		Charge Buyer 4 months	Credit Seller 4 months
April	June		\checkmark	3		Charge Buyer 3 months	Credit Seller 3 months
May	July			4		Charge Buyer 2 months	Credit Seller 2 months
June	August			5		Charge Buyer 1 month	Credit Seller 1 month
July	September			6		No Proration	No Proration
August	October			7		Charge Seller 1 month	Credit Buyer 1 month
Septembe	er November			8		Charge Seller 2 months	Credit Buyer 2 months
October	r December	\checkmark		3		Charge Seller 3 months	Credit Buyer 3 months
Novembe	er January	√		4	(Collect 1st Installment Taxes from Seller Account Charge Buyer 2 Months	Credit Seller 2 months
Decembe	er February	√		5		Charge Buyer 1 month	Credit Seller 1 month

^{*}The number of months shown above are estimates and may vary according to individual lender requirements.

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