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- AN ACT Relating to deeds of trust; and amending RCW 61.24.005,
- 2 61.24.010, 61.24.030, 61.24.040, 61.24.045, 61.24.130, and 61.24.135.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 61.24.005 and 1998 c 295 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
 - (1) "Grantor" means a person, or its successors, who executes a deed of trust to encumber the person's interest in property as security for the performance of all or part of the borrower's obligations.
 - (2) "Beneficiary" means the holder of the instrument or document evidencing the obligations secured by the deed of trust, excluding persons holding the same as security for a different obligation.
- 14 (3) "Affiliate of beneficiary" means any entity which controls, is 15 controlled by, or is under common control with a beneficiary.
- 16 (4) "Trustee" means the person designated as the trustee in the 17 deed of trust or appointed under RCW 61.24.010(2).
- 18 (5) "Borrower" means a person or a general partner in a 19 partnership, including a joint venture, that is liable for all or part

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of the obligations secured by the deed of trust under the instrument or other document that is the principal evidence of such obligations, or the person's successors if they are liable for those obligations under a written agreement with the beneficiary.

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- (6) "Guarantor" means any person and its successors who is not a borrower and who guarantees any of the obligations secured by a deed of trust in any written agreement other than the deed of trust.
- (7) "Commercial loan" means a loan that is not made primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
- (8) "Trustee's sale" means a nonjudicial sale under a deed of trust undertaken pursuant to this chapter.
 - (9) "Fair value" means the value of the property encumbered by a deed of trust that is sold pursuant to a trustee's sale. This value shall be determined by the court or other appropriate adjudicator by reference to the most probable price, as of the date of the trustee's sale, which would be paid in cash or other immediately available funds, after deduction of prior liens and encumbrances with interest to the date of the trustee's sale, for which the property would sell on such date after reasonable exposure in the market under conditions requisite to a fair sale, with the buyer and seller each acting prudently, knowledgeably, and for self-interest, and assuming that neither is under duress.
- 23 (10) "Record" and "recorded" includes the appropriate registration 24 proceedings, in the instance of registered land.
- 25 (11) "Person" means any natural person, or legal or governmental entity.
 - (12) "Residential property" means property upon which four or fewer residential units are located and one of the residential units is occupied by the borrower or the borrower's minor or dependent children as their principal residence from and after the date the foreclosure is commenced.
- 32 **Sec. 2.** RCW 61.24.010 and 1998 c 295 s 2 are each amended to read 33 as follows:
 - (1) The trustee of a deed of trust under this chapter shall be:
- 35 (a) Any domestic corporation incorporated under Title 23B, 30, 31, 36 32, or 33 RCW of which at least one officer is a Washington resident;

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1 (b) Any title insurance company authorized to insure title to real 2 property under the laws of this state, or its agents; or

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- (c) Any attorney who is an active member of the Washington state bar association at the time the attorney is named trustee; or
- 5 (d) Any professional corporation incorporated under chapter 18.100 RCW, any professional limited liability company formed under chapter 6 7 25.15 RCW, any general partnership, including limited liability partnerships, formed under chapter 25.04 RCW, 8 all of shareholders, members, or partners, respectively, are either licensed 9 10 attorneys or entities, provided all of the owners of those entities are licensed attorneys, or any domestic corporation wholly owned by any of 11 12 the entities under this subsection (1)(d); or
- 13 (e) Any agency or instrumentality of the United States government; 14 or
- 15 (f) Any national bank, savings bank, or savings and loan 16 association chartered under the laws of the United States.
 - (2) The trustee may resign at its own election or be replaced by the beneficiary. The trustee shall give prompt written notice of its resignation to the beneficiary. The resignation of the trustee shall become effective upon the recording of the notice of resignation in each county in which the deed of trust is recorded. If a trustee is not appointed in the deed of trust, or upon the resignation, incapacity, disability, absence, or death of the trustee, or the election of the beneficiary to replace the trustee, the beneficiary shall appoint a trustee or a successor trustee. Upon recording the appointment of a successor trustee in each county in which the deed of trust is recorded, the successor trustee shall be vested with all powers of an original trustee.
- 29 (3) The trustee or successor trustee shall have no fiduciary duty 30 or fiduciary obligation to the grantor or other persons having an 31 interest in the property subject to the deed of trust.
- 32 (4) The trustee or successor trustee shall have a duty of fairness 33 and impartiality to the grantor, beneficiary, and other person having 34 an interest in the property subject to the deed of trust.
- 35 **Sec. 3.** RCW 61.24.030 and 1998 c 295 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:
- It shall be requisite to a trustee's sale:

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(1) That the deed of trust contains a power of sale;

- (2) That the deed of trust contains a statement that the real property conveyed is not used principally for agricultural purposes; provided, if the statement is false on the date the deed of trust was granted or amended to include that statement, and false on the date of the trustee's sale, then the deed of trust must be foreclosed judicially. Real property is used for agricultural purposes if it is used in an operation that produces crops, livestock, or aquatic goods;
- (3) That a default has occurred in the obligation secured or a covenant of the grantor, which by the terms of the deed of trust makes operative the power to sell;
- (4) That no action commenced by the beneficiary of the deed of trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of an obligation secured by the deed of trust in any court by reason of the grantor's default on the obligation secured: PROVIDED, That (a) the seeking of the appointment of a receiver shall not constitute an action for purposes of this chapter; and (b) if a receiver is appointed, the grantor shall be entitled to any rents or profits derived from property subject to a homestead as defined in RCW 6.13.010. If the deed of trust was granted to secure a commercial loan, this subsection shall not apply to actions brought to enforce any other lien or security interest granted to secure the obligation secured by the deed of trust being foreclosed;
- (5) That the deed of trust has been recorded in each county in which the land or some part thereof is situated;
- (6) That prior to the date of the notice of trustee's sale and continuing thereafter through the date of the trustee's sale, the trustee must ((have)) maintain a street address in this state where personal service of process may be made, and the trustee must maintain a physical presence and have telephone service at such address; and
- (7) That at least thirty days before notice of sale shall be recorded, transmitted or served, written notice of default shall be transmitted by the beneficiary or trustee to the borrower and grantor at their last known addresses by both first class and either registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and the beneficiary or trustee shall cause to be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises, a copy of the notice, or personally served on the borrower and grantor. This notice shall contain the following information:

1 (a) A description of the property which is then subject to the deed 2 of trust;

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- (b) Each county in which the deed of trust is recorded and the document number given to the deed of trust upon recording by each county auditor or recording officer;
- (c) That the beneficiary has declared the borrower or grantor to be in default, and a concise statement of the default alleged;
- 8 (d) An itemized account of the amount or amounts in arrears if the 9 default alleged is failure to make payments;
- (e) An itemized account of all other specific charges, costs, or fees that the borrower, grantor, or any guarantor is or may be obliged to pay to reinstate the deed of trust before the recording of the notice of sale;
 - (f) The total of (d) and (e) of this subsection, designated clearly and conspicuously as the amount necessary to reinstate the note and deed of trust before the recording of the notice of sale;
 - (g) That failure to cure the alleged default within thirty days of the date of mailing of the notice, or if personally served, within thirty days of the date of personal service thereof, may lead to recordation, transmittal, and publication of a notice of sale, and that the property described in (a) of this subsection may be sold at public auction at a date no less than one hundred twenty days in the future;
- (h) That the effect of the recordation, transmittal, and publication of a notice of sale will be to (i) increase the costs and fees and (ii) publicize the default and advertise the grantor's property for sale;
 - (i) That the effect of the sale of the grantor's property by the trustee will be to deprive the grantor of all their interest in the property described in (a) of this subsection; and
- 30 (j) That the borrower, grantor, and any guarantor has recourse to the courts pursuant to RCW 61.24.130 to contest the alleged default on any proper ground.
- 33 **Sec. 4.** RCW 61.24.040 and 1998 c 295 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:
- A deed of trust foreclosed under this chapter shall be foreclosed as follows:
 - (1) At least ninety days before the sale, the trustee shall:

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- 1 (a) Record a notice in the form described in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) in 2 the office of the auditor in each county in which the deed of trust is 3 recorded;
 - (b) To the extent the trustee elects to foreclose its lien or interest, or the beneficiary elects to preserve its right to seek a deficiency judgment against a borrower or grantor under RCW 61.24.100(3)(a), and if their addresses are stated in a recorded instrument evidencing their interest, lien, or claim of lien, or an amendment thereto, or are otherwise known to the trustee, cause a copy of the notice of sale described in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) to be transmitted by both first class and either certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the following persons or their legal representatives, if any, at such address:
 - (i) The borrower and grantor;

- (ii) The beneficiary of any deed of trust or mortgagee of any mortgage, or any person who has a lien or claim of lien against the property, that was recorded subsequent to the recordation of the deed of trust being foreclosed and before the recordation of the notice of sale;
- (iii) The vendee in any real estate contract, the lessee in any lease, or the holder of any conveyances of any interest or estate in any portion or all of the property described in such notice, if that contract, lease, or conveyance of such interest or estate, or a memorandum or other notice thereof, was recorded after the recordation of the deed of trust being foreclosed and before the recordation of the notice of sale;
- (iv) The last holder of record of any other lien against or interest in the property that is subject to a subordination to the deed of trust being foreclosed that was recorded before the recordation of the notice of sale;
- (v) The last holder of record of the lien of any judgment subordinate to the deed of trust being foreclosed; and
- (vi) The occupants of property consisting solely of a single-family residence, or a condominium, cooperative, or other dwelling unit in a multiplex or other building containing fewer than five residential units, whether or not the occupant's rental agreement is recorded, which notice may be a single notice addressed to "occupants" for each unit known to the trustee or beneficiary;

- (c) Cause a copy of the notice of sale described in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) to be transmitted by both first class and either certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney of record, in any court action to foreclose a lien or other encumbrance on all or any part of the property, provided a court action is pending and a lis pendens in connection therewith is recorded in the office of the auditor of any county in which all or part of the property is located on the date the notice is recorded;
- (d) Cause a copy of the notice of sale described in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) to be transmitted by both first class and either certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to any person who has recorded a request for notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.045, at the address specified in such person's most recently recorded request for notice;
- (e) Cause a copy of the notice of sale described in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) to be posted in a conspicuous place on the property, or in lieu of posting, cause a copy of said notice to be served upon any occupant of the property;
 - (f) The notice shall be in substantially the following form:

21 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee will on the 23 24 day of , at the hour of o'clock M. at 25 26 address and location if inside a building | in the City of , State of Washington, sell at public auction to the highest and best 27 bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real 28 property, situated in the County(ies) of State of 29 30 Washington, to-wit:

[If any personal property is to be included in the trustee's sale, include a description that reasonably identifies such personal property]

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5	II.
6 7 8 9	No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.
10 11 12	[If there is another action pending to foreclose other security for all or part of the same debt, qualify the statement and identify the action.]
13	III.
14	The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows:
15 16	[If default is for other than payment of money, set forth the particulars]
17	Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears:
18	IV.
19 20 21 22 23	The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal \$, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from the day of , , and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.
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25 26 27	The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied,
28293031	regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on the day of
31 32	date), to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time on or before the day
33	of , (11 days before the sale date), the default(s)

as set forth in paragraph III is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after the

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day of (11 days before the sale date), and before 1 2 the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor, or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and 3 4 interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees, and advances, 5 if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of 6 Trust, and curing all other defaults. 7 VI. 8 A written notice of default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or 9 Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses: 10 11 12 13 14 by both first class and certified mail on the . . . day of 15 proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; 16 and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served on the . . . day 17 of , . . . , with said written notice of default or the written notice of default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real 18 19 property described in paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession 20 of proof of such service or posting. 21 VII. 22 The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in 23 writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due 24 at any time prior to the sale. 25 VIII. 26 The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the 27 above-described property. 28 29 IX.

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they

bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130.

Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper

grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale.

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1	[Add Part X to this notice if applicable under RCW 61.24.040(9)]
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9	[Acknowledgment]
10	(2) In addition to providing the borrower and grantor the notice of
11	sale described in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f), the trustee shall include with
12	the copy of the notice which is mailed to the grantor, a statement to
13	the grantor in substantially the following form:
14	NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
15	Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington,
16	Chapter 61.24 RCW
17	The attached Notice of Trustee's Sale is a consequence of
18	default(s) in the obligation to the Beneficiary of your
19	Deed of Trust and owner of the obligation secured thereby. Unless the
20	default(s) is/are cured, your property will be sold at auction on the
21	day of
22	To cure the default(s), you must bring the payments current, cure
23	any other defaults, and pay accrued late charges and other costs,
24	advances, and attorneys' fees as set forth below by the day of
25	, [11 days before the sale date]. To date, these
26	arrears and costs are as follows:
27	Estimated amount
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12		Attorneys' fees:	\$	\$	
13		Trustee's fee:	\$	\$	
14		Trustee's expenses:			
15		(Itemization)			
16		Title report	\$	\$	
17		Recording fees	\$	\$	
18		Service/Posting			
19		of Notices	\$	\$	
20		Postage/Copying			
21		expense	\$	\$	
22		Publication	\$	\$	
23		Telephone		\$	
24		charges	\$		
25		Inspection fees	\$	\$	
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28		TOTALS	\$	\$	
29	To pay off t	he entire obli	gation secu	ured by yo	ur Deed of Trust as
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obtain the total amount to pay off the entire obligation secured by

your Deed of Trust as of the payoff date.

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As to the defaults which do not involve payment of money to the Beneficiary of your Deed of Trust, you must cure each such default. Listed below are the defaults which do not involve payment of money to the Beneficiary of your Deed of Trust. Opposite each such listed default is a brief description of the action necessary to cure the default and a description of the documentation necessary to show that the default has been cured.

8	Default	Description of Action Required to Cure and
9		Documentation Necessary to Show Cure
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You may reinstate your Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby at any time up to and including the . . . day of , . . [11 days before the sale date], by paying the amount set forth or estimated above and by curing any other defaults described above. Of course, as time passes other payments may become due, and any further payments coming due and any additional late charges must be added to your reinstating payment. Any new defaults not involving payment of money that occur after the date of this notice must also be cured in order to effect reinstatement. In addition, because some of the charges can only be estimated at this time, and because the amount necessary to reinstate or to pay off the entire indebtedness may include presently unknown expenditures required to preserve the property or to comply with state or local law, it will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. Tender of payment or performance must be made to: , whose address is , telephone () AFTER THE DAY OF YOU MAY NOT REINSTATE YOUR DEED OF TRUST BY PAYING THE BACK PAYMENTS AND COSTS AND FEES AND CURING THE OTHER DEFAULTS AS OUTLINED ABOVE. The Trustee will respond to any written request for current payoff or reinstatement amounts within ten days of receipt of your written request. In such a

case, you will only be able to stop the sale by paying, before the sale, the total principal balance (\$) plus accrued interest, costs and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the documents and by curing the other defaults as outlined above.

You may contest this default by initiating court action in the Superior Court of the county in which the sale is to be held. In such action, you may raise any legitimate defenses you have to this default. A copy of your Deed of Trust and documents evidencing the obligation secured thereby are enclosed. You may wish to consult a lawyer. Legal action on your part may prevent or restrain the sale, but only if you persuade the court of the merits of your defense.

The court may grant a restraining order or injunction to restrain a trustee's sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130 upon five days notice to the trustee of the time when, place where, and the judge before whom the application for the restraining order or injunction is to be made. This notice shall include copies of all pleadings and related documents to be given to the judge. Notice and other process may be served on the trustee at:

20	NAME:
21	ADDRESS:
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23	TELEPHONE NUMBER:

If you do not reinstate the secured obligation and your Deed of Trust in the manner set forth above, or if you do not succeed in restraining the sale by court action, your property will be sold. The effect of such sale will be to deprive you and all those who hold by, through or under you of all interest in the property;

- (3) In addition, the trustee shall cause a copy of the notice of sale described in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) (excluding the acknowledgment) to be published in a legal newspaper in each county in which the property or any part thereof is situated, once on or between the thirty-fifth and twenty-eighth day before the date of sale, and once on or between the fourteenth and seventh day before the date of sale;
- (4) On the date and at the time designated in the notice of sale, the trustee or its authorized agent shall sell the property at public

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auction to the highest bidder. The trustee may sell the property in gross or in parcels as the trustee shall deem most advantageous;

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- (5) The place of sale shall be at any designated public place within the county where the property is located and if the property is in more than one county, the sale may be in any of the counties where the property is located. The sale shall be on Friday, or if Friday is a legal holiday on the following Monday, and during the hours set by statute for the conduct of sales of real estate at execution;
- (6) The trustee <u>has no obligation to, but</u> may, for any cause the trustee deems advantageous, continue the sale for a period or periods not exceeding a total of one hundred twenty days by (a) a public proclamation at the time and place fixed for sale in the notice of sale and by giving notice of the new time and place of the sale by both first class and either certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the persons specified in RCW 61.24.040(1) (b), (c), (d), and (e) to be deposited in the mail (i) not less than four days before the new date fixed for the sale if the sale is continued for up to seven days; or (ii) not more than three days after the date of the continuance by oral proclamation if the sale is continued for more than seven days, or, alternatively, (b) by giving notice of the time and place of the postponed sale in the manner and to the persons specified in RCW 61.24.040(1) (b), (c), (d), and (e) and publishing a copy of such notice once in the newspaper(s) described in RCW 61.24.040(3), more than seven days before the date fixed for sale in the notice of sale. No other notice of the postponed sale need be given;
- (7) The purchaser shall forthwith pay the price bid and on payment the trustee shall execute to the purchaser its deed; the deed shall recite the facts showing that the sale was conducted in compliance with all of the requirements of this chapter and of the deed of trust, which recital shall be prima facie evidence of such compliance and conclusive evidence thereof in favor of bona fide purchasers and encumbrancers for value, except that these recitals shall not affect the lien or interest of any person entitled to notice under RCW 61.24.040(1), if the trustee fails to give the required notice to such person. In such case, the lien or interest of such omitted person shall not be affected by the sale and such omitted person shall be treated as if such person was the holder of the same lien or interest and was omitted as a party defendant in a judicial foreclosure proceeding;

- (8) The sale as authorized under this chapter shall not take place less than one hundred ninety days from the date of default in any of the obligations secured.
- (9) If the trustee elects to foreclose the interest of any occupant or tenant of property comprised solely of a single-family residence, or a condominium, cooperative, or other dwelling unit in a multiplex or other building containing fewer than five residential units, the following notice shall be included as Part X of the Notice of Trustee's Sale:

10 X.

11 NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS

The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants and tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants and tenants by summary proceedings under the unlawful detainer act, chapter 59.12 RCW.

- (10) Only one copy of all notices required by this chapter need be given to a person who is both the borrower and the grantor. All notices required by this chapter that are given to a general partnership are deemed given to each of its general partners, unless otherwise agreed by the parties.
- **Sec. 5.** RCW 61.24.045 and 1985 c 193 s 1 are each amended to read 25 as follows:

Any person desiring a copy of any notice of sale described in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) under any deed of trust, other than a person entitled to receive such a notice under RCW 61.24.040(1) (b) or (c), must, after the recordation of such deed of trust and before the recordation of the notice of sale, cause to be filed for record, in the office of the auditor of any county in which the deed of trust is recorded, a duly acknowledged request for a copy of any notice of sale. The request shall be signed and acknowledged by the person to be notified or such person's agent, attorney, or representative; shall set forth the name, mailing address, and telephone number, if any, of the person or persons to be notified; shall identify the deed of trust by stating the names of the parties thereto, the date the deed of trust was recorded, the

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legal description of the property encumbered by the deed of trust, and
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    the auditor's file number under which the deed of trust is recorded;
    and shall be in substantially the following form:
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    Request is hereby made that a copy of any notice of sale described in
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    RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) under that certain Deed of Trust dated . . . . . . . .
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     ((19)) <u>20</u>..., recorded on ..., ((19)) <u>20</u>..., under
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    auditor's file No. . . . . . , records of . . . . . . County,
    Washington, from . . . . . , as Grantor, to . . . . . . . . , as
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    Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of . . . . . . . . , as
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    Beneficiary, and affecting the following described real property:
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    be sent by both first class and either registered or certified mail,
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    return receipt requested, to . . . . . . . at . . . . . . . .
        Dated this . . . day of . . . . . , ((\frac{19}{19})) \underline{20} . . .
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- A request for notice under this section shall not affect title to, or 19
- 20 be deemed notice to any person that any person has any right, title,
- interest in, lien or charge upon, the property described in the request 21
- 22 for notice.
- Sec. 6. RCW 61.24.130 and 1998 c 295 s 14 are each amended to read 23 24 as follows:
- (1) Nothing contained in this chapter shall prejudice the right of 25 26 the borrower, grantor, any guarantor, or any person who has an interest in, lien, or claim of lien against the property or some part thereof, 27
- to restrain, on any proper <u>legal or equitable</u> ground, a trustee's sale. 28
- 29 The court shall require as a condition of granting the restraining
- order or injunction on the sale of nonresidential property that the 30
- applicant pay to the clerk of the court the sums that would be due on 31
- 32 the obligation secured by the deed of trust if the deed of trust was
- 33 not being foreclosed:
- 34 (a) In the case of default in making the periodic payment of

principal, interest, and reserves, such sums shall be the periodic payment of principal, interest, and reserves paid to the clerk of the court every thirty days.

- (b) In the case of default in making payment of an obligation then fully payable by its terms, such sums shall be the amount of interest accruing monthly on said obligation at the nondefault rate, paid to the clerk of the court every thirty days.
- (2) In the case of residential property, the court shall require as a condition of granting the restraining order or injunction that the applicant give security in such sum as the court deems proper, for the payment of such costs and damages, including attorneys' fees, as may be incurred or suffered by any party who is found to have been wrongfully enjoined or restrained.
- (3) In the case of default in performance of any nonmonetary obligation secured by the deed of trust on nonresidential or residential property, the court shall impose such conditions as it deems just.

In addition, the court may condition granting the restraining order or injunction of the sale of nonresidential or residential property upon the giving of security by the applicant, in such form and amount as the court deems proper, for the payment of such costs and damages, including attorneys' fees, as may be later found by the court to have been incurred or suffered by any party by reason of the restraining order or injunction. The court may consider, upon proper showing, the grantor's equity in the property in determining the amount of said security.

((+2)) (4) No court may grant a restraining order or injunction to restrain a trustee's sale of nonresidential or residential property unless the person seeking the restraint gives five days notice to the trustee of the time when, place where, and the judge before whom the application for the restraining order or injunction is to be made. This notice shall include copies of all pleadings and related documents to be given to the judge. No judge may act upon such application unless it is accompanied by proof, evidenced by return of a sheriff, the sheriff's deputy, or by any person eighteen years of age or over who is competent to be a witness, that the notice has been served on the trustee.

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 $((\frac{3}{2}))$ (5) If the restraining order or injunction is dissolved after the date of the trustee's sale set forth in the notice as provided in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f), the court granting such restraining order or injunction, or before whom the order or injunction is returnable, shall, at the request of the trustee, set a new sale date which shall be not less than forty-five days from the date of the order dissolving the restraining order. The trustee shall:

- (a) Comply with the requirements of RCW 61.24.040(1) (a) through (f) at least thirty days before the new sale date; and
- (b) Cause a copy of the notice of trustee's sale as provided in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) to be published in a legal newspaper in each county in which the property or any part thereof is situated once between the thirty-fifth and twenty-eighth day before the sale and once between the fourteenth and seventh day before the sale.
- ((4))) (6) If a trustee's sale has been stayed as a result of the filing of a petition in federal bankruptcy court and an order is entered in federal bankruptcy court granting relief from the stay or closing or dismissing the case, or discharging the debtor with the effect of removing the stay, the trustee may set a new sale date which shall not be less than forty-five days after the date of the bankruptcy court's order. The trustee shall:
- (a) Comply with the requirements of RCW 61.24.040(1) (a) through (f) at least thirty days before the new sale date; and
 - (b) Cause a copy of the notice of trustee's sale as provided in RCW 61.24.040(1)(f) to be published in a legal newspaper in each county in which the property or any part thereof is situated, once between the thirty-fifth and twenty-eighth day before the sale and once between the fourteenth and seventh day before the sale.
 - (((+5))) (7) Subsections ((+3)) (5) and ((+4)) (6) of this section are permissive only and do not prohibit the trustee from proceeding with a trustee's sale following termination of any injunction or stay on any date to which such sale has been properly continued in accordance with RCW 61.24.040(6).
- 34 (8) The issuance of a restraining order or injunction shall not 35 prohibit the trustee from continuing the sale as provided in RCW 36 61.24.040(6).

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 61.24.135 and 1998 c 295 s 15 are each amended to read 2 as follows:

It is an unfair or deceptive act or practice under the consumer 3 protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW, for any person, acting alone or in 4 5 concert with others, to offer, or offer to accept or accept from another, any consideration of any type not to bid, or to reduce a bid, 6 7 at a sale of property conducted pursuant to a power of sale in a deed The trustee may decline to complete a sale or deliver the 8 trustee's deed and refund the purchase price, if it appears that the 9 bidding has been collusive or defective, or that the sale might have 10 been void. However, it is not an unfair or deceptive act or practice 11 12 for any person, including a trustee, to state that a property subject 13 to a recorded notice of trustee's sale or subject to a sale conducted pursuant to this chapter is being sold in an "as-is" condition, or for 14 the beneficiary to arrange to provide financing for a particular bidder 15 16 or to reach any good faith agreement with the borrower, grantor, any 17 guarantor, or any junior lienholder.

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