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Seller paper: When the seller, rather than a bank, provides financing by "carrying paper" for a buyer. This can be in the form of a real estate contract, or more typically, with a promissory note secured by a deed of trust on the property.

Seller's market: When the demand for homes in a given marketplace exceeds the supply of properties on the market.

Settlement: (See Closing)

Single family home: A residential structure designed as one dwelling; includes town homes that have shared walls, but independent access to the outside. (Note: Search results may include "miscellaneous" homes that may be single family, but are not classified as such.)

Square footage: Generally, only finished, heated space counts, such as the main finished floors, a finished basement, and/or a finished attic. A finished garage that is attached to and part of the residence may be included in this calculation as well. Square footage is computed by multiplying the length and width dimensions of a finished area.

Stick-built home: This is a home built piece-by-piece at the site.

Stories of a home: This is determined by adding up the horizontal levels of a building, which includes floors 1-4 and excludes finished and unfinished basements and finished and unfinished attics.

However, if a basement is "daylight" on more than two sides, it's considered to be a story of the house and not a basement.

Survey: A precise measurement of a parcel's legal boundaries, easements, encroachments, rights of way, improvement locations, contours.