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# Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide

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## 302.02A Tenancy-in-Common Agreement

### Requirements

You must ensure that a validly executed Tenancy-in-Common Agreement is in place prior to or at the Mortgage Loan closing.

You must review the agreement to ensure that:

- Each co-tenant is bound by the terms of the agreement.
- The Property has a manager of its day-to-day business and affairs, which can be
  - a single co-tenant (or the Key Principal of such co-tenant) known as the “co-tenant representative”, or
  - a validly-appointed property manager.
- Distributions to the co-tenant representative are subordinate to
  - all payments under any Mortgage Loan secured by a Lien on the Property, and
  - the terms and conditions of any such Mortgage Loan.

### Guidance

As you analyze the Tenancy-in-Common Agreement, consider the following questions. The term “co-tenant” also includes any Key Principal who has the rights of the co-tenant.

#### **Representation**

- Have the Co-Tenant Borrowers given the co-tenant representative the power to deal with the Lender through the Tenancy-in-Common Agreement or an irrevocable power-of-attorney?
- Has each Co-Tenant Borrower waived its right to reside in the Property?

#### **Buy outs**

- Does each Co-Tenant Borrower have buy out rights to any other co-tenant?
- Is each Co-Tenant Borrower financially able to buy out any other co-tenant?

#### **Communication**



- Does each Co-Tenant Borrower have a name, address, telephone number, and percentage of ownership interest listed?
- Has each Co-Tenant Borrower agreed to promptly notify all other Co-Tenant Borrowers and you if their address or telephone number changes?
- Has a single Key Principal of the co-tenant representative agreed to receive any communication from you on behalf of all Co-Tenant Borrowers?



# Glossary

## C

**Co-Tenant Borrower** Borrower consisting of tenants-in-common that own the Property in equal or unequal shares.

**Synonyms**

- Co-Tenant Borrowers

## K

**Key Principal** Person who

- controls and/or manages the Borrower or the Property,
- is critical to the successful operation and management of the Borrower and the Property, and/or
- may be required to provide a Guaranty.

**Synonyms**

- Key Principals
- Key Principal's

## L

**Lender** Person Fannie Mae approved to sell or service Mortgage Loans.

**Synonyms**

- Lenders
- Lender's

**Lien** Lien, mortgage, bond interest, pledge, security interest, charge, or encumbrance of any kind.

**Synonyms**

- Liens

## M



## Mortgage Loan

Mortgage debt obligation evidenced, or when made will be evidenced, by

- the Loan Documents, or
- a mortgage debt obligation with a Fannie Mae credit enhancement.

### **Synonyms**

- Mortgage Loans
- Mortgage Loan's

## **P**

## Property

Multifamily residential real estate securing the Mortgage Loan, including the

- fee simple or Leasehold interest,
- Improvements, and
- personal property (per the Uniform Commercial Code).

### **Synonyms**

- Properties
- Property's