The Code of Ethics: A Commitment to the Public

The Code of Ethics of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® is the promise to the public that when dealing with a real estate agent that is a REALTOR®, they can expect honest and ethical treatment in all transaction-related matters. Only REALTORS® pledge to abide by the Association’s Code of Ethics and only REALTORS® are held accountable for their ethical behavior.

Some of the basic principles of the Code of Ethics include:

• Protect and promote your client’s interests, but be honest with all parties.

• Avoid exaggeration, misrepresentation, and concealment of pertinent facts. Do not reveal facts that are confidential under the scope of your agency relationship.

• Disclose present or contemplated interest in any property to all parties.

• Avoid side deals without your client’s informed consent.

• Accept compensation from only one party, except with full disclosure and informed consent.

• Keep the funds of clients and customers in escrow.

• Assure, whenever possible, that transactional details are in writing.

• Provide equal service to all clients and customers.

• Be knowledgeable and competent in the fields of practice in which you ordinarily engage. Obtain assistance or disclose lack of experience if necessary.

• Do not engage in the unauthorized practice of law.

View the entire REALTOR® Code of Ethics at: www.nar.realtor/code-of-ethics