

# Mobile Home/RV Park Due Diligence

Don't ever take the Due Diligence step lightly!



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Cathy Crowe has been a licensed Realtor since 1989. She has help hundreds of investor sell and buy properties.

Since 1990, Cathy has worked with investors in single family rehabs, rental properties, and multi-family properties. She started buying houses in 1980 for to wholesale and rehab. Through the years she has wholesaled 1000 plus homes, rehabbed over 300 properties, sold more than 100 notes, and held numerous rental properties. As a realtor she has participated in the sale of over 100 multi-family properties, package deals of single-family houses (2-150) and multiple listings of properties of all sizes and price ranges.

In 2001, Cathy wholesale flipped 243 houses before our national tragedy. In 2002, she started DFWREIN (Dallas Fort Worth Real Estate Investor Network) that taught and over 8000 investors until July 2008 when she sold the company. During those years Cathy had monthly speaker meetings with a vendor fair, held daily classes (M-S), personally coached over 1000 investors, hosted an interactive website, and had a real estate investor center for classes and networking. Cathy had a weekly one-hour radio show, The DFW Real Estate Investment Hour, on KRLD, for over 5 years.

Cathy Crowe is a master networker and built an organization with thousands of investor from 2002-2008. She makes an effort to consistently meet new people and is always trying to make connections. Cathy strives to make the investment world more professional by educating and keeping investors informed.

# How to establish agenda and checklist.

Having an agenda and a checklist can be extremely insightful.

The purchase of a mobile home/RV park properties have many details and steps.

★ Successful real estate investors always rely on the basic principles to make sure their purchase is what they are expecting.

\* When you want to ensure you don't forget anything, use an agenda and a checklist!





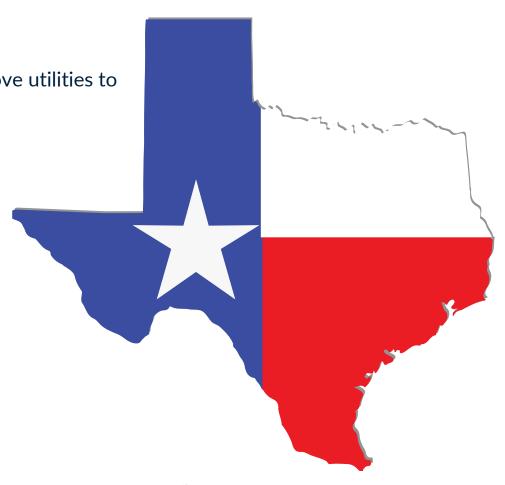
## **Financial Checklist**

- **Rent Roll With:** 
  - Park Owned or Rental Space
  - ★ Space Number
  - ★ Name of Resident
  - ★ Move in Date
  - ★ Owner Occupied or Rental Unit
  - **★** Number of Occupants
  - **★** Monthly Rent
  - Utility Charges
  - ★ Additional Charges
  - ★ Current Balance Due
  - Notes on Resident
- ★ List of Park Owned Homes
  - ★ Copies of Leases
  - Copies of Rent To Own Contracts
  - **Copies of Owner Financed Contracts**
- List of Capital Expenditures For The Last 3 Years
- ★ 3 Years Tax Returns
- ★ 12 Months of Bank Statements
- Current Account Receivables Statement
- Copy of Insurance Policies with Premiums, Endorsement or Binders



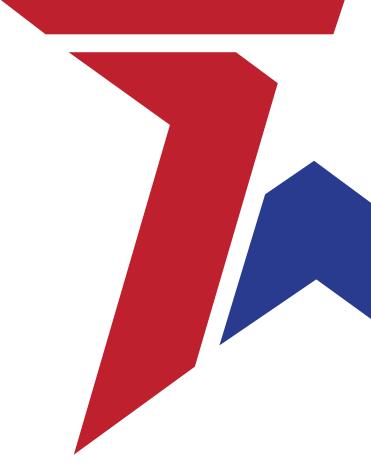
# **Financial Checklist (cont.)**

- ★ Utility Bills for past 3 years
  - ★ Water
  - ★ Sewer
  - ★ Gas
  - Propane
  - **★** Electric
  - ★ Trash
  - **★** Cable
- ★ Detail breakdown of formulations to charge above utilities to residents
  - **★** Calculations
  - ★ Meter Readings
- ★ 3 Years of Profit and Loss Statements
- ★ Property Tax Bills for Past 3 Years
- ★ Current Staff with:
  - ★ Job Position
  - ★ Job Description
  - ★ Wages
  - ★ Method of Pay
  - ★ Pay Day
  - ★ Payroll Taxes



## **Financial Checklist**

- ★ Vendor Contracts
  - ★ Laundry
  - ★ Trash
  - Sewer Maintenance
  - ★ Landscaping
  - ★ Pool and Playground Equipment
- ★ Timeline of Past rent Increases with Amounts of Increase
- ★ Leases and Rules of the Park Signed by Each Resident
- **★** Names and Contact Information of Professional Service Providers:
  - ★ Lawyers
  - ★ Accountants
  - **Engineers**
  - **Insurance Brokers**
  - ★ Inspectors
  - ★ Appraisers
  - **★** Realtors





## Due Diligence Agenda



Time is of the essence! Make sure you understand the critical dates in the contract.

**Deliver Earnest Money and Option** Fees within the stipulated time.

Schedule Inspections as soon as possible.

Review Title Commitment, Survey and UCC search and object in a timely manner.

Submit Repair Amendment timely.

Revaluate Price and or Terms based on your findings during due diligence.



Shop for lender with regards to rate and terms

Decide which lender you are going to go with

Obtain a Rate and Term Commitment from lender

Apply for Loan and Lock in your rates early.

Provide all documents requested by the lender in a timely manner.

Schedule any inspections by the lender.

Order and pay for appraisal as soon as feasibility is done.

Review all Loan Documents early



Review P&L thoroughly line by line. Look for opportunities to improve.

Look for any anomalies or outliers. Verify with seller anything that looks out of the ordinary.

Make any necessary adjustments.

Create your own proforma based on past operations and how you intend to operate the property.

Create budget for the operations.

Assume some of your expenses will go up when property is sold (ex: Real estate taxes).



## Due Diligence Agenda



City, County and State Permits

Licenses

**Certificates of Occupancy** 

Zoning - Check for Any Changes

**Environmental Reports** 

Flood Plans

**Review Surveys** 

Sellers Disclosure of Any Pending or Recent Lawsuits

Sellers Disclosure of Any Regulatory or Compliance Issues

Seller Disclosure of Any Fines Past or Present



Have an attorney review title commitment and exceptions on title.

Understand all restrictive covenants on the deed.

Review HOA bylaws and any prohibited uses.

Get additional endorsements on Title Insurance if needed

Check and remove any UCC filings placed on the property

Make sure there are no Liens on the property.

Examine Survey and Get additional Survey coverage if needed.

Check if Roll-back taxes are applicable

Review tax prorations for current year

Check with the city and or county about any proposed zoning changes.

Form new LLC or other legal entity that will take ownership of the property.

Execute amendment to assign property to new entity



Audit all leases thoroughly and create lease abstracts for quick reference.

All Commercial tenants must sign original Estoppel certificates prior to closing.

Review all Security Deposits. Ensure it is accounted for in the closing statements.

**Ensure Prorated Rents are accounted** for in the closing statement

Review all new leases, renewals or changes since contract date

Ensure there are no material changes to tenants or leases prior to closing



## PHYSICAL DUE DILIGENCE

- Age
- Composition
- Capacity
- Physical Location
- Maps of the Park
- Lot Sizes

UTILITIES, MAPS & **LOT SIZES** 

- Streets and Roads Access and Condition
- Clubhouse
- Walkways
- Electric Utility Systems with Capacity
- Water Utility System with Capacity
- Gas Utility System
- Septic or **Sewer System** with Capacity
- Common Area Lighting
- Playground
- Storage
- Parking Areas
- **Swimming** Pool
- Laundry **Facility**

**AMENITIES** 

- Fire Hydrants Located Nearby.
- Sewer/Septic System Repair and Maintenance Records
- Water Well Test and Compliance Records

**WATER** 

- Buildings
- Mobile Homes Owned
- RV's Owned
- Water
- Sewer/Septic System
- Electric
- Gas/Propane

- Maintenance Providers for MH Repairs & Parts
- Sewer Maintenance Company
- Plumbers
- Tree Surgeons
- Electricians
- Gas Inspectors
- Roto-Rooter Services
- Movers of Mobile Homes

**SELLER DISCLOSURE**  **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS** 



## LOCATION DUE DILIGENCE

#### **Tradition Homes**

- Average Home Price
- Months of Available Inventory
- Average Monthly Rental Rates
- Months of Available Inventory
- Vacancy Rate

#### **Apartments**

- Average Monthly Rental Rate
- Vacancy Rate
- Move-In **Specials**

LOCAL **HOUSING MARKET** 

#### **MHP**

- Average Monthly Rental Rate for Mobile Home
- Average Monthly Rental Rate for Lot Rent
- Charges for **Utilities** and **Amenities**
- Vacancy for Mobile Homes **Available**
- Vacancy for Lot Rental Available
- Number of **Mobile Homes** For Sale

LOCAL HOUSING **MARKET** 

- Local Economy
- Major **Employers**
- Population
- Unemployment Rates
- Local Informants
- Talk to Local Mobile Home Dealers And Get Their **Opinion On** The Park
- The Local Chamber of Commerce Is Also A Wealth Of Information
- **Population** Trends

**PROFILE OF** LOCAL COMMUNITY

- New and Current **Employers**
- Potential Plant Shut- Downs
- General Market Conditions of An Area
- Check for Maior Development in Community
- Local Real **Estate Brokers** Can Also Provide A Wealth of Information On The Area. Market And Real Estate Outlooks.

**EMPLOYERS**, **CONDITIONS, ETC.** 

- Conduct thorough market rent survey. Analyze what is motivating rents in the area.
- Demographic Analysis: Is the demographics consistent with your business plan.
- Access (Ingress and Egress to the Property).
- Access to Public Transportation.
- Access to schools and education opportunities
- Access to grocery shopping and general shopping and services
- Is the neighborhood improving?
- Is there other development activity in the area?
- Conduct competitive analysis: Visit all competitive properties. How does their units and amenities compare to vours?
- What is the maximum rent you can charge?
- Is your planned rehab consistent with the market?

**LOCATION AND MARKET** 



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