#### **ALTA CLAIMS CODES**

# TO BE ASSIGNED BASED ON SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH IN A CLAIM LETTER OR COMPLAINT OR ON THE COMPANY'S INTERPRETATION OF SUCH DOCUMENTS.

#### RISK CODES

- A. Basic Risks
  - 1. Fraud
  - 2. Forgery
  - 3. Competency; capacity; authority of parties
  - 4. Undisclosed heirs
  - 5. Marital rights
  - 6. Assumed risks
    - a. Off-record/prescriptive rights
    - b. Access
    - c. CC&R violation
    - d. Zoning violation
    - e. Forced removal/encroaching structure
    - f. Forced removal/encroaching boundary wall
    - g. Forced removal/structure on easement or set-back
    - h. Structure encroachment by neighbor
    - i. Boundary wall encroachment by neighbor
    - j. Incorrectness of map attached to policy
    - k. Assignment of mortgage
    - 1. Failure re street address
    - m. Failure re residential improvements
    - n. Subdivision law violation
    - o. Building permit violation
    - p. Post-policy encroachment by another
    - q. Surface rights for mineral/water/etc. extraction
    - r. Post-policy forgery/impersonation
    - s. Modification of mortgage
    - t. Easements—damage from use or maintenance
    - u. Supplemental taxes
    - v. Variable rate mortgage
    - w. Negative amortization mortgage
    - x. Other assumed risk

## B. Special Risks

- 1. Mechanics' Lien
  - a. Construction Loan
  - b. Owners or Permanent Loan Policy
- 2. Subordination of prior interests
- 3. Affidavit or indemnity relied upon (except for mechanics' liens)

- 4. Underwritten Risks
  - a. Violation of restrictions and covenants
  - b. Zoning
  - c. Mortgages, judgments, liens (other than mechanics' liens-priority)
  - d. Non-imputation
  - e. Condominium, cooperative and PUD coverages
  - f. Usury federal preemption
  - g. Usury other
  - h. Waters navigational servitudes
  - i. Waters lands once submerged
  - i. Doing business
  - k. Truth-in-lending
  - 1. Access/Easements insured
  - m. Air rights insured
  - n. Creditors' rights/bankruptcy
  - o. Environmental liens
  - p. Vacated streets and alleys insured
  - q. Assertions of possessory rights, encroachments, overlaps, boundary line disputes, unrecorded easements, or claims of easements (shown by survey or inspection)
  - r. Assertions of possessory rights, encroachments, overlaps, boundary line disputes, unrecorded easements, or claims (w/o a survey or inspection)
  - s. Assignment of mortgage
  - t. Surface rights for mineral extraction
  - u. Existing improvements
  - v. Modification of mortgage
  - w. Easements—damage from use or maintenance
  - x. Optional advance
  - y. Revolving line of credit
  - z. Variable rate mortgage
  - aa. Negative amortization mortgage
  - bb. Other endorsement

## C. Plant, Searching and Abstracting Procedures

- 1. Take-off of public records
- 2. Posting
- 3. Searching irregularity
- 4. Abstracting irregularity
- 5. Other

## D. Examination and Opinion Irregularities

- 1. Unforeseen risk
- 2. Irregular omission
- 3. Failure to follow established procedures and policies

## E. Survey-Inspection/Description Matters

- 1. Incorrect survey or inspection
- 2. Incorrect description used or furnished

## F. Escrow/Closing Procedures

- 1. Insufficient or improper instructions
- 2. Instructions not followed
- 3. Improper payment or failure to make payment
- 4. Closing Protection Letter
- 5. Failure to complete post-closing responsibilities
- 6. Other

## G. Typing or Policy Review

## H. Taxes and Special Assessments

## I. Apparent Non-Covered Claims

- 1. Claim outside insuring provisions
- 2. Claim within preprinted exclusion or exception
- 3. Claim within special exception
- 4. Other

# J. Stakeholder/Interpleader Cases

# K. Disputed Procedure (Judicial/Non-Judicial)

- 1. Foreclosure
- 2. Government forfeiture
- 3. Other

#### **RESPONSIBILITY CODES**

## R. Fidelity

- 1. By Agent
- 2. By Approved Attorney
- 3. By Independent Contractor
- 4. By Employee

#### S. Unauthorized Risk

- 1. By Agent
- 2. By Approved Attorney
- 3. By Independent Contractor
- 4. By Employee

## T. Irregularity or Omission

- 1. By Agent
- 2. By Approved Attorney
- 3. By Independent Contractor
- 4. By Employee

## U. Company Practice Risk