## 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
  - I. 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
- j. Doing business
- k. Truth-in-lending
- I. 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**

- Fidelity R.
  - 1. By Agent
  - 2.
  - By Approved Attorney By Independent Contractor 3.
  - By Employee 4.
- S. Unauthorized Risk
  - By Agent 1.
  - By Approved Attorney 2.
  - By Independent Contractor 3.
  - By Employee 4.
- Τ. Irregularity or Omission
  - By Agent 1.
  - By Approved Attorney 2.
  - By Independent Contractor 3.
  - By Employee 4.
- U. **Company Practice Risk**
- \* Additions are in boldface.