



## MLS POLICY UPDATE

September 2024



The MLS Committee would like to update our members of the following MLS policy change(s). The policy change(s) will go into effect on **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**. Please familiarize yourself with the information below:

- Fine Schedule Changes
- New Field: 'Allow Photos of Property by Visitors YN'

### **Fine Schedule Changes**

- Move 'Making an Offer of Compensation to other Participants within the MLS (MLS rule 7.12)' violation from tier1 to tier3.
- Move 'Failure to Provide Appropriate Written Documentation of Buyer Broker Agreement (MLS rule 8.4)' violation from tier2 to tier3.
- Add 'Failure to Follow Showing Instructions (Photographs) [MLS Rule 9.1]' to tier2.

### **New Field: 'Allow Photos of Property by Visitors YN'**

A new required, agent-only, Yes/No showing instruction field will be added to the MLS on September 10<sup>th</sup> to allow listing agents to indicate in the MLS if Seller has limited the taking of images to only persons preparing appraisal or inspection reports. If 'No' is selected, all visitors (including agents) entering or touring the property are prohibited from taking photographs and videos of the property. Failure to abide to showing instructions may result in a violation of MLS rules with fines starting at \$400.

The field has been added to the MLS to coincide with recent additions to the California Association of REALTORS® (CAR) Standard Forms.

Do not hesitate to contact the board/MLS office (559-627-1776, [support@tcmls.org](mailto:support@tcmls.org)) with any questions.