## Section 2.03 - The Bi-Weekly<sup>(sm)</sup> Mortgage Payment Plan Standard

# Description

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#### Overview

# Features & Benefits

Features and benefits of The Bi-Weekly Mortgage Payment Plan mortgage include the following.

Features	Benefits
Paying bi-weekly payments enables the	Borrowers pay off their loans more
borrowers to make 13 payments instead	rapidly.
of 12 mortgage payments per year.	
The Bi-Weekly Mortgage Payment Plan	Borrowers may convert back to the
may be discontinued whenever the	traditional monthly payment plan at
borrower chooses.	any time in the future.

# Product Summary

- Borrowers make ½ of a regular monthly payment every two (2) weeks.
- Payments are made by automatic draft from the borrower's checking or savings account. Borrowers *cannot* pay by check.

### **Related Bulletins**

#### General

Related bulletins are provided below in PDF format. To view the list of published bulletins, select the applicable year below.

- 2022
- 2020

**Note**: There were no related bulletins published in 2019 or 2021.



### **How Bi-Weekly Payments Are Made**

#### General

- Bi-weekly payments are automatically drafted from the borrower's checking or savings account.
- Most financial institutions are accessible through the Federal Reserve Automated Clearing House (ACH) System.
- The borrower is ineligible for The Bi-Weekly Mortgage Payment Plan if his/her financial institution is not accessible to the ACH System.
- Bi-weekly payments *cannot* be made by check or cash.

## Termination of the Bi-Weekly Payment Plan

#### General

- The Bi-Weekly Mortgage Payment Plan may be terminated automatically under the following conditions:
  - the borrower closed the checking or savings account from which bi-weekly payments are drafted without providing 30 days prior notification and without authorizing bi-weekly drafts from another account,
  - the borrower moves the checking or savings account to an institution, which Truist cannot access for drafts through ACH,
  - authorization provided by the borrower for the draft is revoked by the borrower or any other person who signed the authorization, and/or
  - regulatory or legislative change is enacted which will have a detrimental affect on Truist's ability to provide this service or which would make it illegal or unlawful to provide such a service.
  - If any of the above occurs, the borrower will be notified of the termination. The borrower must then make payments according to the monthly schedule described in the Note.
  - The borrower may terminate the Bi-Weekly payment Plan by notifying Truist in writing at least 30 days prior to terminating their bi-weekly payment. The written notice would be sent to:

Truist, Attn: Bi-Weekly P. O. Box 1868 Greenville, SC 29602

**Note:** Upon termination of The Bi-Weekly Mortgage Payment Plan option, Truist will apply all monies held in suspense to the amounts owed on the loan.



## **Insufficient Funds for Payment Draft**

#### General

- If there are insufficient funds in a borrower's account for the bi-weekly draft, the
  payment will be resubmitted or the borrower will be contacted to clear the
  outstanding item.
- The borrower may be subject to a non-sufficient (NSF) penalty from his/her depository institution.
- The borrower may also be liable for late payment charges described in the Note if he/she fails to make the bi-weekly payment in a timely manner and it causes the regular monthly payment to be late.

#### Workflow

#### Set-up

• Enrollment – Borrowers will need to complete the Bi-Weekly Autodraft Enrollment Form by contracting Client Services at 800-634-7928. The completed form should be mailed to the address on the form:

Truist, Attn: Bi-Weekly P. O. Box 1868 Greenville, SC 29602

 Changes – Borrowers must notify Truist in writing at least 30 days prior to making changes to their bi-weekly payment. The written notice would be sent to: Truist, Attn: Bi-Weekly

P. O. Box 1868 Greenville, SC 29602

# Applying Payments

- Twenty-four (24) of the twenty-six (26) payments made by the borrower in a typical year are applied to routine principal and interest payments according to the terms of the Note.
- The bi-weekly payments are placed into a custodial account with Truist Bank established for the sole purpose of receiving bi-weekly payments. The borrower has no direct access to this account.
- Regular monthly payments are withdrawn from the custodial account at the monthly due date and applied to the loan.
- Twice a year, the borrower's account is drafted for three (3) bi-weekly payments in a single month. The two (2) excess payments are applied directly to the Io an principal prior to the 15th of the following month.

