**Agenda Item: 2012-64 (Amended)**

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**On Behalf of: Stewart Title Guaranty Company**

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Stewart Title Guaranty Company petitions the Commissioner of Insurance to adopt the following revisions to the Leasehold Owner’s Policy Endorsement Form (T-4):

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| Leasehold Owner’s Policy Endorsement Form (T-4)     |

Leasehold Owner’s Policy Endorsement T-4
ENDORSEMENT ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART
OF POLICY OF TITLE INSURANCE
ISSUED BY

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY
HEREIN CALLED THE COMPANY

 File No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Attached to and made a part of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Title Insurance Company Owner Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,dated the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_.

1. As used in this endorsement, the following terms shall mean:

a.   "Evicted" or "Eviction":

(~~a~~i) the lawful deprivation, in whole or in part, of the right of possession insured by this policy, contrary to the terms of the Lease or

(~~b~~ii) the lawful prevention of the use of the Land or the Tenant Leasehold Improvements for the purposes permitted by the Lease, in either case as a result of a matter covered by this policy.

b.   "Lease": the lease agreement described in Schedule A.

c.   "Leasehold Estate": the right of possession granted in the Lease for the Lease Term.

d.   "Lease Term": the duration of the Leasehold Estate, as set forth in the Lease, including any renewal or extended term if a valid option to renew or extend is contained in the Lease.

e.  "Personal Property": property [~~chattels~~] located on the Land on or after Date of Policy [~~and property~~] that, because of its [~~their~~] character and manner of attachment [~~affixation]~~ to the Land, can be severed from the Land without causing material [~~appreciable~~] damage to it [~~themselves~~] or to the Land [~~to which they are affixed~~].

f.   "Remaining Lease Term": the portion of the Lease Term remaining after the Tenant [Insured] has been Evicted as a result of a matter covered by this policy.

g.  "Tenant Leasehold Improvements": Those improvements, including landscaping, required or permitted to be built on the Land by the Lease that have been built at the Insured's expense or in which the Insured has an interest greater than the right to possession during the Lease Term.

2.   Valuation of Estate or Interest Insured:

If in computing loss or damage it becomes necessary to value the Title as the result of a covered matter that results in an Eviction of the Insured [~~Tenan~~t], then that value shall consist of the value for the Remaining Lease Term of the Leasehold Estate and any Tenant Leasehold Improvements existing on the date of the Eviction.  The Insured Claimant shall have the right to have the Leasehold Estate and the Tenant Leasehold Improvements valued either as a whole or separately.  In either event, this determination of value shall take into account rent no longer required to be paid for the Remaining Lease Term.

3.   Additional items of loss covered by this endorsement:

If the Insured is Evicted, the following items of loss, if applicable, shall be included in computing loss or damage incurred by the Insured, but not to the extent that the same are included in the valuation of the Title.

a.   The reasonable cost of removing and relocating any Personal Property that the Insured has the right to remove and relocate, situated on the Land at the time of Eviction, the cost of transportation of that Personal Property for the initial one hundred miles incurred in connection with the relocation, and the reasonable cost of repairing the Personal Property damaged by reason of the removal and relocation.

b.   Rent or damages for use and occupancy of the Land prior to the Eviction that the Insured as owner of the Leasehold Estate may be obligated to pay to any person having paramount title to that of the lessor in the Lease.

c.   The amount of rent that, by the terms of the Lease, the Insured must continue to pay to the lessor after Eviction with respect to the portion of the Leasehold Estate and Tenant Leasehold Improvements from which the Insured has been Evicted.

d.   The fair market value, at the time of the Eviction, of the estate or interest of the Insured in any lease or sublease made by the Tenant as lessor of all or part of the Leasehold Estate or the Tenant Leasehold Improvements.

e.   Damages that the Insured is obligated to pay to lessees or sublessees on account of the breach of any lease or sublease permitted by the Lease and made by the Insured [~~Tenant~~] as lessor of all or part of the Leasehold Estate or the Tenant Leasehold Improvements caused by the Eviction.

f.   The reasonable [~~Reasonable~~] costs to obtain land use, zoning, building and occupancy permits, architectural and engineering services and environmental testing and reviews for a [~~incurred by the Insured to secure a replacement~~] leasehold reasonably equivalent to the Leasehold Estate.

g.   If Tenant Leasehold Improvements are not substantially completed at the time of Eviction, the actual cost incurred by the Insured, less the salvage value, for the Tenant Leasehold Improvements up to the time of Eviction.  Those costs include costs incurred to obtain land use, zoning, building and occupancy permits, architectural and engineering fees, construction management fees, costs of environmental testing and reviews, and landscaping costs.

This endorsement is issued as part of the policy.  Except as it expressly states, it does not (i) modify any of the terms and provisions of the policy, (ii) modify any prior endorsements, (iii) extend the Date of Policy, or (iv) increase the Amount of Insurance.  To the extent a provision of the policy or a previous endorsement is inconsistent with an express provision of this endorsement, this endorsement controls.  Otherwise, this endorsement is subject to all of the terms and provisions of the policy and of any prior endorsements.

[Witness clause optional]

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By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Authorized Signatory

Form T-4: Leasehold Owner’s Policy Endorsement

Justification:

The proposed revisions conform to the ALTA Endorsement 13-06 (Leasehold – Owner’s). The revisions clarify the definition of Leasehold Estate, Lease Term, and Remaining Lease Term (e.g. to refer to Insured instead of Tenant).  Revisions are made to the definition of Personal Property to recognize that the term applies to property located on the Land on or after Date of Policy and to make other minor changes.  Paragraph 3.e is modified to refer to subleases that are permitted by the Lease.  Paragraph 3.f is clarified to include a list of covered expenses in securing a leasehold reasonably equivalent to the Leasehold Estate.