

REVERSE MORTGAGE STRATEGY WORKSHEET

BEFORE WE BEGIN

A reverse mortgage is not the right solution for every homeowner. This worksheet is designed to help you clarify your retirement goals, evaluate your financial priorities, and determine whether using home equity may be appropriate for your situation.

There are no right or wrong answers. The goal is to better understand your needs before making any financial decisions.

STEP 1 – YOUR RETIREMENT GOALS

Why are you exploring a reverse mortgage?

- ☐ Eliminate my monthly mortgage payment
- ☐ Increase monthly retirement income
- ☐ Create a financial safety net
- ☐ Prepare for unexpected medical expenses
- ☐ Improve my monthly cash flow
- ☐ Age in place comfortably
- ☐ Preserve retirement investments
- ☐ Reduce financial stress
- ☐ Purchase another home
- ☐ Other: _____

STEP 2 – YOUR HOME

Current Home Value_____

Current Mortgage Balance_____

Estimated Available Equity: _____

Monthly Mortgage Payment_____

- Current Age: _____
- Spouse's Age (if applicable): _____

How long do you expect to remain in this home?

- ☐ Less than 5 years
- ☐ 5–10 years
- ☐ 10–20 years
- ☐ As long as possible

STEP 3 – YOUR RETIREMENT INCOME

Current Monthly Income_____

Social Security_____

Pension_____

Retirement Accounts_____

Employment_____

Other Income_____

Total Monthly Income_____

Current Monthly Expenses_____

Housing_____

Utilities_____

Insurance_____

Medical_____

Food_____

Transportation_____

Other_____

Total Monthly Expenses_____

STEP 4 – WHAT WOULD HELP MOST?

Rank these from most important to least important.

____ Eliminate mortgage payment

____ Increase monthly income

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- ____ Preserve retirement savings
- ____ Create emergency funds
- ____ Improve cash flow
- ____ Stay in my home
- ____ Leave an inheritance
- ____ Reduce financial stress
- ____ Pay for healthcare
- ____ Increase financial flexibility

STEP 5 – USING YOUR HOME EQUITY

If additional home equity were available, how would you use it?

- ☐ Pay off existing mortgage
- ☐ Home improvements
- ☐ Medical expenses
- ☐ Long-term care planning
- ☐ Emergency reserve
- ☐ Travel
- ☐ Debt consolidation
- ☐ Help children or grandchildren
- ☐ Supplement retirement income
- ☐ Purchase another home
- ☐ Other _____

STEP 6 – YOUR FUTURE PLANS

During the next ten years I expect to:

- ☐ Continue living here
- ☐ Downsize
- ☐ Remain independent as long as possible
- ☐ Prepare for future healthcare expenses
- ☐ Help family members financially
- ☐ Move closer to family
- ☐ Purchase another home
- ☐ Travel more
- ☐ Remodel for aging in place
- ☐ Unsure

STEP 7 – FAMILY DISCUSSION

Who should participate in this decision?

- ☐ Spouse
- ☐ Adult Children
- ☐ CPA
- ☐ Financial Advisor
- ☐ Estate Planning Attorney
- ☐ Other _____

Questions my family has: _____

STEP 8 – QUESTIONS I WANT ANSWERED

STEP 9 – MY PRIORITIES

Circle one.

Keeping my home is:

Very Important

Important

Somewhat Important

Not Important

Monthly cash flow is:

Very Important

Important

Somewhat Important

Not Important

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Leaving an inheritance is:

Very Important

Important

Somewhat Important

Not Important

Reducing financial stress is:

Very Important

Important

Somewhat Important

Not Important

Avoiding monthly mortgage payments is:

- Very Important
- Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important

Financial flexibility is:

Very Important

Important

Somewhat Important

Not Important

STEP 10 – NEXT STEPS

Based on today's discussion, I would like to learn more about:

- ☐ Reverse Mortgage
- ☐ Reverse Mortgage Line of Credit
- ☐ Monthly Payment Options
- ☐ Reverse Mortgage for Purchase
- ☐ Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC)
- ☐ Cash-Out Refinance
- ☐ Downsizing
- ☐ Aging in Place Planning
- ☐ Retirement Planning
- ☐ Estate Planning
- ☐ I would like a personalized retirement cash-flow analysis.

NOTES

REMINDERS

- ✓ Every retirement plan is unique.
- ✓ A reverse mortgage is one of several home equity strategies available to eligible homeowners.
- ✓ The best decision is an informed decision.
- ✓ Consider discussing your plans with your family and trusted financial professionals.
- ✓ Education comes before recommendations.
- ✓ Home equity is one part of your overall retirement plan and should be considered alongside your income, savings, investments, and long-term goals.

Ready to Explore Your Options?

Whether you're looking to improve monthly cash flow, eliminate your mortgage payment, create a financial safety net, or better understand your retirement options, I'm here to help you evaluate your choices with confidence.

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