### TO RENT OR TO BUY? THAT IS THE QUESTION

You've always dreamed of owning a home, but what advantages does homeownership actually offer?

Use the checklist below to find out if homeownership is right for you:

## YOU'RE LOOKING FOR STABILITY & PREDICTABILITY.

Homeownership can provide more stable housing costs from year-to-year with a fixed-rate mortgage. Unlike a rent check, mortgages act like a forced savings plan that helps build homeowner equity.



## YOU WANT GREATER PRIVACY & FREEDOM.

Homeowners have the luxury to design their home in the way they please.



# YOU'RE READY TO INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

There's pride in homeownership. Homeowners are more likely than renters to be involved in civic engagements, local elections, and volunteer work.

# YOU'RE READY TO INVEST IN YOURSELF.

Homeownership provides greater financial stability through equity buildup. That means you'll have more money over time to build your personal net worth.

#### IF YOU DECIDE HOMEOWNERSHIP IS RIGHT FOR YOU; WHAT'S NEXT?

The easiest place to start is by opening a **First-Time Homebuyer Savings Account**, which is a tax preferred savings account for first-time homebuyers. From there, work with a REALTOR<sup>®</sup>, who can further explain the advantages of homeownership





To learn more about the First-Time Homebuyer Savings Account, visit: mnhomeowners.com





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