



Granite Trust Properties

What Foreclosure Costs You If You Wait

The 10 hidden (and expensive) costs of doing nothing when you're behind on your mortgage

Every week you wait, you lose more money—and more control. This guide lays out exactly what's at stake if you delay action.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

1. **Read it now** — even if you're just thinking through your options.
2. **Go through the 10 costs below** and check which ones already apply to you.
3. **Tally your risk** and decide whether you can afford to wait any longer.
4. **Book a strategy call** if you want help protecting your equity and your options.

The 10 Real Costs of Waiting Too Long in Foreclosure

1. Equity Loss from Fees & Penalties

1. Missed payments + late fees + legal fees = \$10K–\$30K gone fast
2. These fees are added to your loan balance

💡 The longer you wait, the more equity you burn.

2. Forced Foreclosure Legal Fees (Added to Your Debt)

1. Attorney and court fees are added to your payoff
2. You pay for the bank's legal costs

💡 Often \$3K–\$5K+ just to process the foreclosure against you.

3. Property Value Decline or Market Shift

1. Raleigh prices can swing 1–5% over a few months
2. If your property is distressed or vacant, the value drops even faster

💡 You lose potential profit every week you don't act.

4. Major Credit Score Damage

1. 90+ day delinquency = 100–180 point drop
2. Foreclosure stays on your record for **7 years**

💡 This can cost you thousands in future loan interest.

5. Ineligibility for Mortgage Relief Options

1. Loan modifications and repayment plans have tight timelines
2. Missed windows = fewer options

🚫 Wait too long and the lender stops offering help altogether.

6. Losing the Chance to Sell on Your Terms

1. Pre-foreclosure sales give you options
2. Post-foreclosure = auction = no control, no negotiation

💡 Fire-sale pricing means pennies on the dollar.

7. Eviction & Moving on Someone Else's Timeline

1. After the auction, eviction can happen in as little as 30 days
2. No time to plan, pack, or transition

💡 Emergency moves = costly movers, storage, hotels, etc.

8. Missed Bankruptcy or Legal Defense Timing

1. Waiting too long can disqualify you from Chapter 13
2. Some defenses require legal response before the hearing

💡 You lose legal leverage the longer you wait.

9. Stress, Anxiety, and Family Impact

1. Constant dread, loss of sleep, family tension
2. Kids' schooling, health, and mental well-being suffer

💡 Stress doesn't just cost peace—it affects performance and decision-making.

10. Losing Your Freedom to Choose

1. The biggest cost: choice is taken away
2. You go from options limited options no options

💡 And once the foreclosure happens, it's final.

TALLY YOUR RISK

If **3 or more of these are hitting now**—you can't afford to wait. If **5 or more** are likely in the next 60 days—this is your line in the sand.

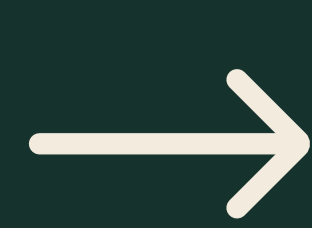
WHY THIS MATTERS

Foreclosure isn't just about losing a house. It's about **losing time, money, credit, and control**—in a system that won't wait for you to catch up.

Still thinking about it?
That's what they're counting on.

Let's look at your numbers and get a plan in place—fast, no pressure.

Schedule Your 15-Min Strategy Call Now



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