## Home Loans Comparison Chart

| Home Loan Options | Loan Defined | Advantages | Best Choice if | Disadvantages |
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| Traditional Fixed Rate | Rate does not change. <br> Principle and interest <br> payments remain the same for life of the loan. | No risk of changing market conditions increasing your monthly payment. | Plan on owning home long-term. | Higher total interest paid over the life of the loan compared to a shorter term mortgage loan. |
| Shorter Term <br> Fixed Rate |  | Loan balance will decrease more rapidly than a 30 year mortgage resulting in reduced total interest. | Your budget allows for a larger monthly payment. | Higher monthly payments than a 30 -year mortgage. |
| Adjustable - <br> Rate <br> Mortgages <br> (ARMs) <br> Various terms and options <br> available | Fixed rate for a set period of time after which will adjust annually. | Typically a lower initial rate and payment than a traditional 30 year mortgage | Low initial payment is desired. Plan on selling home after fixed rate period ends. | Interest rate may rise above current fixed rate over time. |
| SmartBuyer ${ }^{\text {™ }}$ | First-time homebuyer program requiring a low down payment with flexible income and credit guidelines. | As little as 3\% down. No PMI required. Relaxed underwriting guidelines. | Recently married, just graduated college or tired of renting. | Only available to firsttime homebuyers. |

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