



MFA Financial, Inc. Announces 2017 Dividend Tax Information

MFA Financial, Inc. (“MFA”), a real estate investment trust (“REIT”), today announced tax information regarding its dividend distributions for the tax year ended December 31, 2017.

Stockholders should review the 2017 tax statements that they receive from their brokerage firms in order to ensure that the MFA dividend distribution information reported on such statements conforms to the information set forth below. Stockholders should also consult with their tax advisors to determine their individual tax treatment of the dividend distributions paid by MFA.

MFA’s dividend distributions that are characterized as ordinary income are subject to full ordinary income tax rates. For stockholders that are corporations, MFA’s dividend distributions are not eligible for the corporate dividend distributions received deduction on Form 1120. No portion of MFA’s 2017 dividend distributions consisted of “items of tax preference” or “excess inclusion” income subject to the specialized tax reporting rules applicable to such income.

The following table provides detailed tax information relating to the quarterly dividend distributions paid to MFA’s stockholders with respect to the 2017 tax year:

MFA’s Common Stock: (CUSIP 55272X102):

During the 2017 tax year, MFA declared total dividend distributions of \$.80 per share of common stock.

Declared	Ex-Date	Record	Payable	Amount	Total Distribution Per Share	Ordinary Dividend Income	Return of Capital	Capital Gain Distribution
03/08/17	03/27/17	03/29/17	04/28/17	\$0.2000	\$0.2000	\$0.1949	\$0.0000	\$0.0051
06/12/17	06/27/17	06/29/17	07/28/17	\$0.2000	\$0.2000	\$0.1686	\$0.0000	\$0.0314
09/14/17	09/27/17	09/28/17	10/31/17	\$0.2000	\$0.2000	\$0.1726	\$0.0000	\$0.0274
12/13/17	12/27/17	12/28/17	01/31/18	\$0.2000	\$0.2000	\$0.1808	\$0.0000	\$0.0192

MFA’s Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (CUSIP: 55272X409):

During the 2017 tax year, MFA declared total dividend distributions of \$1.876 per share of Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock.

Declared	Ex-Date	Record	Payable	Amount	Total Distribution Per Share	Ordinary Dividend Income	Return of Capital	Capital Gain Distribution
02/17/17	03/02/17	03/06/17	03/31/17	\$0.4690	\$0.4690	\$0.4690	\$0.00	\$0.00
05/16/17	05/31/17	06/02/17	06/30/17	\$0.4690	\$0.4690	\$0.4690	\$0.00	\$0.00
08/10/17	08/30/17	09/01/17	09/29/17	\$0.4690	\$0.4690	\$0.4690	\$0.00	\$0.00
11/17/17	11/30/17	12/01/17	12/29/17	\$0.4690	\$0.4690	\$0.4690	\$0.00	\$0.00

MFA is a real estate investment trust primarily engaged in the business of investment, on a leveraged basis, in residential mortgage assets, including residential mortgage-backed securities and residential whole loans. In accordance with Internal Revenue Service Code Sections 856 through 860, and the regulations promulgated thereunder applicable to REITs, to the extent of distributable earnings and profits, dividends declared by a REIT in the last month of a calendar year with a record date in such calendar year, but which are payable in January of the following year, are considered paid for Form 1099-DIV reporting purposes on the record date, not on the payable date.