



DFW AFFORDABILITY WORKSHEET

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Use monthly figures unless noted. Begin with the payment that fits your life, then compare it with the complete cost of owning a home.

1 YOUR COMFORTABLE MONTHLY LIMIT

Take-home household income	\$
Current recurring obligations	\$
Savings goal after buying	\$
Comfortable all-in housing limit	\$

SMART TIP

A lender's maximum approval is not the same as a comfortable monthly payment.

2 ESTIMATED MONTHLY OWNERSHIP COST

Principal and interest	\$
Property taxes	\$
Homeowners insurance	\$
Mortgage insurance, if applicable	\$
HOA or community dues	\$
Utilities	\$
Maintenance reserve	\$
TOTAL ESTIMATED MONTHLY COST	\$



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3 ESTIMATED CASH NEEDED

Down payment	\$
Closing costs and prepaid items	\$
Inspection and due-diligence costs	\$
Moving and immediate repairs	\$
Emergency reserve after closing	\$
TOTAL CASH TARGET	\$

4 DECISION NOTES

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