

## **G-Fee Hikes Could Mean \$15-Month More**

The Federal Housing Finance Agency has directed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to increase their guarantee fees effective April 1. The directive to increase the fees responds to the federal law enacted three weeks ago which is using the fees to help offset the cost to extend the payroll tax reduction. NAR opposed the 8% increase in fees to pay for non-housing-related purposes. The increase will remain in effect through September 30, 2021. Lenders who choose to pass this increase on to borrowers will likely increase the rate offered to a borrower by .1 percent sometime before April 1, 2012. Analysts estimate the increase in cost over 30 years to be between \$4,000 and \$5,400 on a \$200,000 loan, or \$11-15 a month. [FHFA's statement](#). NAR's [letter](#) opposing the increase.