

NORTHSTAR REALTY FINANCE CORP.
TAX REPORTING TREATMENT OF 2011 DISTRIBUTIONS

March 1, 2012

The following table details year-end federal income tax reporting information for distributions made by NorthStar Realty Finance Corp. in 2011, on a per share basis:

<u>Class of Stock</u>	<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Amount Distributed</u>	<u>Ordinary Income (Taxable)</u>	<u>Return of Capital</u>
Common	2/4/2011	2/14/2011	\$ 0.10000	\$ —	\$ 0.10000
Common	5/18/2011	5/25/2011	\$ 0.10000	\$ —	\$ 0.10000
Common	8/15/2011	8/19/2011	\$ 0.10000	\$ —	\$ 0.10000
Common	11/14/2011	11/18/2011	\$ 0.12500	\$ —	\$ 0.12500
Total			<u>\$ 0.42500</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 0.42500</u>
Preferred Series A	2/4/2011	2/14/2011	\$ 0.54688	\$ —	\$ 0.54688
Preferred Series A	5/11/2011	5/16/2011	\$ 0.54688	\$ —	\$ 0.54688
Preferred Series A	8/15/2011	8/16/2011	\$ 0.54688	\$ —	\$ 0.54688
Preferred Series A	11/14/2011	11/15/2011	\$ 0.54688	\$ —	\$ 0.54688
Total			<u>\$ 2.18752</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2.18752</u>
Preferred Series B	2/4/2011	2/14/2011	\$ 0.51563	\$ —	\$ 0.51563
Preferred Series B	5/11/2011	5/16/2011	\$ 0.51563	\$ —	\$ 0.51563
Preferred Series B	8/15/2011	8/16/2011	\$ 0.51563	\$ —	\$ 0.51563
Preferred Series B	11/14/2011	11/15/2011	\$ 0.51563	\$ —	\$ 0.51563
Total			<u>\$ 2.06252</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2.06252</u>

The tax information above should not be construed as tax advice and is not a substitute for careful tax planning and analysis. Stockholders are encouraged to consult with their own tax advisors regarding the specific federal, state, local, foreign and other tax consequences of ownership of NorthStar Realty Finance Corp. stock and the specific tax treatment of distributions on NorthStar Realty Finance Corp. stock.

NorthStar Realty Finance Corp. is a finance REIT that originates, acquires and manages portfolios of commercial real estate debt, commercial real estate securities and net lease properties. In addition, NorthStar engages in asset management and other activities related to real estate and real estate finance. For more information about NorthStar Realty Finance Corp., please visit www.nrfc.com.

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