Matterport releases new terms of service, retains right to share 3-D home tours

Imaging company Matterport has updated its terms-of-service to allow it to share 3D models of properties captured on its cameras with other companies--such as insurance firms--a change it thinks its customers should find useful. But some real estate agents are fearful the change gives Matterport too broad of a license, and could result in problems for them and their clients. On Feb. 21, Matterport sent out an email newsletter notifying users that it had changed the terms of service for its cameras. The specialized cameras, which sell at a starting point of $2,500, are regularly used by real estate agents to create immersive 3-D property tours that accompany listings for sale or rent and are published online. The former terms of service left those who used the camera with the exclusive copyright of the tours they filmed. Under the updated version, Matterport now retains “non-exclusive, transferable, sub-licensable, royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable licenses” to ...

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