Request for
Waiver of Housing Directive

**U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development**
Office of Housing
Federal Housing Commissioner

1. Field Office	2. Program and DAS (e.g., multifamily development)
n/a	Office of Multifamily Housing

3. Waiver Requsted by (person, entity, HUD employee)

Ben Metcalf, DAS, Multifamily Housing

4. Waiver Item (directive number, date, page, paragraph, etc.)

Relief Sought

Request to use the Multi Family Housing Drafting Table on HUD.gov to seek FHA Stakeholder feedback for the FHA Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) Guide

5. Did a check of HUDClips indicate Prior Approval?	☐ Yes (go to No. 6) ☐ No (go to No. 7)	If Previously Approved give Counsel's name and date of approval

6. Counsel Determination. The Waiver Proposal **does not conflict** ☒ **conflicts** ☐ with statutory or regulatory provisions (cite rule or provision)

Reference: Handbook 000.2, Section D
"Departmental clearance also must be undertaken for directives that are intended to be issued or posted in draft for public comment before issuance in final form. Posting in draft form for public comment will indicate to the public that, although in draft, the policy and legal positions in the draft form are accurate and reflect the direction that the Department is interested in pursuing. However, the public cannot be assured that draft directives will indeed be pursued, unless, the draft is approved through departmental clearance."

Counsel (signature)	Date

7. Employee Justification (attach additional pages if necessary)

The MAP Guide is required to be updated every three years. The last update was completed in November 2011. Multifamily aims to post the revised DRAFT MAP Guide on our website no later than February 26, 2015. Public feedback will be invited for 60 days. We will incorporate feedback as appropriate, and then put the MAP Guide into formal Departmental clearance, with a target final publication date of mid-summer 2015.

The updated MAP Guide is overdue and it is important that we post the draft online next week in order to collect stakeholder feedback and finalize the Guide. Without feedback, FHA's final MAP Guide would lack critical revisions or changes that would improve its usefulness. In particular, obtaining feedback permits FHA to have a guide that helps lenders and stakeholders quickly find needed information and reduces the need for HUD to issue clarifications and revisions of policy later on.

We have engaged directly with our program partners (MF Asset management, FHEO, Environmental, OGC Program Counsel) on the revisions and they have done limited reviews of the chapters most relevant to their program areas. We have shared with them a matrix of significant changes which we believe are administrative.

Field Office Concurrence

Name Benjamin Metcalf	Title Deputy Assistant Secretary	Date 2·20·15
8. ☒ Granted ☐ Not Granted	Housing Director (signature)	Date 2·20·15

Comments

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