

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6314-N-01]

Annual Indexing of Basic Statutory Mortgage Limits for Multifamily Housing Programs; Annual Indexing of Substantial Rehabilitation Threshold

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 206A of the National Housing Act, HUD is providing notice of adjustment to the Basic Statutory Mortgage Limits for Multifamily Housing Programs for Calendar Year 2022. HUD is also providing notice of adjustment to the per unit cost threshold for determining substantial rehabilitation in the Multifamily Housing Programs pursuant to its administrative guidance for Calendar Year 2022.

DATES: Applicable date: January 1, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Bernaciak, Deputy Director, Office of Multifamily Production, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410-8000, telephone (202) 402-3242 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 206A of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1712a) provides authority for the annual adjustment for the following FHA multifamily statutory dollar limits:

- I. Section 207(c)(3)(A) (12 U.S.C. 1713(c)(3)(A));
- II. Section 213(b)(2)(A) (12 U.S.C. 1715e(b)(2)(A));
- III. Section 220(d)(3)(B)(iii)(I) (12 U.S.C. 1715k(d)(3)(B)(iii)(I));
- IV. Section 221(d)(4)(ii)(I) (12 U.S.C. 1715l(d)(4)(ii)(I));
- V. Section 231(c)(2)(A) (12 U.S.C. 1715v(c)(2)(A)); and
- VI. Section 234(e)(3)(A) (12 U.S.C. 1715y(e)(3)(A)).

Section 206A states that the preceding “Dollar Amounts” shall be adjusted annually (commencing in 2004) on the effective date of the Federal Reserve Board’s adjustment of the \$400 figure in

the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act of 1994 (HOEPA). The adjustment of the Dollar Amounts shall be calculated using the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as applied by the Federal Reserve Board for purposes of the above-described HOEPA adjustment.

(b) Notification

The Federal Reserve Board on a timely basis shall notify the Secretary, or his designee, in writing of the adjustment described in subsection (a) and of the effective date of such adjustment to permit the Secretary to undertake publication in the **Federal Register** of corresponding adjustments to the Dollar Amounts. The dollar amount of any adjustment shall be rounded to the next lower dollar.

Note that 206A has not been updated to reflect the fact that HOEPA has been revised to use \$1,000 as the basis for the adjustment rather than \$400, and the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau has replaced the Federal Reserve Board in administering the adjustment. These changes were made by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act’s amendments to the Truth in Lending Act, as further explained in the regulatory implementation of said changes found in the **Federal Register** notice published on January 31, 2013 (78 FR 6856, 6879).

The percentage change in the CPI-U used for the HOEPA adjustment is a 4.2 percent increase and the effective date of the HOEPA adjustment is January 1, 2022. The Dollar Amounts under Section 206A have been adjusted correspondingly and have an effective date of January 1, 2022, in accordance with the **Federal Register** notice published on November 2, 2021 (86 FR 60357).

These revised statutory limits may be applied to FHA multifamily mortgage insurance applications submitted or amended on or after January 1, 2022, so long as the loan has not been initially endorsed.

The adjusted Dollar Amounts for Calendar Year 2022 are shown below.

Basic Statutory Mortgage Limits for Calendar Year 2022 Multifamily Loan Program

Section 207—Multifamily Housing

Section 207 Pursuant to Section 223(f)—Purchase or Refinance Housing

Section 220—Housing in Urban Renewal Areas

Bedrooms	Non-elevator	Elevator
0	\$57,197	\$66,715
1	63,360	73,923
2	75,683	90,643
3	93,285	113,526
4+	105,608	128,367

Section 213—Cooperatives

Bedrooms	Non-elevator	Elevator
0	\$61,986	\$66,002
1	71,472	74,778
2	86,197	90,930
3	110,334	117,636
4+	122,920	129,131

Section 234—Condominium Housing

Bedrooms	Non-elevator	Elevator
0	\$63,251	\$66,564
1	72,930	76,305
2	87,956	92,789
3	112,588	120,039
4+	125,427	131,765

Section 221(d)(4)—Moderate Income Housing

Bedrooms	Non-elevator	Elevator
0	\$56,922	\$61,488
1	64,617	70,490
2	78,107	85,717
3	98,036	110,887
4+	110,779	121,723

Section 231—Housing for the Elderly

Bedrooms	Non-elevator	Elevator
0	\$54,118	\$61,488
1	60,501	70,490
2	72,248	85,717
3	86,947	110,887
4+	102,221	121,723

Section 207—Manufactured Home Parks per Space—\$26,258

Indexing of per Unit Limit for Substantial Rehabilitation for Calendar Year 2022

The 2016 Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) Guide established a base amount of \$15,000 per unit to define substantial rehabilitation for FHA insured loan programs. Section 5.1.2.A.2.b of the 2020 MAP guide requires that this base amount be annually adjusted for inflation based on the percentage change published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor or other inflation cost index. Applying the HOEPA adjustment to the base amount, the 2022 base amount per dwelling unit to determine substantial rehabilitation for FHA insured loan programs is \$16,983.

This per unit cost threshold for substantial rehabilitation may be applied to FHA multifamily mortgage insurance applications submitted or amended on or after January 1, 2022, so long as the loan has not been initially endorsed.

Environmental Impact

This notice involves the statutorily required establishment of mortgage limits and discretionary establishment of cost limits which do not constitute development decisions affecting the physical condition of specific project areas or building sites. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6), this notice is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321).

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Housing—Federal Housing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Council; Call for Nominations; Extension

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Call for nominations; extension.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service seek nominations for membership on the Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Council (Council). This is a 15-day extension of the call for nominations published in the *Federal Register* on February 18, 2022.

DATES: The nomination period announced on February 18, 2022, at 87 FR 9374 is extended. Nominations via

email must be date stamped no later than April 1, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Please address nomination letters to Mr. Douglas Hobbs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. You may email nominations to Douglas Hobbs, at doug_hobbs@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Hobbs, at the email address in **ADDRESSES**, or by telephone at (703) 358-2336. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service seek nominations for membership on the Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Council (Council). The Council reports to the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide recommendations regarding the establishment and implementation of conservation endeavors that benefit wildlife resources; encourage partnership among the public, sporting conservation organizations, and Federal, State, Tribal, and territorial governments; and benefit fair chase recreational hunting and safe recreational shooting sports. On February 18, 2022, the original call for nominations published in the *Federal Register* (87 FR 9374), with a 30-day nomination period ending March 21, 2022. This notice provides additional time for nominations (see **DATES**, above). For more information on the Council's duties, member terms, vacancies to fill, the nomination method, and eligibility, see the February 18, 2022, notice (87 FR 9374).

Authority: 5 U.S.C. appendix 2.

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Assistant Director—External Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Alabama Beach Mouse, Baldwin County, AL; Categorical Exclusion

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment and information.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Rhonda H. Barber (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed Alabama beach mouse incidental to construction in the City of Orange Beach, Baldwin County, Alabama. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP), and the Service's preliminary determination that this HCP qualifies as low-effect, categorically excluded, under the National Environmental Policy Act. To make this determination, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before April 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: *Obtaining Documents:* You may obtain copies of the documents online in Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2022-0016 at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Submitting Comments: If you wish to submit comments on any of the documents, you may do so in writing by any of the following methods:

- *Online:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2022-0016.

- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2022-0016; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William Lynn, Project Manager, by telephone at 251-441-5868 or via email at william_lynn@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Rhonda H. Barber (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed Alabama beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus*