

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at the offices of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA), 423 Main Street, Suite 500, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, at 9:30 a.m., Monday, August 27, 2007, to discuss Significant Changes to ADFA Multi-Family Housing Minimum Design Standards.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES & NEW POLICY PERTAINING TO THE ADFA MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING MINIMUM DESIGN STANDARDS

- Acquisition /rehabilitation developments receiving low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC) will be allowed to request a “waiver” from ADFA’s Multi-Family Minimum Design Standards when existing structural constraints prohibit compliance.
- ADFA will be requiring all developments receiving federal LIHTCs to implement certain universal design components of Arkansas Department of Human Services' "Arkansas Usability Standards in Housing: Guidance Manual for Constructing Inclusive Functional Dwellings" beginning with the adoption of ADFA's Housing Credit Programs' 2009 Qualified Allocation Plan. ADFA has included the "Arkansas Usability Standards in Housing: Guidance Manual for Constructing Inclusive Functional Dwellings" for compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act because it is referenced as a standard for certain construction and design criteria required by ADFA in its multi-family housing programs.

A comprehensive write-up of all recommended revisions may be obtained at www.arkansas.gov/adfa. Any persons interested may appear at the public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on the 27th day of August, 2007, and be heard for or against. All suggestions will be heard and considered. This hearing is being held pursuant to the requirements in the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act.