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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5756-N-44]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection:

Procedures for Appealing Section 8 Rent Adjustments

OMB Collection: 2502-0446

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: **[INSERT DATE THAT IS 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.]**

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments

may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine A. Nzive, Director Program Administration Division, Office of Asset Management and Portfolio Oversight, 202-708-2654 Katherine.A.Nzive@hud.gov Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Procedure for Appealing Section 8 Rent Adjustments.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0446.

Type of Request: Extension.

Form Number: Owners will submit rent appeal on owner's letterhead providing a written explanation for the appeal.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Title II, section 221, of the National Housing Act requires the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to establish rents for certain subsidized rental projects. Under this legislation, HUD is charged with the responsibility of determining the method of rent adjustments and with facilitating these adjustments. Because rent adjustments are considered benefits to project owners, HUD must also provide some means for owners to appeal the decisions made by the Department or the Contract Administrator. This appeal process and the information collection play an important role in preventing costly litigation and in ensuring the accuracy of the overall rent adjustment process.

Respondents (i.e. affected public): Owners of certain subsidized multifamily rental projects.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 525.

Estimated Number of Responses: 525.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 2.

Total Estimated Burdens: 1050.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in section A on the following:

- (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35.

Date: December 31, 2014

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Commissioner.

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