



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection:

Alternative Inspections – Housing Choice Voucher Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing (PIH), 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 60 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register.]**

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection can be sent within 60 days of publication of this notice to www.regulations.gov. Interested persons are also invited to submit comments regarding this proposal and comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Eva Fulton, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eva Fulton, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, email PIH-

PRAPublicComments@hud.gov, telephone (202) 402-5847. This is not a toll-free number. HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make

an accessible telephone call,

please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

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

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: Alternative Inspections - Housing Choice Voucher Program.

OMB Approval Number: 2577-0287.

Type of Request: Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection.

Form Number: N/A.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use:

A public housing agency (PHA) may comply with inspection requirements in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program by relying on an alternative inspection method consistent with the requirements stated in the program regulations. If the inspection method is not one conducted for another housing program (HOME Investment Partnerships program, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, or that performed by HUD), the PHA must submit a request to HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) for approval of the alternative method. The submission must include a copy of the inspection method the PHA is requesting to use and an analysis that shows that the alternative method meets or exceeds Housing Quality Standards (HQS), as defined in 24 CFR 982.3. Also, PHAs with approved alternative inspection methods must monitor changes to the standards and requirements of this method, and, if changes are made, they must submit to HUD a copy of the revised standards and requirements along with a revised comparison to HQS. All submissions from PHAs for alternate inspection methods for review and HUD appeal should be emailed to REAC at NSPIREV_AlternateInspection@hud.gov.

Respondents: State, local, or Tribal governments.

Information Collection	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Responses Per Annum	Burden Hour Per Response	Annual Burden Hours	Hourly Cost Per Response	Annual Cost
Initial email submission for HUD approval to use alternative inspection method	50	1	1	5	250	\$37.69	\$9,422.50
Email submission for HUD approval to continue using alternative inspection method after modifications	15	1	1	3	45	\$37.69	\$1,696.05
Total	65				295		\$11,188.55

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 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507.

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Office of Policy, Programs, and Legislative Initiatives

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