Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

AGENCY: 99-346 Maine State Housing Authority

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Chapter 27, Transfers of Ownership Interests

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER (leave blank; assigned by Secretary of State):

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Upon sufficient notice, this notice and the proposed rule will be made available in alternative formats for persons with disabilities and in alternative languages for persons with limited English proficiency.

CONTACT PERSON FOR SMALL BUSINESS INFORMATION (if different): Same as Contact Person

PUBLIC HEARING (if any): A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine State Housing Authority, 26 Edison Drive, Augusta, Maine. To listen or testify virtually, please contact Gerrylynn Ricker no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at MaineHousing, 26 Edison Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330-6046; (207) 626-4600 (voice); 1-800-452-4668 (voice in state only); or 711 (Maine Relay) or via e-mail: gricker@mainehousing.org.

Maine State Housing Authority's office and the hearing room are accessible to persons with disabilities and, upon sufficient notice, appropriate communications auxiliary aids and services will be provided to persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency.

COMMENT DEADLINE: Friday, November 25, 2022 at 5:00 PM

BRIEF *SUMMARY:

This Rule sets forth the requirements and procedures for obtaining the consent of MaineHousing to changes of ownership interests in multifamily and supportive housing projects that have funding or an allocation of tax credits from MaineHousing. The Rule applies to the transfer of a project to a new owner along with the assumption by the new owner of the existing MaineHousing obligations. The Rule also applies to the transfer of a direct or indirect ownership interest in a business entity that continues to own the project. This Rule does not address criteria for modifying the term or amount of any MaineHousing obligation in connection with a proposed change of ownership interest. This rule repeals and replaces in its entirety the current Transfer of Ownership Interests Rule.

A copy of the proposed replacement rule may be found at <u>www.mainehousing.org/about/rules</u>

IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES (if any) None

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 30-A M.R.S.A. §4741.1

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED (if different): Same as above

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