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SUBJECT: Request for Information on Public Hearing under COVID-19
Peekskill Housing Authority, NY082
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Dear Mr. Klein,

We are in receipt of your letter requesting guidance on public meetings for Public Housing Agencies (PHAs). As provided in PIH Notice 2020-05, HUD is waiving the requirements for PHAs to hold public hearings due to COVID-19. For example, Five Year and Annual plans normally require the PHA to hold an annual hearing to discuss proposed plans for the upcoming fiscal year; however, due to the postponement and limitations of large public gatherings, the PHA is encouraged to adapt other means of communication with the public. Instead, a PHA may provide their tenants and public with information on its website along with a voice-mail message and perhaps follow up with a formal written notice as circumstances allow.

HUD regulations further provide that a significant amendment or modification to an Annual Plan may not be adopted until a meeting has been called with the Board of Directors, at which, the amendment or modification is then adopted and open to the public for review. Again, due to COVID-19, HUD is waiving these requirements.

In addition, please keep in mind that the PHA is responsible for ensuring that the method of communication used such as materials and notices are provided in a manner that is effective for persons with hearing, visual, and other communication-related disabilities consistent with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and HUD's Section 504 regulation, and Titles II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and implementing regulations.

If you have any further or specific inquiries regarding waivers, you can post your questions at PIH-COVID@hud.gov or you can also review: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/covid_19_resources. You may also reach Gail Lazo, Portfolio Management Specialist at Gail.A.Lazo@hud.gov or (212) 542-7639.

Sincerely,

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