

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION**

In Re: HUDSON RIDGE, LTD.

FHFC Case No.: 2008-050VW

**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR WAIVER
OF RULE 67-48.0075(7)(a)(1)
FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

THIS CAUSE came on for consideration and final action before the Board of Directors of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation on August 8, 2008, pursuant to a "Petition for Waiver of Rule 67-48.0075(a)(1), Florida Administrative Code (2007)" ("the Petition"). Florida Housing Finance Corporation ("Florida Housing") received the Petition on July 2, 2008, from HUDSON RIDGE, LTD. ("Petitioner"). On July 18, 2008, the Notice of the Petition was published in Volume 34, Number 29, of the Florida Administrative Weekly. Florida Housing received no comments regarding the Petition. After careful review of the record and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Florida Housing hereby finds:

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case and the parties hereto.

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2. During the 2007 Universal Cycle, Florida Housing awarded Petitioner (under application #2007-034BS) a State Apartment Incentive Loan (“SAIL”) loan, Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bonds (“MMRB”), non-competitive Housing Credits and a Supplemental Loan for Extremely Low Income units to finance, in part, the construction of Hudson Ridge Apartments (the “Development”), a 168-unit apartment complex located in Pasco County, Florida.

3. Rule 67-48.0075(7)(a)1, Florida Administrative Code states in pertinent part:

(7) Supplemental loans will be subject to the credit underwriting provisions outlined in Rule 67-48.0072 and the loan provisions outlined below:

(a) The terms and conditions of the supplemental loan shall be as follows: (1) The supplemental loan shall be (i) based on each ELI Set-Aside threshold requirement in the Universal Application Instructions; and (ii) non-amortizing at 0 percent simple interest per annum over the life of the loan, with the principal forgivable provided the units for which the supplemental loan amount is awarded are targeted to ELI Households for at least 15 years.

4. Section 120.542(2), Florida Statutes provides in pertinent part:

Variations and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person and when application of a rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness.

5. Petitioner requests a waiver to the rule requiring Florida Housing to forgive a supplemental loan's principal balance when the awarded amount funds ELI Household units for at least 15 years.

6. Petitioner demonstrated that it will suffer negative federal income tax consequences pertaining to forgivable loan without the waiver, as the IRS may consider this loan as "phantom" taxable income. Designation of this loan as forgivable, whether ultimately forgiven or not, may cause the IRS to consider this loan as "phantom" taxable income, or income that the IRS would tax, but for which Petitioner has not yet received a benefit.

7. Petitioner requests that the ELI loan be repaid at the end of the initial 15-year period, and that at the end of the initial 15-year period, Petitioner be given an automatic extension on the maturity date of the ELI loan to a date coterminous with senior financing if the units for which the ELI loan was awarded were targeted to ELI Households during the initial 15-year period.

8. Under these circumstances, strict application of the above Rule to this Petitioner would create a substantial hardship and violate the principles of fairness. Petitioner demonstrated that granting this relief does not provide Petitioner with an unfair advantage over other applicants. Granting this request furthers Florida Housing's statutory mandate to provide safe, sanitary


and affordable housing to the citizens of Florida. The waiver of Rule 67-48.0075(a)(1), Florida Administrative Code, furthers this purpose.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The Petition for a waiver of Rule 67-48.0075(a)1, Florida Administrative Code (2007) is hereby **GRANTED** to permit Petitioner to forgo the automatic forgiveness a supplemental loan's principal balance receives when the awarded amount funds ELI Household units for at least 15 years. The ELI loan shall be repaid at the end of the initial 15-year period, and that at the end of the initial 15-year period, Petitioner shall be given an automatic extension on the maturity date of the ELI loan to a date coterminous with senior financing if the units for which the ELI loan was awarded were targeted to ELI Households during the initial 15-year period.

DONE and ORDERED this 8th day of August, 2008.

Florida Housing Finance Corporation

By: 
Chairperson



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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER IS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 120.542(8), 120.569, AND 120.57, FLORIDA STATUTES. SUCH PROCEEDINGS ARE COMMENCED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 67-52, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, BY FILING AN ORIGINAL AND ONE (1) COPY OF A PETITION WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, 227 NORTH BRONOUGH STREET, SUITE 5000, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32301-1329.