

STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT OF 1966 (EXCERPT)
Act 346 of 1966

CHAPTER 1

125.1411 Definitions.

Sec. 11. As used in this act:

- (a) "Authority" means the Michigan state housing development authority created in this act.
- (b) "Development costs" means the costs that have been approved by the authority as appropriate expenditures, and includes:
 - (i) Payments for options to purchase properties on the proposed housing project site, deposits on contracts of purchase, or, with the prior approval of the authority, payments for the purchases of those properties.
 - (ii) Legal, organizational, and marketing expenses, including payment of attorneys' fees, project manager and clerical staff salaries, office rent, and other incidental expenses.
 - (iii) Payment of fees for preliminary feasibility studies, advances for planning, engineering, and architectural work.
 - (iv) Expenses for surveys as to need, and market analyses.
 - (v) Necessary application and other fees to federal and other government agencies.
 - (vi) Other expenses incurred by the nonprofit housing corporation, consumer housing cooperative, limited dividend housing corporation, mobile home park corporation, or mobile home park association that the authority considers appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this act.
- (c) "Federally-aided mortgage" means any of the following:
 - (i) A below market interest rate mortgage insured, purchased, or held by the secretary of the department of housing and urban development.
 - (ii) A market interest rate mortgage insured by the secretary of the department of housing and urban development and augmented by a program of rent supplements.
 - (iii) A mortgage receiving interest reduction payments provided by the secretary of the department of housing and urban development.
 - (iv) A mortgage on a housing project to which the authority allocates low income housing tax credits under section 22b.
 - (v) A mortgage receiving special benefits under other federal law designated specifically to develop low and moderate income housing, consistent with this act.
- (d) "Fund" means the housing development fund created by this act.
- (e) "Project cost" means the sum total of all reasonable or necessary costs incurred by the nonprofit housing corporation, consumer housing cooperative, limited dividend housing corporation, mobile home park corporation, or mobile home park association for carrying out all works and undertakings for the completion of a housing project and approved by the authority. In addition to other reasonable and necessary costs, "project costs" includes costs for all of the following: studies and surveys; plans, specifications, and architectural and engineering services; legal, organization, marketing, or other special services; financing, acquisition, demolition, construction, equipment, and site development of new and rehabilitated buildings; movement of existing buildings to other sites; rehabilitation, reconstruction, repair, or remodeling of existing buildings; carrying charges during construction; the cost of placement of tenants or occupants, and relocation services in connection with a housing project; and, to the extent not already included, all development costs.
- (f) "Housing project" means any of the following:
 - (i) Residential real property developed or to be developed or receiving benefits under this act.
 - (ii) A specific work or improvement either for rental or for subsequent sale to an individual purchaser undertaken by a nonprofit housing corporation, consumer housing cooperative, limited dividend housing corporation, mobile home park corporation, or mobile home park association pursuant to or receiving benefits under this act to provide dwelling accommodations, including the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of lands, buildings, and improvements.
 - (iii) Social, recreational, commercial, and communal facilities that the authority finds necessary to serve and improve a residential area in which housing described in subparagraph (i) or (ii) is located or is planned to be located, thereby enhancing the viability of the housing.
- (g) "Low income or moderate income persons" means families and persons who cannot afford to pay the amounts at which private enterprise, without federally-aided mortgages or loans from the authority, is providing a substantial supply of decent, safe, and sanitary housing and who fall within income limitations set in this act or by the authority in its rules. Among low income or moderate income persons, preference shall be given to the elderly and those displaced by urban renewal, slum clearance, or other governmental action.

- (h) "Municipality" means a city, village, or township in this state.
- (i) "County" means a county within this state.
- (j) "Governing body" means in the case of a city, the council or commission of the city; in the case of a village, the council, commission, or board of trustees of the village; in the case of a township, the township board; and in the case of a county, the county board of commissioners.
- (k) "Nonprofit housing corporation" means a nonprofit corporation incorporated under the corporation laws of this state and chapter 4.
- (l) "Consumer housing cooperative" means a nonprofit corporation incorporated pursuant to the corporation laws of this state and chapter 5.
- (m) "Annual shelter rent" means the total collections during an agreed annual period from all occupants of a housing project representing rent or occupancy charges, exclusive of charges for gas, electricity, heat, or other utilities furnished to the occupants.
- (n) "Taxing jurisdiction" means a municipality, county, or district, including a school district or any special district having the power to levy or collect taxes upon real property or in whose behalf taxes may be levied or collected.
- (o) "Elderly" means a single person who is 55 years of age or older or a household in which at least 1 member is 55 years of age or older and all other members are 50 years of age or older.
- (p) "Housing development" means a development that contains a significant element of housing for persons of low or moderate income and elements of other housing and commercial, recreational, industrial, communal, and educational facilities that the authority determines improve the quality of the development as it relates to housing for persons of low or moderate income.
- (q) "Limited dividend housing corporation" means a corporation incorporated or qualified pursuant to the corporation laws of this state and chapter 6 and a limited dividend housing association organized and qualified pursuant to chapter 7.
- (r) "Residential real property" means real property located in this state, used for residential purposes, and improved or to be improved by a residential structure. Residential real property includes a mobile home, a mobile home park, and a mobile home condominium project. When the terms "rehabilitate" or "rehabilitation" are used in conjunction with residential real property, residential real property refers to property improved by a residential structure.
- (s) "Rehabilitation" means all or part of those repairs and improvements necessary to make residential real property safe, sanitary, or adequate.
- (t) "Deferred payment loan" means a loan that is repayable or partially repayable upon the occurrence of a specified event as determined by the authority.
- (u) "Eligible distressed area" means any of the following:
- (i) An area located in a city with a population of at least 10,000, which area is either designated as a "blighted area" by a local legislative body pursuant to 1945 PA 344, MCL 125.71 to 125.84, or which area is determined by the authority to be blighted or largely vacant by reason of clearance of blight, if, with respect to the area, the authority determines all of the following:
 - (A) That private enterprise has failed to provide a supply of adequate, safe, and sanitary dwellings sufficient to meet market demand.
 - (B) That approval of elimination of income limits applicable in connection with authority loans has been received from the city in the form of either a resolution adopted by the highest legislative body of the city or, if the city charter provides for the mayor to be elected at large with that office specifically designated on the ballot, provides that the office of mayor is a full-time position, and provides that the mayor has the power to veto legislative actions of the legislative body of that city, a written communication from the mayor of that city.
 - (ii) A municipality that meets all of the following requirements:
 - (A) The municipality shows a negative population change from 1970 to the date of the most recent federal decennial census.
 - (B) The municipality shows an overall increase in the state equalized value of real and personal property of less than the statewide average increase since 1972.
 - (C) The municipality has a poverty rate, as defined by the most recent federal decennial census, greater than the statewide average.
 - (D) The municipality has had an unemployment rate higher than the statewide average unemployment rate for 3 of the preceding 5 years.
 - (iii) An area located in a local unit of government certified by the Michigan enterprise zone authority as meeting the criteria prescribed in section 2(d) of the neighborhood enterprise zone act, 1992 PA 147, MCL 207.772.

(v) "Mobile home" means a structure, transportable in 1 or more sections, that is built on a chassis and is designed to be used as a dwelling with or without permanent foundation, when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems contained in the structure. Mobile home may, but need not, include the real property to which the mobile home may be attached. Mobile home does not include a recreational vehicle.

(w) "Mobile home condominium project" means a condominium project in which mobile homes are intended to be located upon separate sites that constitute individual condominium units and that complies with the condominium act, 1978 PA 59, MCL 559.101 to 559.276.

(x) "Mobile home park" means a parcel or tract of land under the control of a person or entity upon which 3 or more mobile homes are located on a continual, nonrecreational, residential basis and that is offered to the public for general public use for continual, nonrecreational, residential purposes regardless of whether a charge is made for that use, together with any social, recreational, commercial, and communal facilities used or intended for use incident to the occupancy of a mobile home. Mobile home park does not include trailer parks and courts for use on a transient basis.

(y) "Mobile home park association" means a mobile home park association organized and qualified in accordance with chapter 9.

(z) "Mobile home park corporation" means a corporation incorporated pursuant to the corporation laws of this state and qualified in accordance with chapter 8.

(aa) "Housing unit" means living accommodations that are intended for occupancy by up to 4 families, with a separate dwelling unit for each family, that may be site constructed or may be a mobile home or other form of manufactured housing, and with respect to which either of the following applies:

(i) The owner of the housing occupies at least 1 of the dwelling units.

(ii) A cooperative shareholder or member has a proprietary lease of the housing unit.

(bb) "Moderate cost residential rental property" means dwelling units for which the rental payments are equal to or less than that established from time to time as the fair market rents for existing housing in accordance with 1 of the following:

(i) The section 8 leased housing program established under section 8 of the United States housing act of 1937, 42 USC 1437f, and the regulations promulgated under that act, or a substantially equivalent successor federal program.

(ii) A determination made by the authority of the average fair market rent for existing rental property.

(cc) "Area of chronic economic distress" means an area that qualifies as a "qualified census tract" or an "area of chronic economic distress" as defined in former section 103A(k) of the internal revenue code, or an eligible distressed area.

(dd) "Mortgage lender" means a state or national bank, state or federal savings and loan association, mortgage company, insurance company, state pension fund, or any other financial institution, intermediary, or entity authorized to make mortgage loans in this state.

(ee) "Authority-aided mortgage" means a mortgage made, held, purchased, or assisted by the authority.

(ff) "Subsidiary nonprofit housing corporation" means an entity created under section 22c.

(gg) "Family income" means all income that is included in a determination of family income under section 143(f) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 143(f), together with the income of all adults who will reside in the residence, which income might otherwise be excluded from consideration because the individual was not expected to both live in the residence and be primarily or secondarily liable on the mortgage note.

(hh) "Statewide median gross income" means the statewide median gross income as determined under section 143(f) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 143(f).

(ii) "Mutual housing association" means a corporation organized in accordance with chapter 10.

(jj) "Internal revenue code" means the United States internal revenue code of 1986.

(kk) "Internal revenue code of 1954" means the United States internal revenue code of 1954 as in effect on the day immediately before the effective date of the internal revenue code of 1986.

History: 1966, Act 346, Eff. Mar. 10, 1967;—Am. 1968, Act 343, Imd. Eff. July 19, 1968;—Am. 1969, Act 109, Imd. Eff. July 24, 1969;—Am. 1970, Act 129, Imd. Eff. July 29, 1970;—Am. 1976, Act 410, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 1977;—Am. 1977, Act 130, Imd. Eff. Oct. 25, 1977;—Am. 1979, Act 49, Imd. Eff. July 7, 1979;—Am. 1982, Act 506, Imd. Eff. Dec. 31, 1982;—Am. 1982, Act 534, Imd. Eff. Dec. 31, 1982;—Am. 1983, Act 217, Imd. Eff. Nov. 16, 1983;—Am. 1984, Act 215, Imd. Eff. July 10, 1984;—Am. 1987, Act 180, Imd. Eff. Nov. 25, 1987;—Am. 1989, Act 220, Imd. Eff. Dec. 11, 1989;—Am. 1989, Act 281, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1989;—Am. 1993, Act 220, Imd. Eff. Oct. 29, 1993;—Am. 1993, Act 221, Imd. Eff. Oct. 29, 1993;—Am. 1996, Act 475, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1996;—Am. 2004, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Jan. 3, 2005.

Administrative rules: R 125.101 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

Compiler's note: For transfer of Michigan state housing development authority from Michigan strategic fund to department of talent and economic development, see E.R.O. No. 2014-6, compiled at MCL 125.1995.

125.1412 Liberal construction.

Sec. 12. This act, being necessary for and to secure the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare of the citizens of the state, shall be liberally construed to effect its public purposes.

History: Add. 1987, Act 180, Imd. Eff. Nov. 25, 1987.

125.1415 Repealed. 1968, Act 334, Imd. Eff. July 14, 1968.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to nonprofit housing corporation tax exemption and payments in lieu of taxes.

125.1415a Exemption of housing project from taxes; filing certified notification of exemption with local assessing authority; annual service charge; amount; duration of exemption; distribution of payments for public services; exceptions; payment of service charge equal to full amount of taxes; reduced housing charges; "low income individuals or families" defined; rules; reimbursement prohibited; additional definitions.

Sec. 15a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the following are exempt from all ad valorem property taxes imposed by this state or by any political subdivision, public body, or taxing district in which the project is located:

(a) A housing project owned by a nonprofit housing corporation, consumer housing cooperative, limited dividend housing corporation, mobile home park corporation, or mobile home park association that is financed with a federally-aided or authority-aided mortgage or advance or grant from the authority.

(b) A housing project that is being developed or rehabilitated for workforce housing that is located in a municipality and is subject to a municipal ordinance that is adopted by the governing body of that municipality to approve a housing project for tax exemption under this subdivision. The approval or denial of a tax exemption under this subdivision must be in accordance with an ordinance or resolution concerning the selection of workforce housing projects that is adopted by the governing body.

(2) The owner of a housing project eligible for an exemption under subsection (1) must file with the local assessing officer a notification of the exemption. The notification must be in an affidavit form as provided by the authority. The owner must first submit the completed affidavit form to the authority for certification by the authority that the project is eligible for the exemption. The owner must then file the certified notification of the exemption with the local assessing officer before November 1 of the year preceding the tax year in which the exemption is to begin. If the housing project is eligible for an exemption under subsection (1)(b), not later than 5 business days after receipt of the certified notification of the exemption, the local assessing officer shall provide a copy of the certified notification of the exemption to the treasurer of the county in which the housing project is located.

(3) The owner of a housing project exempt from taxation under this section shall pay to the municipality in which the project is located an annual service charge for public services in lieu of all taxes. All of the following apply to the amount that an owner must pay as a service charge under this subsection:

(a) The owner must pay an annual service charge in accordance with the following:

(i) Subject to subdivisions (b), (c), (d), and (e), for a new construction project, an amount that is the greater of the tax on the property on which the project is located for the tax year preceding the date on which construction is commenced or 10% of the annual shelter rents obtained from the project.

(ii) Subject to subdivisions (b), (c), (d), and (e), for a rehabilitation project, an amount that is the lesser of the tax on the property on which the project is located for the tax year preceding the date on which rehabilitation is commenced or 10% of the annual shelter rents obtained from the project.

(b) Subject to subdivisions (c), (d), and (e), a municipality, by ordinance, may establish or change, by any amount it chooses, the service charge paid under subdivision (a) in lieu of taxes by all or any class of housing projects exempt from taxation under this act. However, the service charge must not exceed the amount in taxes that an owner would have otherwise paid if the housing project were not tax exempt.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a service charge paid each year in lieu of taxes for that part of a housing project that is tax exempt under subsection (1)(a) and occupied by individuals or families other than low-income individuals or families must be equal to the full amount of the taxes that would be paid on that portion of the housing project if the housing project were not tax exempt. The owner of the housing project must allocate the benefits of any tax exemption granted under this section exclusively to low-income individuals or families or to the maintenance and preservation of the housing project as a safe, decent, and sanitary affordable housing.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a service charge paid each year in lieu of taxes for that part of a housing project that is tax exempt under subsection (1)(b) and not used for workforce housing must be equal to the full amount of the taxes that would be paid on that portion of the housing project if the housing project

were not tax exempt. The owner of the housing project must allocate the benefits of any tax exemption granted under this section exclusively to workforce housing or to the maintenance and preservation of the housing project as a safe, decent, and sanitary workforce housing.

(e) The annual service charge under subdivision (a) for a housing project that is tax exempt under subsection (1)(b) must be increased by the additional amount if both of the following requirements are met:

(i) Not later than 45 days after the treasurer of the county's receipt of the certified notification of the exemption under subsection (2), the county board of commissioners for that county passes a resolution, by majority vote, that provides that the additional amount must be paid under this subdivision.

(ii) The approval of the resolution described in subparagraph (i) is in accordance with an ordinance or resolution adopted by the county board of commissioners concerning the factors to be considered in applying this subdivision.

(4) The exemption from taxation granted by subsection (1)(a), or approved by a governing body under subsection (1)(b), must remain in effect in accordance with the following:

(a) For a housing project described under subsection (1)(a), for as long as the federally-aided or authority-aided mortgage or advance or grant from the authority is outstanding, but not more than 50 years. The municipality may establish by ordinance a different period of time for the exemption to remain in effect.

(b) For a housing project described in subsection (1)(b), if the housing project remains subject to a covenant running with the land that restricts the use of the housing project to workforce housing, not to exceed 15 years.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and subsection (6), any payments for public services received by a municipality in lieu of taxes under this section must be distributed by the municipality to the several units levying the general property tax in the same proportion as prevailed with the general property tax in the previous calendar year. For payments in lieu of taxes collected after June 30, 1994, the distribution to the several units must be made as if the number of mills levied for local school district operating purposes were equal to the number of mills levied for those purposes in 1993 minus the number of mills levied under the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906, for the year for which the distribution is calculated. For tax years after 1993, the amount of payments in lieu of taxes to be distributed to a local school district for operating purposes under this subsection must not be distributed to the local school district but instead must be paid to the state treasury and credited to the state school aid fund established by section 11 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.

(6) An additional amount received under subsection (3)(e) must be distributed to the county in which the housing project is located.

(7) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(a), a municipality may provide by ordinance that the tax exemption established in subsection (1) does not apply to all or any class of housing projects within its boundaries to which subsection (1)(a) applies. If the municipality makes that provision, the tax exemption established in subsection (1)(a) does not apply to the class of housing projects designated in the ordinance. If the ordinance so provides, the ordinance is effective with respect to housing projects for which an exemption has already been granted on December 31 of the year in which the ordinance is adopted, but not before. A municipality that has adopted an ordinance described in this subsection may repeal that ordinance, and the repeal is effective on the date designated in the repealing ordinance.

(8) For purposes of this section only, "low-income individuals or families" means, with respect to any housing project that is tax exempt, individuals and families eligible to move into that project, as defined by the authority under its rules or a municipality by ordinance. For purposes of this subsection, the authority may promulgate rules to redefine low-income individuals or families or a municipality may by ordinance redefine low-income individuals or families for each municipality on the basis of conditions existing in that municipality.

(9) This state shall not reimburse any unit of government for a tax exemption granted to any housing project under this section.

(10) As used in this section:

(a) "Additional amount" means an amount equal to the difference between the following:

(i) The millage rate levied for operating purposes by the county in which the housing project is located multiplied by the current taxable value of that housing project.

(ii) The amount of the annual service charge paid by the housing project under subsection (3)(a) that is distributed to the county in which the housing project is located under subsection (5).

(b) "Area median income" means that term as defined in section 59.

(c) "Taxable value" means taxable value as calculated under section 27a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.27a.

(d) "Workforce housing" means rental units or other housing options that are reasonably affordable to, and

occupied by, a household whose total household income is not greater than 120% of the area median income and published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

History: Add. 1968, Act 334, Imd. Eff. July 14, 1968;—Am. 1969, Act 109, Imd. Eff. July 24, 1969;—Am. 1979, Act 49, Imd. Eff. July 7, 1979;—Am. 1982, Act 534, Imd. Eff. Dec. 31, 1982;—Am. 1983, Act 217, Imd. Eff. Nov. 16, 1983;—Am. 1994, Act 363, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1994;—Am. 2022, Act 239, Imd. Eff. Dec. 13, 2022.

Compiler's note: Section 2 of Act No. 363 of the Public Acts of 1994 provides:

“The provisions of this amendatory act, providing that the exemption from taxes provided in section 15a of this act be limited to ad valorem property taxes, are curative expressing the original intent of the legislature that the exemption extends only to ad valorem property taxes and does not apply to the other taxes levied under Michigan law.”

Administrative rules: R 125.101 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

125.1417 Advisory and other services.

Sec. 17. The authority may provide to any organization or person participating or intending to participate in the development, design, or management of authority-assisted housing or in the contracting or subcontracting of the construction or rehabilitation of authority-assisted housing, such advisory, consultative, technical, training, and educational services as will assist them to more effectively provide authority-assisted housing. Advisory and educational services may include but are not necessarily limited to technical and professional planning assistance, the preparation and promulgation of organizational planning and development outlines and guides, consultation services, training courses, seminars and lectures, the preparation and dissemination of newsletters and other printed materials, and the services of field representatives.

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