

§ 960.501 Purpose and scope.

The purpose of this subpart is to permit the admission to public housing of police officers and other security personnel, who are not otherwise eligible for such housing under any other admission requirements or procedures, under a plan submitted by a public housing agency (HA) and approved by the Department, and to set forth standards and criteria for the approval of such plans. The Department's objective in granting the exemption allowed by this subpart is to permit long term residence in public housing developments by police officers and security personnel, whose visible presence is expected to serve as a deterrent to criminal activity in and around public housing.

§ 960.503 Definitions.

Eligible families means families that are eligible for residence in public housing assisted under the United States Housing Act of 1937.

Officer means a professional police officer or other professional security provider. Police officers and other security personnel are considered professional if they are employed full time, i.e., not less than 35 hours per week, by a governmental unit or a private employer and compensated expressly for providing police or security services. As used in this subpart, "Officer" may refer to the Officer as so defined or to the Officer and his or her family taken together, depending on the context.

Plan means the written plan submitted by a public housing agency (PHA) to the Department, under which, if approved, the Department will exempt Officers from the normal eligibility requirements for residence in public housing and allow Officers, who are otherwise not eligible, to reside in public housing units. An HA may have only one plan in effect at any one time, which will govern exemptions under this subpart for all public housing managed by that HA.

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§ 960.505 Exemption from eligibility requirements; plan submission; plan approval or disapproval.

(a) *Conditions for exemption.* The Department may exempt Officers from the eligibility requirements for admission to public housing, provided that:

(1) The Officers would not be eligible, under any other admission requirements or procedures, for admission to the public housing development without such an exemption; and

(2) The exemption is given under a properly submitted plan that satisfies the standards and criteria set forth in § 960.507 of this part and, accordingly, has been approved by the Department.

(b) *Plan submission.* A plan is properly submitted when it is received by the local HUD Field Office with jurisdiction over the HA.

(c) *Notification of plan approval or disapproval.* The Department will notify an HA of the approval or disapproval of its plan within thirty days of its submission. Plan approval by the Department constitutes granting of the exemption for the purposes of this subpart.

§ 960.507 Plan standards and criteria.

(a) *Minimum requirements.* To be approved, a plan must satisfy the following requirements:

(1) The plan must identify the total number of units under management by the HA; the specific housing developments, and the number of units they contain, where the HA intends to place Officers; and the particular units (stating number of bedrooms) within each development that would be allocated to Officers. For each unit identified, the plan must state the amount of rent that the Officer will pay and facts and circumstances (such as, the rent that would ordinarily be charged for the unit, the HA's annual maintenance cost for the unit, the degree of difficulty in attracting Officers to reside in the unit, the extent of the crime problem in the development, and the anticipated benefits of the Officer's presence) that demonstrate the reasonableness of that amount, as required under § 960.509(a) of this subpart.