

Total Estimated Burden Hours:
280,000.

Status: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: July 30, 2004.

Wayne Eddins,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4903-N-62]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Pet Ownership in Assisted Rental Housing for the Elderly or Handicapped

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

Information is distributed to tenants of assisted rental housing units detailing guidelines for pet ownership. The information is necessary because no owner of federally assisted rent housing for the elderly or handicapped may prohibit a tenant from having common

household pets in the tenant's dwelling unit, or discriminate against any person regarding admission to such Housing because of ownership or presence of a pet in the person's dwelling unit.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* September 7, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2502-0342) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins and at HUD's Web site at <http://www5.hud.gov:63001/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, a survey instrument to obtain information from faith based and community organizations on their likelihood and success at applying for various funding programs. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Pet Ownership in Assisted Rental Housing for the Elderly or Handicapped.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0342.

Form Numbers: None.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: Information is distributed to tenants of assisted rental housing units detailing guidelines for pet ownership. The information is necessary because no owner of federally assisted rental housing for the elderly or handicapped may prohibit a tenant from having common household pets in the tenant's dwelling unit, or discriminate against any person regarding admission to such housing because of ownership or presence of a pet in the person's dwelling unit.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion, information is distributed at initial tenancy and/or if pet rules are revised.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
<i>Reporting Burden</i>	8,793	14.05		0.231		28,671

Total Estimated Burden Hours:
28,671.

Status: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: July 30, 2004.

Wayne Eddins,

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4901-N-32]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities to Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

DATES: Effective August 6, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Burruss, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings

and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: July 29, 2004.

Mark R. Johnston,

Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4943-N-01]

Notice of Draft Report of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Review of the Fair Housing Accessibility Requirements in the 2003 International Building Code Accessibility Provisions and Solicitation of Comments

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

ACTION: Notice and solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD or the Department) announces a draft report of its review of the Fair Housing Act's accessibility requirements in the 2003 International Building Code.¹ The Department conducted this review in response to a request from the International Code Council (ICC). The draft report identifies the variances between the Fair Housing Act's design and construction requirements and the 2003 International Building Code.

The draft report discusses only variances that may not meet the Fair Housing Act's design and construction requirements. As stated in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice, the draft report is a precursor to a final report that HUD will publish in the **Federal Register**. After receipt and review of public comments, the Department will make its final revisions to the draft report and then issue the final report.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* September 7, 2004.

Submission of Comments & Addresses: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the issues discussed in this draft report.

Written comments should be submitted to Surrell Silverman, Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5124, Washington, DC 20410-0500. Telephone number (202) 708-4150. Written comments must be submitted by close of business (6 p.m. EDT).

Location of Documents: The HUD draft report is located at [<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/disabilities/modelcodes/>]. The Fair Housing Act, the Fair Housing Act regulations, and the Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines can also be obtained through links provided at this Web site. The report is designed primarily to provide technical assistance in response to the request the Department received from ICC and thus, because the report is responding to code language, it may be using terms unfamiliar to the general public. The Department has arranged to have all of the source documents that the Department used in the analysis available to the public during the period of this request for public comments. The source documents that the Department reviewed are available at http://fairhousing.iccsafe.org/nt_2000. ICC has agreed to provide free of charge access to the chapters of the 2003 IBC that the Department reviewed. The 1998 edition of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A117.1 standard, "Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities," is available for purchase at that Web address.

Copies of all the relevant documents are also available for viewing at the HUD Library at 451 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20410. To gain admission to the HUD Library you must present identification to the security guards and ask to visit the library. Photocopying in the HUD library is limited to 40 pages. With the exception of the HUD draft report, all of the source documents are copyrighted and therefore not available for photocopying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Kent, Special Advisor for Disability Policy, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5240, Washington, DC 20410-0500; telephone (202) 708-2333, extension 7058 (voice). (This is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8399 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended (commonly known as the Fair

Housing Act), 42 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.*, makes it unlawful to discriminate in any aspect relating to the sale or rental of dwellings, in the availability of residential real estate-related transactions, or in the provision of services and facilities in connection therewith because of race, color, religion, sex, disability (handicap),² familial status, or national origin.

The Fair Housing Act (the Act) and the Department's implementing regulations provide that discrimination includes the failure to design and construct covered multifamily dwellings built for first occupancy after March 13, 1991 to include certain features of accessible and adaptable design. Covered multifamily dwellings are "buildings consisting of 4 or more units if such buildings have one or more elevators; and ground floor units in other buildings consisting of 4 or more units." 42 U.S.C. 3604(f)(7). The Act's requirements apply irrespective of type of ownership, covering both rental and for sale units, as long as there are four or more units in the building. Covered multifamily dwellings must be designed and constructed so that: (1) The public and common use portions of such dwellings are readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities; (2) All the doors designed to allow passage into and within all premises within such dwellings are sufficiently wide to allow passage by disabled persons in wheelchairs; and (3) All premises within such dwellings contain the following features of adaptive design: (a) An accessible route into and through the dwelling; (b) Light switches, electrical outlets, thermostats, and other environmental controls in accessible locations; (c) Reinforcements in bathroom walls to allow later installation of grab bars; and (d) Usable kitchens and bathrooms such that an individual in a wheelchair can maneuver about the space. 42 U.S.C. 3604(f)(3)(C). These basic accessibility requirements are known as the Act's design and construction requirements.

The Act does not set forth specific technical design criteria that have to be followed in order to comply with the design and construction requirements. It does provide, however, that compliance with the appropriate requirements of the American National Standard Institute for Buildings and Facilities—Providing Accessibility and Usability for Physically Handicapped People,

² The Fair Housing Act refers to people with "handicaps." Subsequently, in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and other legislation, Congress adopted the term "persons with disabilities," or "disability," which is the preferred usage.

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