



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



Notice and Order Regarding Statutory and Regulatory Administrative
Deadlines for Department of Housing Administrative Hearings

March 30, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, in order to further prevent the potential public threat and spread of COVID19 to any person who might participate in the process of submitting, reviewing, hearing, discussing, deciding, or appealing an agency, board or commission decision, action, or related activity, and to allow for delays and unavailability caused by disruptions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, state agencies, boards, and commissions of this State require discretion to manage deadlines associated with Chapter 54 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, and other statutory and regulatory deadlines relevant to conducting the business of this State; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020 Governor Ned Lamont issued Executive Order No. 7M permitting state agency commissioners to extend, as they deem reasonably necessary to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic or its effects, any statutory or regulatory time requirements, decision-making requirements, hearings, or other time limitations or deadlines, procedure or legal process pertaining the matters under their respective jurisdictions, functions or powers for a period not to exceed 90 days;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that, effective immediately:

1. The following statutory and/or regulatory deadlines in connection with administrative hearings, determinations and proceedings are hereby extended for ninety (90) calendar days, providing that such date does not extend beyond June 30, 2020:
 - a. Statutory and/or regulatory deadlines setting forth the time in which an aggrieved person may request an administrative hearing or other administrative determination from the Department of Housing (“DOH” or “the agency”);
 - b. Statutory and/or regulatory deadlines setting forth the date by which an administrative hearing or other proceeding shall be scheduled and held by the agency;
 - c. Statutory and/or regulatory deadlines setting forth the time(s) in which the agency shall issue a written decision or administrative determination;
 - d. Statutory and/or regulatory deadlines setting forth the time by which an aggrieved person may request reconsideration or agency review of an agency decision or determination;

- e. Statutory and/or regulatory deadlines setting forth the time by which DOH shall respond to a request for reconsideration or agency review of an agency decision or determination;
 - f. Statutory and/or regulatory deadlines for the issuance of any notices in connection with administrative hearings, determinations or other proceedings.
2. If ninety (90) calendar days after a statutory and/or regulatory deadline extends such deadline until after June 30, 2020, the deadline will be deemed to be June 30, 2020.
3. This order includes all administrative hearings, administrative determinations and administrative proceedings within DOH's jurisdiction, including but not limited to those authorized in connection with:
 - a. the State Rental Assistance Program pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 8-345 and the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies ("RCSA") §§ 17b-8-12 - 14;
 - b. the Housing Choice Voucher program administered by DOH pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1437f, 24 C.F.R. § 982.555 and the Plan for the Administration of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program effective July 2019;
 - c. the Security Deposit Guarantee Program pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 8-339 and RCSA § 17b-802-12
 - d. the Uniform Relocation Assistance Act pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 8-278 and RCSA § 8-273-1;
 - e. the disposal of housing projects by housing authorities pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 8-64a;
 - f. requests for declaratory rulings pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-176; and
 - g. any and all other administrative hearings, proceedings or determinations pursuant to Chapter 54 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
4. This order applies to all administrative hearings, determinations and proceedings held by DOH or by an authorized contractor or agent acting on DOH's behalf.
5. This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2020 unless earlier modified or terminated by further Notice and Order.



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Commissioner