

Status of CARES Act Foreclosure Moratorium for Single-Family Mortgages

June 30, 2020

This update supplements NFHA's summaries dated March 20, 2020, April 3, 2020 and May 26, 2020.

I. The Temporary Foreclosure and Eviction Moratorium in the CARES Act Covering Federally-Backed Mortgage Loans Expired on May 17, 2020

Except with respect to a vacant or abandoned property, during the 60-day period beginning on March 18, 2020, a servicer of a federally-backed mortgage loan was prohibited from:

- Initiating any judicial or non-judicial foreclosure process
- Moving for a foreclosure judgment or order of sale
- Executing a foreclosure-related eviction or foreclosure sale

II. Temporary Extension of Foreclosure Moratorium for Federally-Backed Mortgage Loans

In NFHA's May 26, 2020 COVID-19 Update, we reported that the foreclosure and eviction activities for single-family federally-backed mortgages were extended to June 30, 2020.

Mortgage Servicing Announcements released in June by FHA, USDA, VA, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac uniformly extended the moratorium on foreclosure sales and foreclosure-related activity to August 31, 2020 for federally-backed loans, excluding mortgages secured by vacant or abandoned properties.

The announcements extending the moratorium to August 31, 2020 are available here:

<u>HUD Mortgagee Letter 2020-19 Extension of Foreclosure and Eviction</u> <u>Moratorium to August 31, 2020</u>

<u>USDA Single Family Guaranteed Loans Extension of Foreclosure and Eviction Moratorium to August 31, 2020</u>

<u>USDA Direct Loans Extension of Foreclosure and Eviction Moratorium to Aug. 31, 2020</u>

VA Circular 26-20-22 Extension of Foreclosure and Eviction Moratorium to August 31, 2020

FHFA News Release 06.17.20 Extension of Foreclosure and Eviction

Moratorium to August 31, 2020 (Regulator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac)

Fannie Mae Lender Letter 2020-02 Updated 06.24.20 Extension of Foreclosure Moratorium to August 31, 2020 (See p. 8)

<u>Freddie Mac Bulletin 2020-25 Extension of Foreclosure Moratorium to August 31, 2020</u>

III. COVID-19 Resource Websites for Federally-Backed Mortgage Loans and Loss Mitigation Guidelines

FHA-INSURED LOANS

HUD COVID-19 Servicing Resources

HUD Mortgagee Letter 2020-06 04.1.20

FHA's Loss Mitigation Options for Single Family Borrowers Affected by the Presidentially-Declared COVID-19 National Emergency in Accordance with the CARES Act

Temporary Partial Waiver of Face-to-Face Contact Requirement 03.13.20

HUD Single Family Policy Handbook 4000.1 Issued 10.24.10 (PDF Version)

All HUD Mortgagee Letters

USDA/RHS

<u>USDA Rural Development COVID-19 Page</u>

<u>USDA Servicing Guaranteed Non-Performing Loans HB-1-3555 Chapter 19</u> (revised 04.30.20)

USDA Direct Loans Chapter 5 Special Servicing HB-2-3550

VA LOANS

VA Loans COVID-19 Related Information for Borrowers and Servicers

VA Circulars Home Loans

VA Servicer Handbook M26-4 Guaranteed Loans

FANNIE MAE LOANS

Fannie Mae Loan Look-Up

Fannie Mae Lender Letter 2020-07 COVID-19 Payment Deferral Updated 06.10.20

Fannie Mae COVID-19 Servicing Resources

Fannie Mae Single Family Servicing Guide 06.10.20 (PDF Format)

Fannie Mae Single Family Servicing Guide (On-Line Format)

FREDDIE MAC LOANS

Freddie Mac Loan Look Up

Freddie Mac Bulletin 2020—15 COVID-19 Payment Deferral 05.13.20

Freddie Mac COVID-19 Servicing Resources

Freddie Mac Seller/Servicer Guide 06.10.20 (PDF Format)

Freddie Mac Seller/Servicer Guide (On-Line Format)

IV. Additional Resources

CFPB RESPA Regulation X – Requests for Information 12 CFE 1024.36 Requests for Information

CFPB FAQs Mortgage Servicing Rules re COVID-19 - April 2020

<u>CSBS and CFPB CARES Act Forbearance & Foreclosure - Additional Guidance May 2020</u>

<u>CFPB Interim Rule on Loss Mitigation Options for Homeowners Recovering</u> <u>from Pandemic-Related Financial Hardships</u>

CFPB - General Information for all COVID-19 Impacted Homeowners

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