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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

RESIDENT PARTICIPATION PLAN Amended November 28, 2016



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INTRODUCTION AND APPLICABILITY

As an entitlement community receiving funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the City of Rogers is required to adopt a Resident Participation Plan that establishes the City's policies and procedures for resident's participation. The guidelines for establishing a Resident Participation Plan as part of submitting the Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan, Affirmative Fair Housing (AFH), substantial amendments, and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) are outlined the Code of Federal Regulations Part 91.105 (Governments) and 91.115 (states).

The CDBG Administrator is under the Department of Finance and serves as the Lead Agency for the administration of the City's HUD entitlement funds. The CDBG Administrator is responsible for informing citizens about the planning process, facilitating meetings, preparing and developing the Annual Action Plan, the Five Year Consolidated Plan, substantial amendments, and developing the CAPER and Resident Participation Plan. The CDBG Administrator is also responsible for the Affirmative Furthering Fair Housing development.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Funds authorized by Congress under the Community Development Block Grant are made available to entitlement cities according to a formula allocation. The City of Rogers is classified as an Entitlement City and therefore receives the formula grant annually as participants in the program. Entitlement Grants are awarded for specific Program Years.

Program Year is defined as the authorized operating period of a particular program. The term is usually used to distinguish the program's operating period from the federal government's fiscal year. The City's Community Development Block Grant Program Year is the 12 month period starting January 1 in the fiscal year the appropriation is made and ending December 31 of that year.

Low-and-moderate-income is defined as a person or household having an income equal to or less than the HUD Income Guidelines adjusted for family size.

Additional information about the Community Development Block Grant Program can be found on the City's website at www.rogersar.gov under Your Government, Community Development Block Grant.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

In accordance with HUD's national objective, 70% of CDBG funds must benefit low/moderate income persons within the Consolidated Plan period. This benefit can be fulfilled through direct assistance to persons with incomes that do not exceed 80% of the area median income, or completing activities in census tracts where 51% or more of the households are low/moderate income.

The legislation which created the Community Development Block Grant Program and the regulation implementing it encourage the participation of residents in the development of an Assessment of Fair Housing, any revisions to the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plans, Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The City of Rogers strongly encourages participation by low-and-moderate-income persons, particularly those persons living in areas designated by the City as a revitalization area, in a slum and blighted area, in areas where Community Development Block Grant Program funds are proposed to be used, and by residents of predominantly low-and-moderate-income neighborhoods as defined by the City.

The City will take appropriate actions to encourage the participation of all residents, including minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities. The City encourages the participation of community stakeholders, especially those that aim to assist low-and-moderate-income persons with improving self-sufficiency. This will include local and regional institutions, Continuums of Care, businesses, developers, non-profit organizations, philanthropic organizations, community-based and faith-based organizations in the process of developing and implementing an Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

The City will also encourage, in conjunction with the Siloam Springs Housing Authority, the participation of residents of public and assisted housing developments (including resident advisory boards, resident councils, and resident management corporations) in the process of developing and implementing the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan, along with other low-income residents of the City's targeted revitalization areas. The City shall make an effort to provide information to the Siloam Springs Housing Authority about the Assessment of Fair Housing, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing strategy, and Consolidated Plan activities related to developments and surround communities in order for the Siloam Springs Housing Authority to make this information available at annual public hearing(s) for the PHA Plan.

RESIDENT PARTICIPATION PLAN

This plan sets forth the City's policies and procedures for resident's participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program. This plan was revised November 28, 2016 and supersedes the October 11, 2011 version to comply with regulation 24 Code of Federal Regulations 91.105, Citizen Participation plan; local governments. These changes were made by Department of Housing and Development through memorandum dated March 14, 2016 CFR stating data to be current as of September 30, 2016. This plan will be reviewed annually to ensure it complies with current Resident's Participation Plan regulations.

The City's Resident's Participation Plan is available in English on the website, www.rogersar.gov under Your Government, Community Development Block Grant. The City is prepared to provide the Resident Participation Plan in a format accessible, upon request, to any individual who might be visually impaired, unable to read, homebound with no access to a

computer, or who would need a translation in Spanish. Any substantial amendments to the

Resident Participation Plan shall also be posted on the City's website and formats will be made accessible upon request.

A bilingual person (English to Spanish) will be available to provide language assistance at all public hearings and meetings related to the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and all other meetings held on behalf of the Community Development Block Program.

Before the City adopts a Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan, the City will make available to residents, public agencies, and other interested parties information that includes the amount of funds the City expects to receive (entitlement grant funds and program income) and the activities the City plans to undertake, including the estimated amount that will benefit persons of low-and-moderate-income.

The City will continue to explore alternative public involvement techniques and quantitative ways to measure efforts that encourage the participation of residents in a shared vision for change in the community, neighborhoods, and the review of program performance. In today's society, social media can play a huge role in public involvement. The CDBG Program is starting to look at ways to be more effective with social media.

RESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION

This Resident Participation Plan provides for and encourages residents to attend all public hearings to provide their views of the community on housing and community development needs, including priority non-housing community development needs and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.

The Resident Participation Plan provides for and encourages residents to participate in the development of the Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Plan, and the Assessment of Fair Housing. This Plan also encourages residents to review and comment on the proposed Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Plan, Substantial Amendments, Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report, and the final Assessment of Fair Housing. These requirements are designed especially to encourage participation by low-and-moderate-income residents, particularly those living in slum and blighted areas, in areas where Community Development Block Grant Program funds are proposed to be used and by residents of predominantly low-and-moderate-income neighborhoods as defined by the City.

The City will undertake actions deemed appropriate to encourage the participation of all its residents, including minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities. The City encourages the participation of local and regional institutions, the Continuum of Care, and other organizations (including businesses, developers, non-profit organizations, philanthropic organizations, community-based, and faith-based organizations) in the process of developing and implementing the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

The City encourages the participation of residents of public and assisted housing developments in the process of developing and implementing the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan, along with other low-income residents of targeted revitalization areas in which the developments are located.

The City will make every effort to provide information to the Siloam Springs Housing Authority about the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan activities related to its developments and surrounding neighborhoods so the Siloam Springs Housing Authority can make this available at their annual Public Hearing.

CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Consolidated Plan is defined as a three-, four-, or five-year plan submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and serves as the planning document (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy and Community Development Plan) of the City and an application for funding under the Community Planning and Development Formula Grant Program. The City of Rogers will submit a five-year plan that will be completed in a timely manner for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Consolidated Plan will be submitted to the Mayor and City Council for formal approval prior to submitting to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Before the City adopts a Consolidated Plan, it will make available to residents, public agencies, and other interested parties information that includes the amount of assistance the City expects to receive from the Department of Housing and Urban Development Entitlement Cities Program including Program Income the City anticipates it will receive. The City will provide the range of projects and activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount that will benefit persons of low-and-moderate-income.

The City will have a Public Notice display advertisement published in the local newspaper with a summary of the Annual Action Plan that includes the various locations copies of the Consolidated Plan are available for comments by residents, units of general local government, public agencies, and other interested parties so they may have reasonable opportunity to examine its content and submit comments.

The City will also publish the proposed Consolidated Plan on its website, www.rogersar.gov, under Your Government, Community Development Block Grant and place copies of the proposed Consolidated Plan at the following locations:

City Hall
Office of Finance
301 West Chestnut
Rogers, AR 72756

Rogers Activity Center
315 West Olive Street
Rogers, AR 72756

Adult Wellness Center
2001 West Persimmon Street
Rogers, AR 72756

Rogers Public Library
711 South Dixieland Road
Rogers, AR 72758

The City will make a reasonable number of free copies of the Consolidated Plan available to residents and groups that request it. The Consolidated Plan will be made available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities upon request.

The Consolidated Plan will be made available to the public for a thirty (30) day comment period, starting the day after a summary of proposed Consolidated Plan was published in the local newspaper. A Public Hearing must occur before the proposed Consolidated Plan is published for comment.

The City will consider any and all comments or views of residents received in writing or orally at the Public Hearings in preparing the final Consolidated Plan.

A summary of all residents' comments and the City's responses will be incorporated into or attached to the final Consolidated Plan before it is submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development electronically as well as hard copy.

Comments may be made to the Community Development Block Grant Program Administrator Donna Johnston by calling 479-621-1121, emailing djohnston@rogersar.gov, or mailing to City of Rogers, CDBG Program, 301 West Chestnut, Rogers, AR 72756.

ACTION PLAN

Action Plan is defined as a one-year plan submitted annually to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Submission date will be within 60 days after City is notified of the funding amount. The Action Plan is a summary of how the City will carry-out its projects and activities utilizing upcoming program year Community Development Block Grant Program funds. The Annual Action Plan will be completed in a timely manner for submission to Department of Housing and Urban Development. Prior to submission of the final Annual Action Plan, the Plan will be submitted to the Mayor and City Council for final approval.

Before the City adopts an Annual Action Plan, it will make available to residents, public agencies, and other interested parties information that includes the amount of assistance the City expects to receive from the Department of Housing and Urban Development Entitlement Cities Program including any program income that City anticipates it will receive. The City will provide the range of projects and activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount that will benefit persons of low-and-moderate-income.

The City will have a Public Notice display advertisement published in the local newspaper with a summary of the Annual Action Plan that includes the various locations copies of the Annual Action Plan are available for comments by residents, units of local government, public agencies, and other interested parties so they may have reasonable opportunity to examine its content and submit comments.

The City shall publish the proposed Annual Action Plan on its website, www.rogersar.gov, under Your Government, Community Development Block Grant and place copies of the proposed Action Plan at the following locations:

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The City will make a reasonable number of free copies of the Annual Action Plan available to residents and groups that request it. The Annual Action Plan will be made available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities upon request.

The Annual Action Plan will be made available to the public for a thirty (30) day comment period beginning the day after a summary of the proposal Annual Action Plan was published in the local newspaper. A Public Hearing must occur before the proposed Annual Action Plan is published for comment.

The City will consider any and all comments or views or residents received in writing or orally at the Public Hearing in preparing the final Annual Action Plan.

A summary of all resident's comments and the City's responses will be incorporated into or attached to the final Annual Action Plan before it is submitted electronically and by hard copy to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Submission date will be set once funding amount is distributed by HUD's office.

Comments may be made to the Community Development Block Grant Program Administrator Donna Johnston by calling 479-621-1121, emailing djohnston@rogersar.gov, or mailing to City of Rogers, CDBG Program, 301 West Chestnut, Rogers, AR 72756.

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report is defined as a performance report submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on or before ninety (90) days after the Program Year ends. The report describes prior-year Community Development Block Grant Program fund disbursements, projects and activities carried-out, number of beneficiaries and other objectives and outcomes accomplished with Community Development Block Grant Program funds, and will show the degree to which projects and activities achieve their objective.

The City encourages residents, public agencies, and other interested parties to comment on the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

The City shall publish the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report on its website, www.rogersar.gov, under Your Government, Community Development Block Grant. This allows residents, public agencies and other interested parties an opportunity to examine the

content and submit contents. The City shall place copies of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report at the following locations:

City Hall
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Rogers, AR 72756

Rogers Activity Center
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Adult Wellness Center
2001 West Persimmon Street
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The City will have a Public Notice display advertisement published in the local newspaper with a summary of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report and shall include the various locations copies of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report is available for residents, public agencies, and other interested parties to review and comment on.

The City will make a reasonable number of free copies of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report available to residents and groups that request it. The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report will be made available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities upon request.

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report will be made available to the public for a fifteen (15) day comment period beginning the day after a summary of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report was published in the newspaper.

The City shall consider all comments or views of residents in writing or orally regarding the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report and any comments or views regarding the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report will be submitted electronically and a hard copy to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Little Rock Field Office, 90 days after the prior Program Year has ended (March 31).

Comments may be made to the Community Development Block Grant Program Administrator Donna Johnson by calling 479-621-1121, emailing djohnston@rogersar.gov, or mailing to City of Rogers, CDBG Program, 301 West Chestnut, Rogers, AR 72756.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

The City considers a Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan a change in the following:

1. A change in its allocation proprieties.
2. A change in its method of distribution of funds.

3. To carry out a new activity using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan not previously described in the Action Plan.
4. To change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of any activity.
5. To make a change in the allocation of \$100,000 or greater.
6. To carry out an activity not previously described in the Action Plan.
7. To change the use of CDBG funds from one eligible activity to another.

The City will amend its approved Plan whenever it makes one of the above listed changes.

Before the City adopts a Substantial Amendment, it will make available to residents, public agencies, and other interested parties information that includes the proposed changes to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

The City will publish a Public Notice display advertisement in the local newspaper with a summary of the Substantial Amendment and shall include the various locations copies of the Substantial Amendment are available for comments by residents, units of local government agencies, public agencies, and other interested parties.

The City shall publish the Substantial Amendment on its website, www.rogersar.gov, under Your Government, Community Development Block Grant. This allows residents, public agencies, and other interested parties an opportunity to examine the content and submit comments.

The City shall place copies of the entire Substantial Amendment at the following locations:

City Hall
Office of Finance
301 West Chestnut
Rogers, AR 72756

Rogers Activity Center
315 West Olive Street
Rogers, AR 72756

Adult Wellness Center
2001 West Persimmon Street
Rogers, AR 72756

Rogers Public Library
711 South Dixieland Road
Rogers, AR 72758

The City will make a reasonable number of free copies of the Substantial Amendment available to residents and groups that request it. The Amendment will be made available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities upon request.

The Substantial Amendment will be made available to the public for a thirty (30) day comment period beginning the day after a summary of the Amendment was published in the newspaper and will not be implemented until the thirty (30) day comment period has elapsed.

The City shall consider all comments or views of citizens received in writing or orally. A summary of these comments or views and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore shall be attached to the Substantial Amendment when it is submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Little Rock Field Office.

Comments may be made to the Community Development Block Grant Program Administrator Donna Johnston by calling 479-621-1121, emailing djohnston@rogersar.gov, or mailing to City of Rogers, CDBG Program, 301 West Chestnut, Rogers, AR 72756.

The City shall notify the Department of Housing and Urban Development that a Substantial Amendment has been made. The letter transmitting the copy of the Substantial Amendment shall be signed by the City's Mayor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings held by the City's Community Development Block Grant Office shall be held at times and locations which permit broad participation by citizens, elected and other government officials, organizations and other groups eligible for projects and activities funded by the City's Community Development Block Grant.

The City will provide a minimum of two Public Hearings during each calendar year. One Public Hearing will be held at the beginning stages of developing the proposed Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. Residents, units of general local government, public agencies, and other interested parties are urged to attend the Hearing to provide their views and respond to proposals and ask questions.

The City will hold another Public Hearing when the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are published for comments. Residents, units of general local government, public agencies and other interested parties are urged to attend the Hearing to provide their views and respond to proposals and ask questions.

The City will have a Public Notice display advertisement published in the local newspaper at least seven days prior to the Public Hearing. The Public Notice will also be displayed through the City's website, www.rogersar.gov, under Your Government, Community Development Block Grant and the City's social media. The display ad shall contain at a minimum the date, time location, topics for consideration, procedures for the Hearing, and a location where additional information may be obtained.

The City will hold all Public Hearings in buildings that have accommodations for persons with disabilities and be consistent with accessibility and reasonable accommodation requirements in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973 and 1990 and implement regulations at 24 CFR part 8 and 28 CFR parts 35 and 36, as applicable. Public Hearings are open for attendance by the public.

The needs of non-English speaking residents who desire to participate in the Public Hearings shall be provided for on a reasonable basis as well as citizens needing reasonable

accommodations. Spanish would make up the majority of the City's non-English speaking residents.

ACCESS TO RECORDS

The City will make available to residents, public agencies, and other interested parties information and records relating to the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports, Substantial Amendments, Monitoring Reviews and the City's use of assistance under the Community Development Block Grant Program. This information will be available during working hours, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday (except for federal, state, or local holidays) at the Community Development Block Grant Office located at 301 West Chestnut. During certain times of the year these documents will also be available at the Rogers Activity Center, 315 West Olive Street, Adult Wellness Center, 2001 West Persimmon Street, and the Rogers Public Library, 711 South Dixieland Road. This information can be provided in alternative formats (i.e., Braille/large print, audio tape) for the disabled and may also be translated into Spanish for Spanish speaking persons, upon request. Public access to other program information, providing such information does not infringe upon any individual rights, is also available. The Community Development Block Grant Office will have this information available for at least the preceding five years.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The City will provide technical assistance to recognized groups that represent persons of low-and-moderate-income that request such assistance in developing proposals for funding assistance under the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. Technical assistance may be provided through site visits, email or telephone communication as well as the Community Development Block Grant Administrator's Office at City Hall, 301 West Chestnut. A bilingual (English/Spanish) person will also be available to non-English speaking persons. Technical assistance provided by the Community Development Block Grant Administrator will not constitute a guarantee of funding to any group or person.

COMPLAINTS

The City's Community Development Block Grant Program Administrator is responsible to respond to complaints from residents related to Consolidated Plans, Annual Action Plans, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports, Substantial Amendments, and all aspects of the Community Development Block Grant Program. The Program Administrator will provide a timely, substantive, written response to every written citizen complaint within fifteen (15) working days, where practical.

DSIPLACEMENT

It is City's policy not to cause any persons to be displaced by the use of Community Development Block Grant Program funds; however, if the displacement of persons does occur, the City will assist persons displaced. The Community Development Block Grant Program shall assist persons displaced by providing moving and/or temporary relocation expenses as necessary.

In certain cases contractors will assist persons displaced as required. The contractor shall assist persons displaced by providing moving and/or temporary relocation expenses as necessary.

ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING

Residents are encouraged to participate in the development and analysis of fair housing data, assessment of fair housing issues and identification of fair housing priorities and goals as well as any revisions to the Assessment of Fair Housing. The City encourages participation by low- and moderate-income persons, especially those persons living in areas designated by the City as a revitalization area or in a slum and blighted area where Community Development Block Grant funds are proposed to be used, and by residents of predominately low-and moderate-income neighborhoods as may be defined by the City. The City shall take appropriate action to encourage all its citizens, including minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities, to participate.

The City shall encourage the participation of local and regional institutions, Continuums of Care (especially those that provide assisting housing, health services, and social services, including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/Aids and their families and homeless persons) and other organization (including businesses, developers, nonprofits, philanthropic organizations and community-based and faith-based organizations) during the development and implementation of the Assessment of Fair Housing.

The City shall encourage participation with public housing agencies and residents of public housing and assisted housing developments, resident advisory boards, resident councils and resident management corporations, along with other low-income residents of targeted revitalization areas in which the developments are located, during the development of the Assessment of Fair Housing. The City shall provide information regarding the Assessment of Fair Housing, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing strategy activities related to its developments and any surrounding communities so that the public housing agency may have this information available at the annual public hearing(s) for the PHA Plan. This should ensure the activities with regard to Affirmative Furthering Fair Housing are fully coordinated to achieve comprehensive community development goals and affirmative furthering fair housing.

The City shall take reasonable steps to provide language assistance to ensure meaningful access to participation by non-English speaking residents of the community.

As soon as feasible following the start of the public participation process, the City shall make the Department of Urban and Development's provided data available and any other supplemental information the City plans to incorporate into its Assessment of Fair Housing available to its residents, public agencies and other interested parties. The City may make the Department of Urban and Housing Development provided data available to the public by cross-referencing to the data on Department of Urban and Housing Development's website.

The City will hold a public hearing during the development of the Assessment of Fair Housing to obtain views of the community on housing and community development needs including priority non-housing community development needs and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. The

Public Hearing will be held in a building that has accommodations for persons with disabilities. The City will provide a bilingual (English/Spanish) person at the Public Hearing. The City will have a Public Notice display advertisement published in the local paper notifying Rogers' residents of an upcoming Public Hearing with sufficient information published about the subject of the Public Hearing to permit informed comment. The advertisement shall be published in the local newspaper at least one week prior to the Public Hearing.

The City shall publish the Assessment of Fair Housing on its website, www.rogersar.gov, under Your Government, Community Development Block Grant. This allows residents, public agencies, and other interested parties an opportunity to examine the content and submit comments.

The City shall place copies of the entire proposed Assessment of Fair Housing at the following locations:

City Hall
Office of Finance
301 West Chestnut
Rogers, AR 72756

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2001 West Persimmon Street
Rogers, AR 72756

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The City will have a Public Notice display advertisement published in the local newspaper that includes a summary of the Assessment of Fair Housing and shall include the various locations the entire Assessment of Fair Housing is available to afford residents, units of general local government, public agencies, and other interested parties a reasonable opportunity to examine the content and submit comments.

The City will make a reasonable number of free copies of the Assessment of Fair Housing available to residents and groups that request a copy.

After the 30-day comment period, The City will consider all comments or views of residents received in writing or orally at the Public Hearing in preparing the final Assessment of Fair Housing. A summary of all comments or views and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons why shall be attached to the final Assessment of Fair Housing. A Public Hearing must occur before the proposed final Assessment of Fair Housing is published for comment.

An Assessment of Fair Housing previously accepted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development must be revised and resubmitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for review under the following circumstances:

1. A material change occurs. A material change is a change in circumstances in the City that affects the information on which the Assessment of Fair Housing is based to the

extent that the analysis, the fair housing contributing factors, or the priorities and goals of the Assessment of Fair Housing no longer reflects actual circumstances. Examples include Presidentially-declared disasters, under Title IC of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.5121 et seq.), in Rogers that are of such a nature as to significantly impact the steps the City may need to take to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing; significant demographic changes; new significant contributing factors in the City; and civil rights findings, determinations, settlements (including Voluntary Compliance Agreements), or court orders.

2. Upon the Department of Housing and Urban Development's written notification specifying a material change that requires the revision.

A revision pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this section consists of preparing and submitting amended analyses, assessments, priorities, and goals that take into account the material change, including any new fair housing issues and contributing factors that may arise as a result of the material change. A revision may not necessarily require the submission of an entirely new Assessment of Fair Housing. The revision need only focus on the material change and appropriate adjustments to the analyses, assessments, priorities, or goals.

Where a revision is required under Paragraph (1) of this section, such revision shall be submitted within twelve (12) months of the onset of the material change or at such later date as the Department of Housing and Urban Development may provide. Where the material change is the result of a Presidentially-declared disaster, such time shall be automatically extended to the date that is two (2) years after the date upon which the disaster declaration is made, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development may extend such deadline, upon request, for good cause shown.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development will specify a date by which the City must submit a revision of the Assessment of Fair Housing, taking into account the material change, the City's capacity, and the need for a valid Assessment of Fair Housing to guide planning activities. The Department of Housing and Urban Development may extend the due date upon written request by the City that describes the reasons the City is unable to make the deadline.

