

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
**TDHCA Governing Board Approved Draft of
2024 State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report**

Disclaimer

Attached is a draft of the 2024 State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report (SLHIP) that was approved by the TDHCA Governing Board on December 07, 2023. Notification of public comment for this document is scheduled to be published in the December 15, 2023, edition of the *Texas Register*.

Public Comment

**Public Comment Period: Starts: Friday, December 22, 2023 and Ends: 5:00 p.m. CST on Monday, January 22, 2024.
Comments received after 5:00 p.m. CST on Monday, January 22, 2024 will not be accepted.**

Tex. Gov't Code §2306.0723 requires that the Department consider the SLIHP to be a rule and in developing the SLIHP, the Department is required to follow rulemaking procedures required by Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001. The proposed repeal and proposed new rule will be made available for 30 days of public comment from Friday, December 22, 2023, through Monday, January 22, 2024.

Written comments may be submitted, in hard copy or electronic formats to:

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Attn: Housing Resource Center
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Austin, Texas 78711-3941
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Written comments may be submitted in hard copy or email formats within the designated public comment period. Those making public comment are encouraged to reference the specific draft rule, policy, or plan related to their comment as well as a specific reference or cite associated with each comment.

Please be aware that all comments submitted to the TDHCA will be considered public information.

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Se adjunta un borrador del Informe Anual y Plan de Vivienda para Personas de Bajos Ingresos (SLHIP) del Estado de Texas de 2024 que fue aprobado por la Junta Directiva de TDHCA el 7 de diciembre de 2023. La notificación de comentarios públicos para este documento está programada para publicarse el 15 de diciembre, 2023, edición del Registro de Texas.

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Período de comentarios públicos: comienza: viernes, 22 de diciembre de 2023 y Finaliza: 5:00 p.m. CST del lunes 22 de enero de 2024. Comentarios recibidos después de las 5:00 p.m. CST el lunes 22 de enero de 2024 no se aceptará.

Tex. Gov't Code §2306.0723 requiere que el Departamento considere el SLIHP como una regla y, al desarrollar el SLIHP, el Departamento debe seguir los procedimientos de elaboración de reglas requeridos por el Código de Gobierno de Texas, Capítulo 2001. La derogación propuesta y la nueva regla propuesta estarán disponibles durante 30 días para el público. comentario desde el viernes 22 de diciembre de 2023 hasta el lunes 22 de enero de 2024.

Se pueden enviar comentarios escritos, en formato impreso o electrónico, a:

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Los comentarios escritos se pueden enviar en formato impreso o por correo electrónico dentro del período designado para comentarios públicos. Se anima a quienes hacen comentarios públicos a que hagan referencia al borrador de regla, política o plan específico relacionado con su comentario, así como a una referencia o cita específica asociada con cada comentario.

Tenga en cuenta que todos los comentarios enviados al TDHCA se considerarán información pública

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Attachment A: Preamble, including required analysis, for proposed repeal of 10 TAC §1.23 State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report (SLIHP)

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department) proposes the repeal of 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter A, General Policies and Procedures, §1.23, State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report (SLIHP). The purpose of the proposed repeal is to eliminate an outdated rule while adopting a new updated rule under separate action, in order to adopt by reference the 2024 SLIHP.

The Department has analyzed this proposed rulemaking and the analysis is described below for each category of analysis performed.

a. GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.0221.

Mr. Bobby Wilkinson, Executive Director, has determined that, for the first five years the proposed repeal would be in effect:

1. The proposed repeal does not create or eliminate a government program, but relates to the repeal, and simultaneous adoption by reference the 2024 SLIHP, as required by Tex. Gov't Code 2306.0723.
2. The proposed repeal does not require a change in work that would require the creation of new employee positions, nor is the proposed repeal significant enough to reduce work load to a degree that any existing employee positions are eliminated.
3. The proposed repeal does not require additional future legislative appropriations.
4. The proposed repeal does not result in an increase in fees paid to the Department or in a decrease in fees paid to the Department.
5. The proposed repeal is not creating a new regulation, except that it is being replaced by a new rule simultaneously to provide for revisions.
6. The proposed action will repeal an existing regulation, but is associated with a simultaneous readoption in order to adopt by reference the 2024 SLIHP.
7. The proposed repeal will not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability.
8. The proposed repeal will not negatively or positively affect this state's economy.

b. ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL OR MICRO-BUSINESSES OR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2006.002.

The Department has evaluated this proposed repeal and determined that the proposed repeal will not create an economic effect on small or micro-businesses or rural communities.

c. TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2007.043. The proposed repeal does not contemplate or authorize a taking by the Department; therefore, no Takings Impact Assessment is required.

d. LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(6).

The Department has evaluated the proposed repeal as to its possible effects on local economies and has determined that for the first five years the proposed repeal would be in effect there would be no

economic effect on local employment; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required to be prepared for the rule.

e. PUBLIC BENEFIT/COST NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(5). Mr. Wilkinson, has determined that, for each year of the first five years the proposed repeal is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of the repealed section would be an updated more germane rule that will adopt by reference the 2024 SLIHP. There will not be economic costs to individuals required to comply with the repealed section.

f. FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(4). Mr. Wilkinson also has determined that for each year of the first five years the proposed repeal is in effect, enforcing or administering the repeal does not have any foreseeable implications related to costs or revenues of the state or local governments.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. The 32 day public comment period for the rule will be held Friday, December 22, 2023, to Monday, January 22, 2024, to receive input on the proposed repealed section. Written comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Attn: Housing Resource Center, Rule Comments, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, Texas 78711-3941, or email info@tdhca.state.tx.us. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 p.m., Austin local (Central) time, MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The proposed repeal is made pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2306.053, which authorizes the Department to adopt rules. Except as described herein the proposed repealed section affects no other code, article, or statute.

10 TAC §1.23 State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report (SLIHP)

Attachment B: Preamble for proposed new 10 TAC §1.23 State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report (SLIHP)

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department) proposes new 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter A, General Policies and Procedures, §1.23 State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report (SLIHP). The purpose of the proposed new section is to provide compliance with Tex. Gov't Code §2306.0723 and to adopt by reference the 2024 SLIHP, which offers a comprehensive reference on statewide housing needs, housing resources, and strategies for funding allocations. The 2024 SLIHP reviews TDHCA's housing programs, current and future policies, resource allocation plans to meet state housing needs, and reports on performance during the preceding state fiscal year (September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023).

Tex. Gov't Code §2001.0045(b) does not apply to the rule proposed for action because it is exempt under item (c)(9) because it is necessary to implement legislation. Tex. Gov't Code §2306.0721 requires that the Department produce a state low income housing plan, and Tex. Gov't Code §2306.0722 requires that the Department produce an annual low income housing report. Tex. Gov't Code §2306.0723 requires that the Department consider the annual low income housing report to be a rule. This rule provides for adherence to that statutory requirement. Further no costs are associated with this action, and therefore no costs warrant being offset.

The Department has analyzed this proposed rulemaking and the analysis is described below for each category of analysis performed.

a. GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.0221.

Mr. Bobby Wilkinson, Executive Director, has determined that, for the first five years the proposed new rule would be in effect:

1. The proposed new rule does not create or eliminate a government program, but relates to the adoption, by reference, of the 2024 SLIHP, as required by Tex. Gov't Code 2306.0723.
2. The proposed new rule does not require a change in work that would require the creation of new employee positions, nor are the rule changes significant enough to reduce work load to a degree that eliminates any existing employee positions.
3. The proposed new rule changes do not require additional future legislative appropriations.
4. The proposed new rule changes will not result in an increase in fees paid to the Department, nor in a decrease in fees paid to the Department.
5. The proposed new rule is not creating a new regulation, except that it is replacing a rule being repealed simultaneously to provide for revisions.
6. The proposed new rule will not expand, limit, or repeal an existing regulation.
7. The proposed new rule will not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability.
8. The proposed new rule will not negatively or positively affect the state's economy.

b. ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL OR MICRO-BUSINESSES OR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2006.002. The Department, in drafting this proposed rule, has attempted to reduce any adverse economic effect on small or micro-business or rural communities while remaining consistent with the statutory requirements of Tex. Gov't Code §2306.0723.

1. The Department has evaluated this rule and determined that none of the adverse effect strategies outlined in Tex. Gov't Code §2006.002(b) are applicable.

2. There are no small or micro-businesses subject to the proposed rule for which the economic impact of the rule is projected to be null. There are no rural communities subject to the proposed rule for which the economic impact of the rule is projected to be null.

3. The Department has determined that because the proposed rule will adopt by reference the 2024 SLIHP, there will be no economic effect on small or micro-businesses or rural communities.

c. TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2007.043. The proposed rule does not contemplate or authorize a taking by the Department; therefore, no Takings Impact Assessment is required.

d. LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(6).

The Department has evaluated the rule as to its possible effects on local economies and has determined that for the first five years the rule will be in effect the proposed rule has no economic effect on local employment because the proposed rule will adopt by reference the 2024 SLIHP; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required to be prepared for the rule.

Tex. Gov't Code §2001.022(a) states that this "impact statement must describe in detail the probable effect of the rule on employment in each geographic region affected by this rule..." Considering that the proposed rule will adopt by reference the 2024 SLIHP there are no "probable" effects of the new rule on particular geographic regions.

e. PUBLIC BENEFIT/COST NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(5). Mr. Wilkinson has determined that, for each year of the first five years the new section is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of the new section will be an updated and more germane rule that will adopt by reference the 2024 SLIHP, as required by Tex. Gov't Code §2306.0723. There will not be any economic cost to any individuals required to comply with the new section because the adoption by reference of prior year SLIHP documents has already been in place through the rule found at this section being repealed.

f. FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(4). Mr. Wilkinson also has determined that for each year of the first five years the new section is in effect, enforcing or administering the new section does not have any foreseeable implications related to costs or revenues of the state or local governments because the new rule will adopt by reference the 2024 SLIHP.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. The 32 day public comment period for the rule will be held Friday December, 22, 2023, to Monday, January 22, 2024, to receive input on the new proposed section. Written comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Attn: Housing Resource Center, Rule Comments, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, Texas 78711-3941 or email

info@tdhca.state.tx.us. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 p.m., Austin local (Central) time, MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The new section is proposed pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2306.053, which authorizes the Department to adopt rules. Except as described herein the proposed new section affects no other code, article, or statute.

§1.23 State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report (SLIHP)

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA or the Department) adopts by reference the 2023~~3~~⁴ State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report (SLIHP). The full text of the 2023~~3~~⁴ SLIHP may be viewed at the Department's website: www.tdhca.state.tx.us. The public may also receive a copy of the 2023~~3~~⁴ SLIHP by contacting the Department's Housing Resource Center at (512) 475-3976.