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Section 301 Zoning and Legally Non-Conforming Status

301.01 Zoning

☒ Requirements

For each Property, you must:

- identify the current zoning or land use designation;
- determine if the existing Property use (e.g., multifamily, single-family, mixed use, Manufactured Housing Community, etc.) is expressly permitted per current zoning and land use laws and regulations; and
- confirm the Property's characteristics (e.g., building height, density, set-back lines, etc.):
 - conform to current zoning requirements and land use designations; or
 - are legally non-conforming per applicable zoning or land use laws and regulations.

If you order a Zoning Report from a zoning consultant, you must:

- upload the zoning report to DUS Docway in Folder II; and
- deliver structured data per the Zoning Report Data Supplement ([Form 4089](#)).

301.02 Legal Non-Conforming Use

☒ Requirements

If the Property is a legal non-conforming use, you must:

- ensure the Borrower executes Modifications to Multifamily Loan and Security Agreement (Legal Non-Conforming Status) ([Form 6275](#));
- confirm, following a casualty, the percentage of damage to the Property's Improvements (i.e., the destruction threshold) at which the Property jurisdiction would prohibit the rebuilding of all impacted Improvements to the pre-casualty use and condition under current
 - laws,
 - zoning requirements, and
 - building codes; and



- if the destruction threshold is less than 50%, not Deliver the Mortgage Loan.

301.03 Legal Non-Conforming Characteristics

Requirements

If the Property's characteristics are legally non-conforming, you must:

- ensure the Borrower executes the Modifications to Multifamily Loan and Security Agreement (Legal Non-Conforming Status) ([Form 6275](#));
- confirm whether, if fully or partially destroyed, the Property's Improvements can be fully rebuilt to the pre-casualty condition per current
 - laws,
 - zoning requirements, and
 - building codes; and
- if the Property's Improvements cannot be fully rebuilt to the pre-casualty condition,
 - evaluate if the as-rebuilt Property will support the Mortgage Loan at the current Tier, and
 - document your analysis in the Transaction Approval Memo.

Guidance

To assess the Borrower's ability to rebuild Improvements on a non-conforming Property to a level that will support the Mortgage Loan at the current Tier, you should consider:

- conducting a threshold analysis to determine the resulting actual amortizing DSCR if the reconstructed Improvements cannot be rebuilt as-is per current law;
- the likelihood of a casualty event (e.g., wind, earthquake, fire, flood, mine subsidence, etc.);
- the percentage of damage to the Improvements at which the Property's jurisdiction will require the Property be rebuilt to current zoning and land use requirements (i.e., the destruction threshold);
- which Property characteristics the destruction threshold percentage applies to, such as
 - market value,



- assessed value,
- replacement cost, or
- unit count;
- for Properties with multiple buildings, if the destruction threshold percentage applies to
 - each building, or
 - all buildings as a whole;
- the replacement cost to rebuild per current requirements for
 - zoning, and
 - land use;
- the Property's continued
 - marketability, and
 - economic viability;
- the amount and type of Borrower-maintained insurance coverage required per [Part II, Chapter 5: Property and Liability Insurance, Section 501.02E: Ordinance or Law Insurance](#);
- insurance loss proceeds payout, compared to increased rebuilding costs, including from
 - building code changes,
 - Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, and
 - the municipality's local zoning requirements (e.g., green compliance for new buildings, etc.);
- the sufficiency of estimated insurance proceeds from ordinance or law insurance and other coverages to repay the Mortgage Loan in the event of partial or full
 - casualty, or
 - condemnation; and
- for a Tier 3 or Tier 4 Mortgage Loan, if requiring execution of the Limited Payment Guaranty ([Form 6020.LPG](#)) would mitigate the risk of the as-rebuilt Property not supporting a Tier 2 Mortgage Loan.



Glossary

B

Borrower Person who is the obligor per the Note.

Synonyms

- Borrowers
- Borrower's

D

DUS Delegated Underwriting and Servicing

I

Improvements Buildings, structures, improvements, and alterations, including the multifamily housing dwellings, now or hereafter constructed or placed on the Property, including all fixtures (as defined in the UCC).

Synonyms

- Improvements'

M

Manufactured Housing Community Residential real estate development with lots on which manufactured homes are located, together with amenities, utility services, landscaping, roads, and other infrastructure.

Synonyms

- Manufactured Housing Property
- MH Community
- MH Community's
- MH Communities
- MHC



Mortgage Loan

Mortgage debt obligation evidenced, or when made will be evidenced, by

- the Loan Documents, or
- a mortgage debt obligation with a Fannie Mae credit enhancement.

Synonyms

- Mortgage Loans
- Mortgage Loan's

P

Payment Guaranty

Guaranty executed by a Key Principal on Form 4502 series or [Form 6020 series](#), or approved by Fannie Mae.

Property

Multifamily residential real estate securing the Mortgage Loan, including the

- fee simple or Leasehold interest,
- Improvements, and
- personal property (per the Uniform Commercial Code).

Synonyms

- Properties
- Property's

S

Security

MBS, PFP MBS, or REMIC.

Synonyms

- Securities