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Section 303 Liens and Encumbrances

303.01 Generally

Requirements

You must ensure that the Property is free of all Liens and rights of others, except for

- Permitted Encumbrances, and
- cable and laundry leases per Part II, Chapter 1: Attributes and Characteristics, Section 111: Commercial Leases.

You must analyze any restrictions on Improvements or the use of the Property, in order to

- determine whether the restrictions are acceptable, and
- make recommendations for addressing the restrictions.

Examples of restrictions that must be analyzed include restrictive covenants and any restrictions that have been offered, or accepted, in order to obtain a zoning approval or building permit.

If a non-MAH Property has an Affordable Regulatory Agreement, it must be subordinated to the Security Instrument Lien per Part III, Chapter 7: Multifamily Affordable Housing Properties, Section 705: Affordable Restriction Checklist and Subordination and Standstill Agreements.

Guidance

When determining whether a restriction is acceptable, you should consider whether a restriction could negatively impact the Property's

- value,
- use,
- security,
- marketability, or
- ability to generate NCF sufficient to pay debt service.

Requirements

You must analyze the impact of any restriction on the conversion of a

Property to a condominium or similar development.

Guidance

A restrictive covenant on condominium conversions will generally not have a negative impact if all of the following apply:

- The conversion restriction is for a period of 10 years or less.
- Any repurchase option or right of reversion in favor of a benefitted party:
  - is unconditionally subordinated to the Lien of the Security Instrument and to the Mortgage Loan;
  - includes an unconditional standstill provision prohibiting the exercise of such option or right while the Mortgage Loan is outstanding; and
  - automatically ends if a Foreclosure Event occurs.
- The covenant provides that no mortgagee, trustee, or beneficiary under any mortgage or deed of trust will be liable for any act, omission, or indemnification obligation of the Borrower or any prior or subsequent owner of the Property.
- The covenant does not require any mortgagee, trustee, or beneficiary under a mortgage or deed of trust to execute an assumption or similar agreement if a Foreclosure Event occurs.

303.02 Property Previously Secured Bond Financing

Requirements

If the Property...	You must...
Previously secured taxable or tax-exempt bonds	• determine if the Property is subject to any requirements, restrictions or other features that survived repayment, and • analyze whether the surviving features will have a material adverse impact on you, Fannie Mae, or the Mortgage Loan.
Currently secures taxable or tax-exempt bonds that are being retired with proceeds of the Mortgage Loan	• review the bond documents, and • analyze the impact of any surviving features of the financing.

Guidance

A Property that secures, or has secured, bonds may be subject to certain requirements, restrictions, or other features that survive repayment of the bonds such as:

- rent, income, transfer, or other restrictions;
- master lease requirements that support such restrictions; and
- indemnification or other requirements that could
  - burden a future owner,
  - depress the value or marketability of the Property, or
  - prevent or inhibit foreclosure of a lien securing new financing.

Operating Procedures

For any bonds being retired with the proceeds of a Mortgage Loan, you must prepare a written summary of the bond documents that:

- explains why any surviving features of the financing will not have a materially adverse effect on the Mortgage Loan, the Property, you, or Fannie Mae;
- gives an overview of the redemption process for retiring the bonds; and
- is uploaded into DUS Gateway prior to Commitment.

Glossary

A

Affordable Regulatory Agreement	Recorded or unrecorded regulatory, land use, extended use, restrictive covenant, or similar agreement or restriction that is imposed by a Public Entity, placing rent, income, or other affordability restrictions on the use or occupancy of the Property, but which does not include a HAP Contract. **Synonyms** • Affordable Regulatory Agreements

B

Bonds	Tax-exempt or taxable multifamily revenue bonds, or other tax-exempt or taxable bonds, issued to finance 1 or more Credit Enhancement Mortgage Loan Properties. **Synonyms** • Bond
Borrower	Person who is the obligor per the Note. **Synonyms** • Borrowers • Borrower's

C

Commitment	Contractual agreement between you and Fannie Mae where Fannie Mae agrees to buy a Mortgage Loan at a future date in exchange for an MBS, or at a specific price for a Cash Mortgage Loan, and you agree to Deliver that Mortgage Loan. **Synonyms** • Committed • Commitments

Condominium	Statutorily established Property ownership regime where Condominium Documents designate: • individual units for separate ownership; and • common areas for shared use and joint ownership by the unit owners.

D

DUS	Delegated Underwriting and Servicing
DUS Gateway	Multifamily pre-acquisition system, or any successor systems, recording deal registration, Pre-Review and/or waiver tracking, Mortgage Loan Commitments, and decision records.

F

Foreclosure Event	Any of the following: • Foreclosure per the Security Instrument; • Fannie Mae's exercise of rights and remedies per the Security Instrument or applicable law (including Insolvency Laws) as holder of the Mortgage Loan and/or the Security Instrument, where Fannie Mae (or its designee or nominee), or a third-party purchaser, becomes the Property owner; • Borrower delivers Fannie Mae (or its designee or nominee) a deed or other conveyance of the Property in lieu of any of the foregoing; or • in Louisiana, any dation en paiement.

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'

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Lease	Written agreement between an owner and the tenant of a Property stipulating the conditions for possession and use of real estate for a specified period of time and rent. **Synonyms** • Leases
Lien	Lien, mortgage, bond interest, pledge, security interest, charge, or encumbrance of any kind. **Synonyms** • Liens

M

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
Multifamily Affordable Housing Property	Property that: • complies with Part III, Chapter 7: Multifamily Affordable Housing Properties, Section 702: MAH Property Eligibility; and • is underwritten per Part III, Chapter 7: Multifamily Affordable Housing Properties. **Synonyms** • MAH • Multifamily Affordable Housing • MAH Property

N

Net Cash Flow	At underwriting or for any specified period, the amount calculated per Part II, Chapter 2: Valuation and Income, Section 203: Income Analysis and the applicable products and features in Part III. **Synonyms** • NCF

P

Permitted Encumbrances	The following permitted title exceptions: • lien of current real property taxes, water charges, sewer rents and assessments not yet due and payable; • covenants, conditions and restrictions, rights of way, easements and other matters of public record acceptable to the Lender and specifically identified in the Title Policy; • pre-printed exceptions (general and specific) and exclusions set forth in the Title Policy and acceptable to the Lender; • rights of tenants (as tenants only) under leases (including subleases) pertaining to the Property; • if the Mortgage Loan is cross-collateralized, the lien of the Mortgage for another Mortgage Loan contained in the same cross-collateralized group; and • condominium declarations of record acceptable to the Lender and identified in the Title Policy, provided that none of items (a) through (f), individually or in the aggregate, materially interferes with the current marketability or principal use of the Property, the security intended to be provided by the Mortgage, or the current ability of the Property to generate net cash flow sufficient to service the Mortgage Loan or the Borrowers ability to pay its obligations when they become due.

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
Security Instrument	Instrument creating a lien or encumbrance on 1 or more Properties and securing the Loan Document obligations. **Synonyms** • Security Instruments • Security Instrument's

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