

Welcome to the March 2017 E-blast from the **National Manufactured Home Owners Association (NMHOA)**. Please share these monthly E-blasts with as many home owners and other interested individuals as you have on your email list. The E-blast is an important way for NMHOA to share exciting news from across the country.

Thank You! – NMHOA is excited to welcome many new and renewing members, including the **Manufactured Home Owners Association of Illinois (MHOAI)**. We thank you very much for your support and commitment to NMHOA!

Public Input Requested on FHFA Manufactured Home Loan Evaluation Guidance ***The public has until May 15, 2017 to provide "Duty to Serve" input***

Federal law requires the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) to issue **Duty to Serve requirements** that direct Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (the Enterprises) to provide leadership for very low-, low-, and moderate-income families in manufactured housing. The final rule establishes a Regulatory Activity for Enterprise activities related to facilitating a **secondary market for loans on manufactured homes titled as personal property, also referred to as chattel**. Each Enterprise must prepare a Plan describing the specific activities and objectives it will undertake to fulfill its Duty to Serve obligations

The proposed **Evaluation Guidance** describes the procedures the Enterprises must follow in preparing these Plans, and the proposed process by which FHFA will evaluate the Plans annually to produce a rating for each Enterprise's implementation and impact on each underserved market. FHFA requests **public input** on a dedicated webpage, FHFA.gov/DTS, **through May 15, 2017**.

Home Owners in Utah and Oregon Lobby for New State Protections

The **Utah Coalition of Manufactured Homeowners (UCOMH)** passed Utah House Bill 236 which was signed March 24 by the Governor. HB 236 requires community owners to provide all residents and homeowners with a written lease. If manufactured homeowners or residents request a copy of the original lease in writing, the manager or community owner will be required to provide a within seven days. A new section was added to existing mobile home law which states that homeowners can sue the landowner, and that if they win, they will be granted attorney's fees and court costs.

Manufactured Housing/Oregon State Tenants Association (MH/OSTA) is promoting SB277, an amendment bill to the state's manufactured housing law (ORS 90.630, to outline what the terms "disrepair and deterioration" will encompass. This is in response to Cal Am, an owner of 8 properties in Oregon, that has been using an extreme interpretation of our laws. As they inspect homes, they impose many extreme requirements, including requiring paint, specific type of window coverings, types of fences, and no window air conditioners. SB277 will tighten the existing law.

Members only – please keep in mind that NMHOA members receive an additional eblast every month – *i'mPOWERED* – this is an educational publication with useful information related to board governance, health and safety reminders for manufactured homeowners, and other helpful articles. There is also a **Did You Know** section and an **Ask Dave** section – so if you have questions about anything related to manufactured home living and you are a member of NMHOA, please contact Dave at admin@nmhoa.org with your burning questions. For your convenience, a membership form is a click away at: <http://www.nmhoa.org/membership.html>

You can read all about NMHOA at the NMHOA webpage: www.nmhoa.org and please “like” our facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/NationalManufacturedHomeOwnersAssociation>

If there are stories or legislative successes from your state you would like to share through our E-blasts, please contact NMHOA Executive Director, Dave Anderson at: david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com. Your story will inspire and educate others.