



# INTERIM POLICY IN REPSONSE TO COVID-19

*Updated March 17, 2020*

**ALERT!** In response to related concerns of COVID-19, DCA is implementing the following changes to program rules and activities. DCA’s policy changes seek to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health of residents, stakeholders and staff.

| <b>Activity/Programs</b>   | <b>DCA's Interim Policy (<i>subject to change</i>)</b>   |
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| <p><b><u>9%Applications</u></b><br/>           Many sections of the 2020 QAP require documentation from local government entities that are associated with public forums (e.g., demonstration of zoning approval).</p> | <p>1. Since most local governments have suspended public forums, the application due date for the 9% competitive round will be postponed by one month. <b>All applications will be due by 4:00PM on June 18, 2020.</b></p> <p>*Pre-Application notifications may be impacted. Monitor future correspondence for updates.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Construction Inspections</u></b><br/>           Inspections conducted at construction sites</p>   | <p>1. Acq/rehab properties with onsite residents will be postponed for two weeks. Further guidance will be given on 3/30/2020.</p> <p>2. New construction will maintain the current inspection schedule.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Compliance Monitoring (File &amp; Physical)</u></b><br/>           Monitoring of properties in DCA portfolio</p>  | <p>1. All physical and file inspections are suspended until further notice. DCA will continue to monitor and provide updates.</p>  |

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| <p><b><u>Resident Services and Events</u></b><br/> Supportive services and social events as required by LURC, or other owner commitments</p>  | <p>1. Supportive and resident services should be discontinued to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The following activities should be suspended until further notice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Onsite resident health screenings</li> <li>○ Social gatherings</li> <li>○ Classes</li> </ul> |
| <p><b><u>PIS Deadlines and Credit Exchanges</u></b><br/> DCA is aware that construction and inspection delays may adversely impact a property's ability to meet federal requirement deadlines, such as deadlines for a property to meet the 10% test or place in service.</p> | <p>1. While federal guidance is not yet definitive on the matter, current guidance indicates that DCA may be able to grant extensions. Once federal guidance is confirmed, then DCA will grant extensions or credit exchange requests on a case-by-case basis.</p>  |

Please direct your COVID-19 housing concerns or questions to [Compliance@dca.ga.gov](mailto:Compliance@dca.ga.gov). Subject Line: COVID-19