

Private Letter Ruling 9540035, IRC Section 42

Date: July 5, 1995

Dear ***

This is in response to your letter dated March 6, 1995, submitted on behalf of Owner, requesting a private letter ruling that will waive, for the Project, the 10-year holding period requirement for existing buildings of section 42(d)(2)(B)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code under the exception provided in section 42(d)(6)(D).

Owner is a nonprofit corporation incorporated in State A. Owner represents that it has acquired the Project for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing to qualified low-income households.

As indicated in the copy of the Substitute Trustee's Deed submitted with the ruling request by a Multifamily Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement dated t9, Partnership conveyed a security interest in the Project to Trustee, as trustee for the benefit of Association for the purposes of securing payment of a note of even date in the original sum of \$j. On t2, Partnership conveyed the Project to Prior Owner, a State A limited partnership. In a Modification Agreement executed on t10, but effective as of t11, Prior Owner assumed the payment of the \$j note.

On t2, Agency 1 became conservator of Association and subsequently, on t3, Agency 2 became receiver for Association. In its capacity as receiver and holder of the Note on the Project Agency 2 replaced the existing trustee and installed a substitute trustee. On t4, after posting the required written notice, the substitute trustee offered the Project for public sale. Agency 1, being the highest bidder, acquired the Project at this time.

The Project consists of b buildings housing c apartment units located on a d acre parcel of land in City B.

On t5, Owner entered into a binding contract for the acquisition of the Project from Agency 1, acting as receiver for Association, and, on t6, Owner purchased the Project. Consideration for the Project included a cash payment of \$e and assumed debt of \$f, for a total acquisition cost of \$g. The sale of the Project to Owner is evidenced by the submission of a copy of the Purchase and Sales Agreement and a copy of the Special Warranty Deed reconveying the Project to Owner.

In order to comply with the state housing credit limitations provided in section 42(h)(3), Owner, applied for and received a t7 carryover housing credit dollar amount allocation of \$h per year from Agency 3. This allocation includes the 30-percent present value tax credit on the eligible basis of the acquisition costs, and the 70- percent present value tax credit on the new rehabilitation costs. The housing credit allocation was issued on t8. Owner estimated that rehabilitation costs will average \$i per apartment unit in each

building and, therefore, exceed the minimum rehabilitation expenditures requirement of section 42(e)(3)(A).

The Project currently has qualified low-income families that benefit from rent-restricted rents as stated in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development income tables. Owner represents that it is making good faith efforts to market the apartments to other qualified low-income households.

Owner has made the following additional representations and certifications with respect to the Project: 1. The acquisition of the buildings in the Project is by purchase (as defined in section 179(d)(2), as applicable under section 42(d)(2)(D)(iii)(I)). 2. The buildings in the Project were not previously placed in service by Owner, or by a person who was related person (as defined in section 42(d)(2)(D)(iii)(II)) with respect to Owner as of the time the Project was last placed in service. 3. As of the earlier of the time of acquisition of the Project or the time of the application for the waiver, the Project is being acquired from an insured depository institution in default (as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act), or from a *receiver or conservator of such institution (as defined in section 42(d)(6)(D)). 4. To the best of the knowledge of Owner and its representatives, there have been no nonqualified substantial improvements to the buildings in the Project since they were last placed in service. 5. To the best of the knowledge of Owner and its representative, no prior owner of the Project was allowed a low-income housing tax credit under section for the Project. 6. All terms and conditions of section 42 and related sections of the Code will be met, including substantial rehabilitation of a minimum of \$3,000 per apartment unit, except for the 10-year holding period requirement provided by section 42(d)(2)(B)(ii), and Owner asks that this requirement be waived under the authority granted the Secretary of the Treasury [b]y section 42(d)(6)(D). 7. The date of purchase of the Project was after the date of enactment of the Revenue Reconciliation Act, of 1989 (December 19, 1989) and, therefore, the Purchase complies with the effective date of section 42(d)(6)(D). 8. This application for the waiver is being timely filed within 12 months after the acquisition of the Project.

For an existing building to qualify for the 30-percent present value housing tax credit section 42(d)(2)(B)(ii) requires there be a period of at least 10 years between the date of the building's acquisition by the taxpayer and the later of: 1. The date the building was last placed in service, or 2. The date of the most recent nonqualified substantial improvement of the building.

As additional clarification of the placed in service date, section 42(d)(2)(D)(ii)(IV) provides a limitation of one year on the holding period for property received in a foreclosure. In this situation, the period between the date of foreclosure by Association, t4, and the date of sale to Owner, t5, exceeds one year. Therefore, in accordance with the limitations provided in section 42(d)(2)(D)(ii)(IV), the foreclosure date is a new placed in service date for the Project. Based on this fact, Owner's purchase of the Project has failed the 10-year holding period requirement of section 42(d)(2)(B)(ii). This failure is the basis for this request for a waiver of the 10 year holding period requirement.

However, section 42(d)(6)(D) provides an exception to the 10- year holding period requirement of section 42(d)(2)(B)(ii) to the effect that on application by the taxpayer, the Secretary may waive this requirement with respect to any building if the Secretary (after consultation with the appropriate federal official determines that the building is being acquired from an insured depository institution in default (as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act) or from a receiver or conservator of such an institution.

Based upon the representations of Owner and the fact that Owner acquired the Project from Agency 1 as the receiver for an insured depository institution in default, under the authority of section 42(d)(6)(D) we rule that the 10-year holding period requirement of section 42(d)(2)(B)(ii) is waived with respect to Owner's acquisition of the Project.

No opinion is expressed or implied regarding whether Owner's costs of acquisition and rehabilitation of the buildings in the Project will qualify otherwise for the low-income housing credit under section 42.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it. Section 6110(j)(3) provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent. Temporary or final regulations pertaining to one or more of the issues addressed in this ruling have not yet been adopted. Therefore, this ruling may be modified or revoked if the adopted temporary or final regulations are inconsistent with any conclusion in the ruling. See section 11.04 of Rev. Proc. 95-1, 1995-1 I.R.B. 6, 41. However, when the criteria in section 11.05 of Rev. Proc. 95-1 are satisfied, a ruling is not revoked or modified retroactively except in rare or unusual circumstances.

A copy of this letter should be filed with Owner's federal income tax return for the taxable year in which the transaction covered by this ruling is consummated.

Sincerely yours,

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