

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Office of the Assistant Secretary for  
Housing—Federal Housing  
Commissioner**

[Docket No. D-95-1087; FR-3892-D-01]

**Redelegation of Authority**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of redelegation of authority.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner redelegates authority to specified officials within local HUD offices to determine median house prices and the resulting maximum mortgage amounts pursuant to 24 CFR 203.18, 24 CFR 203.18b, and Section 203(b)(2) of the National Housing Act. Published elsewhere in the **Federal Register** today is notice of a rule change to 24 CFR 203.18 and 203.18b, consistent with this redelegation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 27, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maynard Curry, Office of Insured Single Family Housing, Room 9276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW,

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 203(b)(2) of the National Housing Act and 24 CFR 203.18(a)(1) prevent insured mortgages for 1-family residences from exceeding 95 percent of the median house price for the area, as determined by the Secretary. The authority to make this determination has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner (FHA Commissioner). Published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register** is a final rule amending HUD's Single Family Mortgage Insurance regulations pertaining to the means of determining the median single family house price and resulting maximum mortgage amount for a particular area. This rule change permits the FHA Commissioner to redelegate to the local level the authority to make these determinations. HUD has recently been reorganized to provide more direct authority to its local offices regarding operation of its programs. This redelegation is consistent with the new emphasis on empowerment of local offices.

Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner redelegates authority as follows:

**Section A. Authority Redelegated**

The authority under 24 CFR 203.18, 24 CFR 203.18b, and Section 203(b)(2) of the National Housing Act to determine single family median house prices and maximum mortgage amounts in particular areas, including the authority to increase the single family maximum mortgage limits and to designate high cost areas, is redelegated to the following:

1. For each category AA local field office (also known as a "Super A" or "Double A" office), to the Office of Housing Director, who retains this authority and redelegates it to the Single Family Housing Division Director.

2. To The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Single Family Housing, who retains this authority and redelegates it to the Single Family Housing Division Director, for each category A, B, C, and D local field office.

**Authority:** Sec. 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: March 20, 1995.

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