

# NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

*October 24, 2018  
City of Raleigh, NC  
421 Fayetteville St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
919-996-4330*

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Raleigh.

## REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **November 23, 2018**, the City of Raleigh will submit a request to the HUD/Greensboro Field Office for the release of federal funds under the federal CDBG program under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake a project known as Sir Walter Project.

**Sir Walter Apartments, located at 400 Fayetteville St, Raleigh, NC 27601, consists of a 10-story high-rise building constructed in 1924 as a hotel. In 1978, it was converted to affordable apartments to house seniors 62-years of age or older with incomes 60 percent or below the area median income (AMI). The .52-acre site, currently on the National Register of Historic Places, is in the city center.**

**The Sir Walter Project will include acquisition, temporary relocation, and rehabilitation using federal funds. There is one existing building consisting of 140 residential units serving low-income seniors, with commercial space on the first floor. The outcome of the project will be the preservation and rehabilitation of 140 affordable rental units, as well as the conversion of existing space into 21 additional affordable rental units, totaling 161 affordable rental units for seniors 62-years of age or older with incomes 60 percent or below of area median income (AMI). The estimated expenditure of federal funds by the City is anticipated to not exceed \$3 million.**

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Raleigh has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. The Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this project is on file at the City of Raleigh Department of Housing & Neighborhoods Community Development Division at 421 Fayetteville Street, 12th floor, where the ERR can be examined and is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Raleigh Community Development Division. All comments received by November 22, 2018, will be considered by the City of Raleigh prior to authorizing submission of the request for release of funds.

## RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Raleigh certifies to the HUD/Greensboro Field Office that Ruffin Hall in his capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The HUD/Greensboro Field Office's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The HUD/Greensboro Field Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Raleigh's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

- a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Raleigh;
- b) the City of Raleigh has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the HUD/Greensboro Field Office; or
- d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to:

**Lenwood E. Smith, II, PWS  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
US Dept. of HUD – Greensboro Field Office  
2306 W. Meadowview Road  
Greensboro, NC 27407**

Potential objectors should contact the HUD/Greensboro Field Office at 336-547-4000 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ruffin Hall, City Manager