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

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Responsible Entity (RE): City of New Orleans ("CNO")
Address: 1340 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112
Contact: Craig Foundas, Environmental Compliance Manager (504) 658-4395

This combined notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural notification requirements. The two procedural notification requirements are (1) Finding of No Significant Impact and (2) Intent to Request Release of Funds. On or about July 13, 2026, the City of New Orleans Office of Community Development on behalf of the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of grant funds for the project known as "Rivana Apartments". The Rivana Apartment Project includes the development of mixed-use, mixed-income, multifamily housing. The development is proposed as a four-story structure with two hundred and twenty (220) studio, one, and two bedroom apartment units. The proposed development will also offer a technology center, community room, fitness center, dog park, swimming pool, courtyard, flex working spaces, 21,000 square feet of retail space, elevators, on-site management, and 3-story parking garage. The project location is 1494 Tchoupitoulas Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. All proposed project development will be required to be completed in conformity with the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code and all applicable Orleans Parish codes and regulations. Additionally, this project represents what will be Phase I of a multiphase mixed income/mixed-use neighborhood. The new River District is being developed as a transit-oriented development with the connection of public transportation at multiple nodes. This environmental review is for the Project-Based Vouchers issued by the Housing Authority of New Orleans. HANO will provide 55 project-based vouchers to the project with the approximate value of $24,207,600.00 over the 20-year term of the HAP Contract.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of New Orleans has determined that the project will not have a significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this project is on file at the City of New Orleans, Office of Community Development, 1340 Poydras Street, 10th floor, New Orleans, LA 70112, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To view the full, ERR call 658-4395 or e-mail cafoundas@nola.gov for an appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination, or wishing to comment on the program may submit written comments to this office. All comments received by July 10, 2026, will be considered by this office prior to the authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this notice they are addressing. Comments can also be emailed to cafoundas@nola.gov.

RELEASE OF FUNDS:

The City of New Orleans certifies to HUD that Jeff Schwartz, Deputy Mayor for Economic and Community Development in his capacity as Certifying Officer for Environmental Review for the City of New Orleans 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of New Orleans to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of New Orleans' certification received by July 28, 2026, or a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of the City of New Orleans; (b) the City of New Orleans 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 or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the City of New Orleans; 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:

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
Office of Public Housing
New Orleans Field Office-Hale Boggs Federal Building
Attention: Elvettra N. Gibbs, Director
500 Poydras Street, 9th Floor
New Orleans, LA 70130

Potential objectors should contact U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period regarding the federal funds.

Helena Moreno,
Mayor

Jeff Schwartz
Deputy Mayor for Community and Economic Development/Environmental Certifying Officer