

Attachment A: Preamble, including required analysis, for repeal of 10 TAC §1.23 State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report (SLIHP)

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department) adopts the repeal of 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter A, General Policies and Procedures, §1.23, State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report (SLIHP). The purpose of the repeal is to eliminate an outdated rule while adopting a new updated rule under separate action, in order to adopt by reference the 2025 SLIHP.

The Department has analyzed this rulemaking and the analysis is described below for each category of analysis performed.

a. GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.0221.

Mr. Bobby Wilkinson, Executive Director, has determined that, for the first five years the repeal would be in effect:

1. The repeal does not create or eliminate a government program, but relates to the repeal, and simultaneous adoption by reference the 2025 SLIHP, as required by Tex. Gov't Code §2306.0723.
2. The repeal does not require a change in work that would require the creation of new employee positions, nor is the repeal significant enough to reduce work load to a degree that any existing employee positions are eliminated.
3. The repeal does not require additional future legislative appropriations.
4. The repeal does not result in an increase in fees paid to the Department, nor in a decrease in fees paid to the Department.
5. The repeal is not creating a new regulation, except that it is being replaced by a new rule simultaneously to provide for revisions.
6. The action will repeal an existing regulation, but is associated with a simultaneous readoption in order to adopt by reference the 2025 SLIHP.
7. The repeal will not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability.
8. The repeal will not negatively or positively affect this state's economy.

b. ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL OR MICRO-BUSINESSES OR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2006.002.

The Department has evaluated this repeal and determined that the repeal will not create an economic effect on small or micro-businesses or rural communities.

c. TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2007.043. The repeal does not contemplate nor authorize a taking by the Department; therefore, no Takings Impact Assessment is required.

d. LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(6). The Department has evaluated the repeal as to its possible effects on local economies and has determined that for the first five years the repeal would be in effect there would be no economic effect on local employment; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required to be prepared for the rule.

e. PUBLIC BENEFIT/COST NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(5). Mr. Wilkinson, has determined that, for each year of the first five years the repeal is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of the repealed section would be an updated more germane rule that will adopt by reference the 2025 SLIHP. There will not be economic costs to individuals required to comply with the repealed section.

f. FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(4). Mr. Wilkinson also has determined that for each year of the first five years the repeal is in effect, enforcing or administering the repeal does not have any foreseeable implications related to costs or revenues of the state or local governments.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT. The public comment period for the rule was held Friday, December 20, 2024, to Monday, January 20, 2025, to receive input on the proposed repealed section. Written comments were submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Attn: Housing Resource Center, Rule Comments, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, Texas 78711-3941, or email info@tdhca.texas.gov. A public hearing for the draft 2025 SLIHP was held on January 7, 2025, in Austin, TX. While the Department received public comment on the draft 2025 SLIHP, no comments were received specifically on the proposed repeal.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The repeal is made pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2306.053, which authorizes the Department to adopt rules, and Tex. Gov't Code §2306.0723, which requires this annual report to be considered a rule and be adopted following rulemaking procedures. Except as described herein the repealed section affects no other code, article, or statute.