

## Attorney's Opinion Letter

### General Instructions

1. This Opinion **must** be included with application.
2. This Opinion **must** be submitted under law firm's letterhead.
3. The executed Opinion submitted as part of the application must be accompanied by a blackline showing that no changes have been made to this form beyond those necessary to complete it (e.g. filling in blanks, selecting bracketed language as appropriate).
4. If circumstances unique to a particular application require modification of this form, any such modification must be approved by Virginia Housing in writing within six months prior to the application deadline. A copy of any such approval must be included with this executed Opinion as part of the application.
5. **Be aware that there is a 9% version and a Tax Exempt version.** Failure to utilize the correct form or to abide by the instructions above form may result in a point penalty or rejection of the application.

If you have any questions, please email the Tax Credit Allocation Department at [TaxCreditApps@VirginiaHousing.com](mailto:TaxCreditApps@VirginiaHousing.com).

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**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be on or after the application date below)

**To** Virginia Housing  
601 South Belvidere Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23220

**RE:** 2025 9% Tax Credit Reservation Request (competitive 70% present value credits)

Name of Development \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Virginia Housing:

This undersigned firm represents the above-referenced Owner as its counsel. It has received a copy of and has reviewed the completed application package dated \_\_\_\_\_ (of which this opinion is a part) (the "Application") submitted to you for the purpose of requesting, in connection with the captioned Development, a reservation of low-income housing tax credits ("Credits") available under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). It has also reviewed Section 42 of the Code, the regulations issued pursuant thereto and such other binding authority as it believes to be applicable to the issuance hereof (the regulations and binding authority hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Regulations").

Based upon the foregoing reviews and upon due investigation of such matters as it deems necessary in order to render this opinion, but without expressing any opinion as to either the reasonableness of the estimated or projected figures or the veracity or accuracy of the factual representations set forth in the Application, the undersigned is of the opinion that:

1. It is more likely than not that the inclusion in eligible basis of the Development of such cost items or portions thereof, as set forth in Hard Costs and Owners Costs section of the Application form, complies with all applicable requirements of the Code and Regulations.

2. [Select One]

The calculations (a) of the Maximum Allowable Credit available under the Code with respect to the Development and (b) of the Estimated Qualified Basis of each building in the Development comply with all applicable requirements of the Code and regulations, including the selection of credit type implicit in such calculations.

OR

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Assuming that you designate the buildings in the Development as being in a difficult development area pursuant to Code Section 42(d)(5)(B)(v), the calculations (a) of the Maximum Allowable Credit available under the Code with respect to the Development and (b) of the Estimated Qualified Basis of each building in the Development comply with all applicable requirements of the Code and regulations, including the selection of credit type implicit in such calculations.

3. The appropriate type(s) of allocation(s) have been requested in the Reservation Request Information section in the Application form.

4. [Select One]

The information set forth in the Unit Details section of the Application form as to proposed rents satisfies all applicable requirements of the Code and Regulations.

OR

The information set forth in the Unit Details section of the Application form as to proposed rents exceeds the Code rent restrictions; however, the Development will satisfy all applicable requirements of the Code and Regulations due to subsidies such that no tenant will pay rents in excess of what is dictated by the Code and Regulations.

5. The site of the captioned Development is controlled by the Owner, as identified in the Site Control section of the Application, for a period of not less than four (4) months beyond the application deadline.

6. [Delete if inapplicable] The type of the nonprofit organization involved in the Development is an organization described in Code Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) and exempt from taxation under Code Section 501(a), whose purposes include the fostering of low-income housing.

7. [Delete if inapplicable] The nonprofit organizations' ownership interest in the development is as described in the Nonprofit Involvement section of the Application form.

8. [Delete if inapplicable] It is more likely than not that the representations made under the Rehab Information section of the Application form as to the Development's compliance with or exception to the Code's minimum expenditure requirements for rehabilitation projects are correct.

9. [Delete if inapplicable] After reasonable investigation, the undersigned has no reason to believe that the representations made under the Rehab Information (Ten-Year Rule) section of the Application form as to the Development's compliance with or eligibility for exception to the ten-year "look-back rule" requirement of Code 42(d)(2)(B) are not correct.

Finally, the undersigned is of the opinion that, if all information and representations contained in the Application and all current law were to remain unchanged, upon compliance by the Owner with the requirements of Code Section 42(h)(1)(E), the Owner would be eligible under the applicable provisions of the Code and the Regulations to an allocation of Credits in the amount(s) requested in the Application.

This opinion is rendered solely for the purpose of inducing the Virginia Housing Development Authority ("Virginia Housing") to issue a reservation of Credits to the Owner. Accordingly, it may be relied upon only by Virginia Housing and may not be relied upon by any other party for any other purpose.

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**This opinion was not prepared in accordance with the requirements of Treasury Department Circular No. 230. Accordingly, it may not be relied upon for the purpose of avoiding U.S. Federal tax penalties or to support the promotion or marketing of the transaction or matters addressed herein.**

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Its \_\_\_\_\_

Title

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## Attorney's Opinion Letter – TAX EXEMPT VERSION

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Virginia Housing  
601 South Belvidere Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23220

RE: 2025 4% Tax Credit Reservation Request (30% present value credits to be paired with tax-exempt bonds)

Name of Development \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Virginia Housing:

This undersigned firm represents the above-referenced Owner as its counsel. It has received a copy of and has reviewed the completed application package dated \_\_\_\_\_ (of which this opinion is a part) (the "Application") submitted to you for the purpose of requesting, in connection with the captioned Development, a reservation of low-income housing tax credits ("Credits") available under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). It has also reviewed Section 42 of the Code, the regulations issued pursuant thereto and such other binding authority as it believes to be applicable to the issuance hereof (the regulations and binding authority hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Regulations").

Based upon the foregoing reviews and upon due investigation of such matters as it deems necessary in order to render this opinion, but without expressing any opinion as to either the reasonableness of the estimated or projected figures or the veracity or accuracy of the factual representations set forth in the Application, the undersigned is of the opinion that:

1. It is more likely than not that the inclusion in eligible basis of the Development of such cost items or portions thereof, as set forth in the Hard Costs and Owners Costs section of the Application form, complies with all applicable requirements of the Code and Regulations.
2. [Select One]

The calculations (a) of the Maximum Allowable Credit available under the Code with respect to the Development and (b) of the Estimated Qualified Basis of each building in the Development comply with all applicable requirements of the Code and regulations, including the selection of credit type implicit in such calculations.

OR

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Assuming that you designate the buildings in the Development as being in a difficult development area pursuant to Code Section 42(d)(5)(B)(v), the calculations (a) of the Maximum Allowable Credit available under the Code with respect to the Development and (b) of the Estimated Qualified Basis of each building in the Development comply with all applicable requirements of the Code and regulations, including the selection of credit type implicit in such calculations.

3. [Select One]

The information set forth in the Unit Details section of the Application form as to proposed rents satisfies all applicable requirements of the Code and Regulations.

OR

The information set forth in the Unit Details section of the Application form as to proposed rents exceeds the Code rent restrictions; however, the Development will satisfy all applicable requirements of the Code and Regulations due to subsidies such that no tenant will pay rents in excess of what is dictated by the Code and Regulations.

4. The site of the captioned Development is controlled by the Owner, as identified in the Site Control section of the Application.
5. [Delete if inapplicable] The type of the nonprofit organization involved in the Development is an organization described in Code Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) and exempt from taxation under Code Section 501(a), whose purposes include the fostering of low-income housing.
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7. [Delete if inapplicable] It is more likely than not that the representations made in the Rehab Information section of the Application form as to the Development's compliance with or exception to the Code's minimum expenditure requirements for rehabilitation projects are correct.
8. [Delete if inapplicable] After reasonable investigation, the undersigned has no reason to believe that the representations made under the Rehab Information (Ten-Year Rule) section of the Application form as to the Development's compliance with or eligibility for exception to the ten-year "look-back rule" requirement of Code §42(d)(2)(B) are not correct.

Finally, the undersigned is of the opinion that, if all information and representations contained in the Application and all current law were to remain unchanged, upon the placement in service of each building of the Development, the Owner would be eligible under the applicable provisions of the Code and the Regulations to an allocation of Credits in the amount(s) requested in the Application.

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