

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLIFTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSOLIDATED PLAN  
REQUIREMENTS/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

Due to the Corona Virus Social Distancing, the Mayor and council are remotely holding the City Council meetings – Verizon Subscribers can tune into channel 40 and Cablevision Subscribers can tune into channel 77 at 8:00 p.m. Audio will only be available. The meeting will also be streamed live on Clifton’s website at [www.Cliftonnj.org](http://www.Cliftonnj.org).

Below are the Permissive Amendments to the Clifton Community Development Citizens Participation Plan based upon the need to respond to COVID-19 to amend the minimum 30 day minimum comment period for substantial amendments to no less than 5 days for public comments.

**Citizen Participation Public Comment Period for Consolidated Plan Amendment**

Requirement: 30-day Public Comment Period.

Citations: 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), 24 CFR 91.115(c)(2) and (i) and 24 CFR 91.401

Explanation: A CPD grantee may amend an approved consolidated plan in accordance with 24 CFR 91.505. Substantial amendments to the consolidated plan are subject to the citizen participation process in the grantee’s citizen participation plan. The citizen participation plan must provide citizens with 30 days to comment on substantial amendments.

Justification: Given the need to expedite actions to respond to COVID-19, HUD waives 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), 91.115(c)(2) and (i) as specified below, in order to balance the need to respond quickly to the growing spread and effects of COVID-19 with the statutory requirement to provide reasonable notice and opportunity for citizens to comment on substantial amendments concerning the proposed uses of CDBG, HOME, HTF, HOPWA or ESG funds.

Applicability: This 30-day minimum for the required public comment period is waived for substantial amendments, provided that no less than 5 days are provided for public comments on each substantial amendment. The waiver is available through the end of the recipient’s 2020 program year. Any recipient wishing to undertake further amendments to prior year plans following the 2020 program year can do so during the development of its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan.

**Citizen Participation Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment**

Requirement: Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment.

Citations: 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), 24 CFR 91.115(c)(2) and (i) and 24 CFR 91.401

Explanation: As noted above, the regulations at 24 CFR 91.105 (for local governments) and 91.115 (for States) set forth the citizen participation plan requirements for recipients. For substantial amendments to the consolidated plan, the regulations require the recipient to follow its citizen participation plan to provide citizens with reasonable notice and opportunity to comment. The citizen participation plan must state how \* *reasonable notice* and opportunity to comment will be given.

Justification: HUD recognizes the efforts to contain COVID-19 require limiting public gatherings, such as those often used to obtain citizen participation, and that there is a need to respond quickly to the growing spread and effects of COVID-19. Therefore, HUD waives 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), 24 CFR

91.115(c)(2) and (i) and 24 CFR 91.401 as specified below to allow these grantees to determine what constitutes reasonable notice and opportunity to comment given their circumstances.

Applicability: This authority is in effect through the end of the 2020 program year.

*\*Reasonable Notice:* Reasonable Notice and the Opportunity to comment on any amendment to the Consolidated Plan/Citizens Participation Plan/Action Plan will be made available to the public through newspaper advertisements, posting at the Clifton Senior Citizen Center and the Clifton Municipal Complex. Availability of the public to email their comments to the Community Development Office, Mayor or Executive Director, live streaming of the City Council meeting at Clifton’s website ([www.cliftonnj.org](http://www.cliftonnj.org)). The City Council meetings can also be accessed by Verizon subscribers at Channel 40 or by Cablevision Subscribers at channel 77. Due to responses to Social Distancing requirements, if the Council meetings are not held at the Clifton Municipal Complex, they will be televised and a call in number will be provided for any Public Comments.

Any comments to this notice can be directed to: Jill Hartmann, Community Development Office, 900 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013 973-470-5255 email: [JHartmann@Cliftonnj.org](mailto:JHartmann@Cliftonnj.org)

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Judy,

Please advertise one time in Herald News on April 28, 2020.

Please bill: Clifton Community Development, 900 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013

Please provide Affidavit of Service.

Call Donna 973-747-4423 with any questions

Thank you.