STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

In Re: HUNTINGTON RESERVE ASSOCIATES, LTD.

FHFC Case No.: 2005-060VW

ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE FROM RULE 67-21.008(1)(b), FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

THIS CAUSE came on for consideration and final action before the Board of Directors of Florida Housing Finance Corporation on January 20, 2006, pursuant to a Petition for Variance of Rule 67-21.008(1)(b), Florida Administrative Code, (the "Petition"). Florida Housing Finance Corporation ("Florida Housing") received the Petition on December 27, 2005, from Huntington Reserve Associates, Ltd., ("Petitioner"). On January 6, 2006, the Notice of the Petition was published in Volume 32, Number 1, of the <u>Florida Administrative Weekly</u>. Florida Housing did not receive any comments regarding the Petition. After careful review of the record and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Florida Housing hereby finds:

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case and the parties hereto.
- 2. During the 2005 Supplemental Bond Cycle, Florida Housing awarded an allocation of \$6, 515,000 in Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bond (MMRB) funding to Huntington Reserve Associates, Inc. ("Petitioner") to finance the rehabilitation of a 168-unit family apartment development located in Seminole County, Florida.

- 3. Petitioner recently acquired this development from Tompkins/Rosecliff, Ltd., the previous owner, who received SAIL funding and an award of tax credits from Florida Housing in 1990. This transfer of ownership was approved by the Board on December 9, 2005.
 - 4. Rule 67-21.008(1)(b), Florida Administrative Code, states in pertinent part:
 - (1) Each Mortgage Loan for a Development made by the Corporation shall:
 - (b) Provide for a fully amortized payment of the Mortgage Loan in full beginning on the earlier of 36 months after closing, or stabilized occupancy, or conversion to permanent financing under the loan documents and ending no later than the expiration of the useful life of the property, and in any event, no later than 45 years from the date of the Mortgage Loan.
 - 5. Section 120.542(2), Florida Statutes provides in pertinent part:

Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person and when application of a rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness.

- 6. Petitioner requests a variance from the above Rule to delay the start of the fully amortized payment of the mortgage loan from 36 months to 60 months from the date of closing of the MMRB financing.
- 7. Petitioner states that this variance is necessary and that denial thereof would create a substantial hardship for Petitioner, in that the viability of the Development will be threatened. Petitioner has filed an application for supplemental MMRB funding and has incurred significant expenses in based on that financing structure and in obtaining the subject real property. Petitioner reports that should this request for a variance be denied, the financing structures on which these transactions are based will no longer be viable and the Petitioner will

be unable to acquire and rehabilitate the development as anticipated per its supplemental MMRB

application.

8. The granting of this variance would serve the purpose of the underlying statute, as

facilitating the rehabilitation of the Fox Hollow Apartments development will further Florida

Housing's statutory mandate to provide safe, sanitary and affordable housing to the citizens of

Orange County, Florida.

9. Moreover, not granting this variance will result in a substantial hardship to

Petitioner, in that Petitioner may be unable to acquire and rehabilitate the development as

anticipated per its supplemental MMRB application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The Petition for Variance from Rule 67-21.008(1)(b), Florida Administrative Code, is hereby

GRANTED. Petitioner shall provide for a fully amortized payment of the Mortgage Loan in full

beginning on the earlier of 60 months after closing, or stabilized occupancy, or conversion to

permanent financing under the loan documents and ending no later than the expiration of the

useful life of the property, and in any event, no later than 45 years from the date of the Mortgage

Loan. All other relief requested in the Petition, if any, is hereby denied.

DONE and ORDERED this 20th day of January, 2006.

By: Chairperson

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