

Insights

Eviction and Foreclosure Moratoriums Extended to August 31, 2020 for Federally-Backed Mortgages

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On June 16, 2020, the Federal Housing Finance Agency ("<u>FHFA</u>") announced that government-sponsored entities Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will extend their single-family moratoriums on evictions and foreclosures until at least August 31, 2020.(1) This extends the previously-issued moratoriums, which had a sunset date of June 30, 2020.

Similarly, on June 17, 2020, The Federal Housing Administration ("<u>FHA</u>") extended its moratoriums on foreclosures and evictions until August 31, 2020.(2) FHA's moratoriums apply to FHA-insured single-family mortgages, and is an extension of the prior June 30, 2020 expiration date set by FHA's Mortgagee Letter 2020-13. Lenders should take note that FHA's moratoriums do not apply to FHA-insured mortgages secured by vacant or abandoned properties. The FHA moratoriums apply to both initiation of foreclosure actions, as well as foreclosures in process.

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(1) "FHFA Extends Foreclosure and Eviction Moratorium," Federal Housing Finance Agency, *available at* https://www.fhfa.gov/Media/PublicAffairs/Pages/FHFA-Extends-Foreclosure-and-Eviction-Moratorium-6172020.aspx.

(2) Mortgagee Letter 2020-19, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, *available at* https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/2020-19hsngml.pdf.