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REPORT ON MINNESOTA MANUFACTURED HOUSING RELOCATION TRUST FUND ACTIVITY

JULY 1, 2014 –JUNE 30, 2015 (FY 2015)

Minn. Stat. § 327C.095, Subd. 13 (h) requires the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to submit a report on the Minnesota Manufactured Housing Relocation Trust Fund by January 15 of each year.

The Minnesota Manufactured Housing Relocation Trust Fund (Trust Fund) was established by Laws of Minnesota 2007, Chapter 141. The 2007 law required owners of manufactured homes who rent lots in a manufactured housing park to make annual payments of \$12.00 per lot to be deposited into the Trust Fund. Payments were to be collected by the manufactured housing park owner and forwarded to the Commissioner of Management and Budget. In 2009, the statute was amended to provide for a different collection mechanism. (Laws of Minnesota 2009, chapter 78, article 8, Sec. 2.) Under the 2009 amendments, the Commissioner of Management and Budget is directed to assess annually each manufactured park owner \$12.00 per licensed lot. The assessed amount is due by September 15 of each year. (Minn. Stat. § 327C.095, Subd. 12(c)). Park owners are authorized to recoup the \$12.00 fee from residents either in a lump sum or as part of the monthly rent. (Minn. Stat. § 327C.095, Subd. 6.)

Park owners are required to make payments to the Trust Fund when a manufactured housing park is being closed or the land will no longer be used as a manufactured housing park. A cap on the amount paid by the park owner is set in the statute and varies depending on whether a home will be moved or abandoned (Minn. Stat. § 327C.095, Subd. 12 (a)). The municipality in which the closing manufactured home park is located is required to appoint a neutral third party to resolve questions or disputes regarding contributions to and disbursements from the Trust Fund (Minn. Stat. § 327C.095, Subd. 4). Based on the neutral third party's decisions, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency is charged with making payments out of the Trust Fund to homeowners, moving and towing contractors and others.

Minn. Stat. § 327C.095, Subd. 12(c) allows collection of payments only when the unencumbered fund balance in the Trust Fund is less than \$1,000,000 as of June 30. Because the balance of the Trust Fund was \$1,196,243.58 as of June 30, 2015, no payments were collected in Fiscal Year 2015.

The following page is a summary of the Trust Fund receipts and disbursements for Fiscal Year 2015.

FY 2015 MANUFACTURED HOUSING RELOCATION TRUST FUND ACTIVITY

Beginning Balance – 7/01/14	\$1,196,243.58
Number of Homeowners Making Annual Payment in FY 2015*	n/a
Total Payments Received in FY 2015*	\$6700.00
Total Number of Parks Reporting*	n/a
Percentage of Residents in Parks Reporting Who Paid the Annual Fee*	n/a
Number of Claims (applications) Filed	6
Number of Parks Closed with Residents Making Claims on the Fund	1
Payments to Claimants	\$28,430
Amount of Advances to the Trust Fund	\$0
Administrative Charges or expense deducted from the trust fund- MMB	\$278.18
Administrative Charges or expenses deducted from the trust fund-MHFA	\$0
Balance in Trust Fund	\$1,174,235.40

**The balance of the Trust Fund as of June 30, 2013 was in excess of \$1,000,000. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 327C.095, Subd. 12(c) no reporting was required by parks and no payments were due to the Trust Fund.*

Please note that the first report submitted on the Trust Fund activity provided information on calendar year 2007. Subsequent reports reflect activity on a fiscal year basis.

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