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REPORT ON MINNESOTA MANUFACTURED HOUSING RELOCATION TRUST FUND ACTIVITY

JULY 1, 2009 –JUNE 30, 2010 (FY 2010)

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.

The following is a summary of the Trust Fund receipts and disbursements for Fiscal Year 2010. The number of parks reporting payments decreased 17% from the previous year; however, the number of manufactured home owners making payment increased by 80% over the previous year.

FY 2010 Manufactured Housing Relocation
Trust Fund Activity Report

FY 2010 MANUFACTURED HOUSING RELOCATION TRUST FUND ACTIVITY

Beginning Balance – 7/01/09	\$276,439
Number of Homeowners Making Annual Payment in FY 2010	28,588
Total Payments Received in FY 2010	\$348,062
Net Payments Received in FY 2010*	\$347,894
Total Number of Parks Reporting	456
Percentage of Residents in Parks Reporting Who Paid the Annual Fee	82%
Number of Claims (applications) Filed	11
Number of Parks Closed with Residents Making Claims on the Fund	1
Payments to Claimants	\$47,560
Amount of Advances to the Trust Fund	\$0
Administrative Charges or expense deducted from the trust fund- MMB	\$13,790
Administrative Charges or expenses deducted from the trust fund-MHFA	\$0
Balance in Trust Fund	\$562,984

*\$168.00 was returned to payers as a result of overpayments.

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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