A. **A brief description of the purpose of the proposed rules.**

The proposed amended Single Family Mortgage Program Rules provide for important updates to the single family mortgage loan program administered by OHFA. The proposed amendments provide for updates to definitions, statutory references, and responsible parties for the day-to-day administration of the program. The proposed amendments incorporate updates from the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and associated regulations (collectively, the “Code”) which provides for certain eligibility criteria for the issuance of mortgage revenue bonds, the proceeds of which are used to fund certain mortgage programs of OHFA. In addition, the proposed amendments update the list of eligible underwriters and participating lenders in the mortgage loan program while allowing for continuous mortgage originations which may or may not be associated with a mortgage revenue bond program.

B. **A description of the classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rules, including classes that will bear the costs of the proposed rules, and any information on cost impacts received by the agency from any private or public entities.**

Persons seeking to become homeowners within the State of Oklahoma will be those most likely to benefit as a result in the change in the rules. The proposed amended rules are necessary to update references to the Code, as well as the requirements of administration of single family mortgage programs including, additional lending programs that are not subject to the requirements of the Code, and expanding the potential for homeownership in Oklahoma. There are no additional costs to be imposed on persons taking part in the single family mortgage program other than the normal costs associated with purchasing a home.

C. **A description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rules.**

Potential homeowners within the State of Oklahoma will be those most likely to benefit as a result in the change in the rules.

D. **A description of the probable economic impact of the proposed rules upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions, including a listing of all fee changes and, whenever possible, a separate justification of each fee change.**

There should be no economic impact on persons or political subdivisions as a result of the implementation of the amended rules. There are no new fees which will be implemented as a result of the amended rules.
E. The probable costs and benefits to the Agency and to any other agency of the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rules, the source of revenue to be used for implementation and enforcement of the proposed rules, and any anticipated effect on state revenues, including a projected net loss or gain in state revenues if it can be projected by the Agency.

No extraordinary costs to OHFA or other agencies are anticipated. It is anticipated that the proposed amendments will have no effect on state revenues. Probably costs to OHFA may include actions to enforce the single family rules in compliance with federal standards. No other state agency will be required to assist in implementing or enforcing the proposed rules amendments.

F. A determination of whether implementation of the proposed rules will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rules.

No persons or entities are likely to be impacted by the proposed rules. Political subdivisions are not charged with implementation or enforcement of the proposed rules; therefore no general economic impact is anticipated for these entities. One potential impact is increased home ownership in communities which would enhance the tax base of local political jurisdictions.

G. A determination of whether implementation of the proposed rules may have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Small businesses are not expected to be impacted by the proposed rules.

H. An explanation of the measures the Agency has taken to minimize compliance costs and a determination of whether there are less costly or nonregulatory methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rules.

There are no measures to be taken to minimize compliance costs, and there are no less costly or non-regulatory methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rules.

I. A determination of the effect of the proposed rules on the public health, safety, and environment and, if the proposed rules are designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety and environment, an explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rules will reduce the risk.

The proposed rules should have very little or no negative effect on the public health, safety, and environment. The proposed rules will help OHFA in facilitating the purchase of single family homes by Oklahomans.

J. A determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety, and environment if the proposed rules are not implemented.
There are no anticipated detrimental effects on the public health, safety, and environment if the proposed rules are not implemented.

K. The date the rule impact statement was prepared and if modified, the date modified.

This rule impact statement was finalized and approved on February 18, 2020, by Lee Ann Smith, Single Family Program Director, Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency.