

DFN SOCIAL HOUSING

DEFINITION

In this Chapter,

“**Social Housing**” means public programs provided for the construction, acquisition, renovation or rental of housing for households in need.

SH.1 JURISDICTION

SH.1.1 The Dehcho Government has Jurisdiction in the Settlement Area with respect to Social Housing¹.

SH. 1.2 The Jurisdiction of the Dehcho Government set out in SH.1.1 does not include :

- (a) landlord and tenant relations;²
- (b) building and construction codes³; and
- (c) Social Housing programs provided by the GNWT or Canada.

SH.2 STANDARDS

SH.2.1 The Dehcho Government Laws made pursuant to SH1.1 shall include standards in relation to:

- (a) equitable access to Social Housing; and
- (b) households in need.

SH.2.2 Dehcho Government Laws made pursuant to section SH.1.1 shall provide for standards compatible with NWT Social Housing core principles and objectives.

SH. 2.3 Social housing provided by a Dehcho Government Social Housing program must meet or exceed applicable standards established under federal and territorial building and construction codes.

¹ DFN propose to change “Social Housing” to “Housing”

² DFN questions limitations on landlord and tenant relations

³ DFN question need for this clause

SH.3 AGREEMENTS

- SH.3.1 Nothing in the Dehcho Final Agreement shall affect, or authorize the Dehcho Government to impose conditions on, the ability of Canada or the Government of the Northwest Territories to establish, implement, maintain or support Social Housing programs in the Settlement Area, or to enter into agreements or maintain or amend existing agreements for those purposes.
- SH. 3.2 Nothing in the Dehcho Final Agreement precludes the Dehcho Government from entering into agreement with the GNWT or Canada in relation to Social Housing.
- SH.3.23 Where the Dehcho Government has enacted Dehcho Government Laws pursuant to SH.1.1, the Dehcho Government and the GNWT may enter into agreements regarding the exchange of information to enable Social Housing clients to retain Social Housing benefits and any associated liabilities when transferring between a Dehcho Government program and a GNWT Social Housing program.
- SH.3.3. The GNWT retains the authority to represent the NWT in discussions with other territories, provinces or Canada on Social Housing, and to enter into agreements on behalf of the NWT with other territories, provinces or Canada with respect to Social Housing.⁴
- SH.3.45 Canada, in any agreements with the Government of the Northwest Territories, shall not restrict the ability of the Government of the Northwest Territories to enter into agreements with the Dehcho Government for the purposes of Social Housing.

SH.4 CONFLICT

- SH.4.1 In the event of a Conflict between a Dehcho Government Law made pursuant to section SH.2.1 and a Federal Law or Territorial Law, the Dehcho Government Law prevails to the extent of the Conflict.

⁴ DFN question why this is included