



## Regulatory Guidance 20-26 Issued May 1, 2020

**Attention:** State-Chartered Banks and Licensed Appraisers  
**Re:** Deadline Extension for Appraisal of Other Real Estate Acquired by Banks  
**Date:** May 1, 2020

### **Authority.**

On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-01, declaring a peacetime emergency related to COVID-19.

On March 28, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed House File 4531 authorizing Commissioner of Commerce Steve Kelley (“Commissioner”) to delay, stay, or waive the following licensing, investigative, and other deadlines related to the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioner and regulated entities required to effectively continue the business of the Minnesota Department of Commerce and to assist regulated entities during the current peacetime emergency.

On April 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-35, extending the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.

In light of the challenges related to the COVID-19 virus, the Commissioner of Commerce has issued an Order granting temporary extensions of certain filing deadlines for certain regulated entities.

### **Guidance.**

The Commerce Department has provided temporary, emergency relief in regard to the sixty day deadline for which banks acquiring “other real estate,” pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 48.21 and Minn. Rule 2675.2170 (B), must obtain an appraisal of the fair market value of the property prepared by an independent qualified appraiser.

Banks that acquire “other real estate” pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 48.21, subd. 1 (2) to (5), after January 13, 2020, and through the peacetime emergency declared by Governor Tim Walz on March 13, 2020, may defer the requirement to obtain an appraisal for up to 120 days from the date of acquisition.

### **Questions.**

Individual questions should be directed to Michael Crow via email at [michael.crow@state.mn.us](mailto:michael.crow@state.mn.us). Commerce staff are responding as soon as possible to written inquiries.

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