(iii) For less than 250 sales per month, a three-month reporting period.

The listing should contain a brief address for each property, its county location, its sale price, the month and year of its sale, and whether it is new or existing. In areas where the ratio of existing sales to new sales is three-to-one or greater, an increase in the mortgage limit may be based on 95 percent of the average of the new and the existing median sales prices. In these areas, the documentation referred to in this paragraph may also include separate median sales prices for both the new and existing homes.

(2) Requests for an increased mortgage limit based upon documentation of median house prices for the area should be sent to the appropriate HUD field office.

(c) In the case of an area where the Commissioner determines that the median one-family house price does not reasonably reflect the sales prices of newly constructed homes because of an existing stock whose value is static or declining, the Commissioner may give greater weight to the sales prices of new homes in determining median house price in such area. Without limiting the discretion of the Commissioner in fashioning appropriate methods of implementing the foregoing authority in particular circumstances based upon a demonstration of good cause satisfactory to the Commissioner, in areas where evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner indicates that existing home sales outnumber new home sales by three-to-one or better, the *median sales price* will be calculated as the greater of (1) the average of the median sales price for new and existing homes, and (2) the composite median price of all sales.

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§ 203.18c One-time or up-front mortgage insurance premium excluded from limitations on maximum mortgage amounts.

After determining any maximum insurable mortgage amount under the provisions of this subpart, the maximum insurable amount of any mortgage may be increased by the amount of any one-time or up-front mortgage insurance premium that will be financed as part of the mortgage.

[57 FR 15211, Apr. 24, 1992]

§ 203.18d Minimum principal loan amount.

A mortgagee may not require, as a condition of providing a loan secured by a mortgage insured under this part, that the principal amount of the mortgage exceed a minimum amount established by the mortgagee.

[53 FR 8880, Mar. 18, 1988]

§ 203.19 Mortgagor's minimum investment.

(a) At the time the mortgage is insured, the mortgagor shall have paid in cash or its equivalent the following minimum amount:

(1) In all cases (except those involving a veteran meeting the requirements of § 203.18(b) or a disaster victim meeting the requirements of § 203.18(e)), the minimum investment shall be at least 3 percent of the Commissioner's estimate of the cost of acquisition (excluding the amount of any one-time mortgage insurance premium payable in accordance with § 203.280) or such other larger amount as the Commissioner may determine.

(2) In a case involving a veteran meeting the requirements of § 203.18(a)(3) or a disaster victim meeting the requirements of § 203.18(e), the minimum investment shall be $200 which may include settlement costs, initial payments for taxes, hazard insurance premiums, mortgage insurance premiums, and other prepaid expenses as approved by the Commissioner.

(b) A mortgagor who is 60 years of age or older, as of the date the mortgage is accepted for insurance, or

whose mortgage meets the requirements of and is to be insured pursuant to § 203.18(d), or who is purchasing a single-family home under a low income housing demonstration project which is being assisted by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to section 207 of the Housing Act of 1961 or who is purchasing a housing unit in connection with a homeownership program under the Homeownership and Opportunity Through HOPE Act, may obtain a loan to meet the payment required by paragraph (a) of this section and to pay settlement costs. Such loan shall be from a corporation or person satisfactory to the Commissioner. The settlement costs paid with the loan may include initial payments for taxes, hazard insurance premium, mortgage insurance premium, and other prepaid expenses, as determined by the Commissioner. As security for the loan, the mortgagor may give a note or other evidence of indebtedness bearing interest at a rate not in excess of that permitted in the insured mortgage. The aggregate amount of the insured mortgage and the loan referred to in this section shall not exceed an amount equal to the Commissioner's estimate of the appraised value of the property, plus an amount equal to the initial payments for taxes, hazard insurance premium, mortgage insurance premium, and other prepaid expenses, as determined by the Commissioner.

[36 FR 24508, Dec. 22, 1971, as amended at 48 FR 44067, Sept. 27, 1983; 50 FR 40195, Oct. 2, 1985; 53 FR 8880, Mar. 18, 1988; 56 FR 4477, Feb. 4, 1991; 61 FR 36263, July 9, 1996]

§ 203.20 Agreed interest rate.

(a) The mortgage shall bear interest at the rate agreed upon by the mortgagee and the mortgagor.

(b) Interest shall be payable in monthly installments on the principal amount of the mortgage outstanding on the due date of each installment.

[36 FR 24508, Dec. 22, 1971, as amended at 49 FR 19457, May 8, 1984]

§ 203.21 Amortization provisions.

The mortgage must contain complete amortization provisions satisfactory to the Commissioner, requiring monthly payments by the mortgagor not in excess of his reasonable ability to pay as determined by the Commissioner. The sum of the principal and interest payments in each month shall be substantially the same.

§ 203.22 Payment of insurance premiums or charges; prepayment privilege.

(a) *Payment of periodic insurance premiums or charges.* Except with respect to mortgages for which a one-time mortgage insurance premium is paid pursuant to § 203.280, the mortgage may provide for monthly payments by the mortgagor to the mortgagee of an amount equal to one-twelfth of the annual mortgage insurance premium payable by the mortgagee to the Commissioner. Such payments continue only so long as the contract of insurance shall remain in effect or for such shorter period as mortgage insurance premiums are payable by the mortgagee to the Commissioner.

(b) *Prepayment privilege.* The mortgage shall contain a provision permitting the mortgagor to prepay the mortgage in whole or in part on any installment due date, but shall not provide for the payment of any charge on account of such prepayment.

[36 FR 24508, Dec. 22, 1971, as amended at 37 FR 8661, Apr. 29, 1972; 48 FR 28804, June 23, 1983; 50 FR 25914, June 24, 1985; 61 FR 36263, July 9, 1996]

§ 203.23 Mortgagor's payments to include other charges.

(a) The mortgage shall provide for such equal monthly payments by the mortgagor to the mortgagee as will amortize:

(1) The ground rents, if any;

(2) The estimated amount of all taxes;

(3) Special assessments, if any;

(4) Flood insurance premiums, if flood insurance is required by the Commissioner; and

(5) Fire and other hazard insurance premiums, if any. The mortgage shall further provide that such payments shall be held by the mortgagee in a manner satisfactory to the Commissioner for the purpose of paying such ground rents, taxes, assessments, and insurance premiums before the same become delinquent, for the benefit and