- (4) "Residential real property" means owner occupied real property having a dwelling on it designed principally as a residence with accommodations for not more than four families.
- (b) (1) A lender may not make a [covered] MORTGAGE loan without giving due regard to the borrower's ability to repay the MORTGAGE loan in accordance with its terms, INCLUDING THE FULLY INDEXED RATE OF THE MORTGAGE LOAN, IF APPLICABLE, AND PROPERTY TAXES AND HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE WHETHER OR NOT AN ESCROW ACCOUNT IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF THESE EXPENSES.
- (2) A borrower is presumed to be able to repay a MORTGAGE loan if at the time the MORTGAGE loan is made the borrower's total scheduled monthly payment obligations, including the [required loan payment] PRINCIPAL, INTEREST, PROPERTY TAXES, AND HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE, do not exceed 45 percent of the borrower's monthly gross income.
- [(3) This section does not apply to a covered loan to a borrower whose monthly gross income is greater than 120 percent of the median family income for the metropolitan statistical area in which the residential real property securing the loan is located.]
- (C) (1) DUE REGARD TO A BORROWER'S ABILITY TO REPAY A MORTGAGE LOAN MUST INCLUDE VERIFICATION:
- (I) CONSIDERATION OF THE BORROWER'S DEBT TO INCOME RATIO, INCLUDING EXISTING DEBTS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS; AND
- (II) <u>VERIFICATION</u> OF THE BORROWER'S GROSS MONTHLY INCOME <u>AND ASSETS</u> BY REVIEW OF <u>THIRD-PARTY</u> WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION REASONABLY BELIEVED BY THE LENDER TO BE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE.
- (2) ACCEPTABLE <u>THIRD-PARTY</u> WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION INCLUDES:
- (I) A WRITTEN STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY THE BORROWER THE BORROWER SERVICE FORM W-2;
- (II) A COPY OF THE BORROWER'S FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN;