

REVISIONS TO SHA'S CURRENT SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN:

Approved by Board of Commissioners on October 7, 2015.

Consideration of request by the Executive Director to amend the Section 8 Administrative Plan as follows:

The 2014 Omnibus Appropriations Bill HR 3547 makes statutory changes to the Section 8 Program. The SHA proposes policy changes in the Section 8 Administrative plan effective January 1, 2015 based on language contained in the omnibus bill, as follows:

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1. Definition of extremely low-income (ELI) families to mean very low-income families whose incomes do not exceed the higher of the federal poverty line or 30 percent of area median income (AMI).

DELETE: **Extremely low-income families:** Those families whose incomes do not exceed 30% of the median income for the area, as determined by HUD with adjustments for smaller and larger families, except that HUD may establish income ceilings higher or lower than 30% of the median income for the area if HUD finds that such variations are necessary because of unusually high or low family incomes.

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2. Modification of utility allowances to limit the allowance amount for tenant-paid utilities to no more than the appropriate utility allowance for the appropriate family bedroom unit size as determined by the SHA pursuant to its Occupancy Standards, regardless of the size of the actual unit leased by the family. The SHA may be required to approve a higher utility allowance pursuant to a reasonable accommodation request made by a family that includes an individual with disabilities, if needed to enable the individual family member with a disability to continue to reside in an accessible unit.

DELETE: -If the cost of utilities (except telephone) and other housing services for an assisted unit is not included in the tenant rent but is the responsibility of the family occupying the unit, an amount equal to the estimate made or approved by a housing authority or HUD of the monthly cost of a reasonable consumption of such utilities and other services for the unit by an energy-conservative household of modest circumstances consistent with the requirements of a safe, sanitary, and healthful living environment.

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3. Utility Allowance: The utility allowance used to calculate the gross rent is based on the appropriate family bedroom unit size as determined by the SHA pursuant to its Occupancy Standards, regardless of the size of the actual unit leased by the family.

DELETE: Utility Allowance: The unit utility allowance used to calculate the gross rent is based on the actual size of the unit the family selects, regardless of the size authorized on the family's voucher.