

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING

RESOLUTION 5023

AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY MODIFICATION TO THE PUBLIC HOUSING ADMISSIONS and OCCUPANCY POLICY and THE SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES DISPLACED BY HURRICANE KATRINA

WHEREAS on August 28, 2005, Hurricane Katrina, a major storm, hit the United States Gulf Coast Region causing massive flooding and destruction; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Hurricane Katrina, thousands of very low income households will be unable to return to their homes for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, many of those families may be relocated to the Puget Sound Region and require access to affordable replacement housing, such as that available through the Housing Authority's Public Housing and Section 8 programs; and

WHEREAS, in order to respond quickly to address the needs of households displaced by Hurricane Katrina, the Housing Authority will require the flexibility to waive a number of current Public Housing and Section 8 program policies, including:

- Providing a Tenant Selection priority for vacant Public Housing units and/or Section 8 Turnover Vouchers if needed and appropriate;
- Waiving the Public Housing Occupancy standards (bedroom size) if a proper bedroom sized unit is not available in a timely manner;
- Waiving, for both programs, information verification requirements in situations where records have been lost or are inaccessible as a result of the hurricane;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON:

The Board of Commissioners hereby provides the Executive Director of the Housing Authority with the flexibility to waive policies for the Public Housing and Section 8 programs, as outlined above, in order to respond quickly to address the needs of families who have been determined as "Displaced" as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Such flexibility is approved under the following conditions:

(1) Discretionary authority to waive the outlined policies is provided for a period not to exceed six (6) months from the date of authorization; and

(2) A report will be provided to the Board of Commissioners monthly, showing the number of displaced households assisted, as well as the frequency of the use of authorized discretionary waiver authority.

ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON, THIS 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2005.

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COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON**



PETER ORSER, Chair
Board of Commissioners



STEPHEN J. NORMAN
Secretary-Treasurer