

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING
RESOLUTION NO. 5194**

**AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC HOUSING ADMISSIONS AND
CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY (ACOP) AND THE SECTION 8
ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN RELATING TO THE EXCLUSION OF RESIDENT
SERVICE STIPENDS FROM THE CALCULATION OF ANNUAL INCOME**

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2003, the King County Housing Authority (KCHA) entered in an agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for participation in the Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration Program; and

WHEREAS, as a participant in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's MTW program, KCHA is authorized, in lieu of federal program regulations, to develop policies, procedures and test approaches to achieving greater cost effectiveness in Federal expenditures and give incentives to families to obtain employment and become economically self-sufficient; and,

WHEREAS, KCHA has identified among its key initiatives in the FY 2008 MTW Plan the review and implementation of changes in rent and income policies, lease terms and the development of work incentives designed to increase the economic self-sufficiency of residents; and

WHEREAS, KCHA staff has reviewed federal regulations regarding Annual Income (24 CFR 5.609) and the exclusion of Resident Stipends in the calculation of a Family's Total Tenant Payment and has developed alternative policies that increase the amount of stipend that may be excluded from Annual Income and broadens the scope of activities under which a stipend may be provided to a resident; and

WHEREAS, KCHA staff also recommends a minor change in policy clarifying that Kin-GAP and similar payments available to children exiting the juvenile court system are excluded from the calculation of household income; and

WHEREAS, the revisions ensure written policies are consistent with actual treatment of income and designed to complement KCHA's efforts to effectively manage its resources while advancing efforts under the Resident Opportunity Plan in a manner

that (1) encourages resident involvement and community building; and (2) provides resident incentives that increase employment and economic self-sufficiency through education and training; and,

WHEREAS, in developing MTW related policy revisions, KCHA provided opportunity for public input regarding the Plan components through coordination with the KCHA Resident Advisory Council and a public hearing held on April 5th, 2007 to receive comment on the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, Board approval for changing HUD-mandated operational policies and procedures is required before KCHA can implement such changes.


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

- (1.) The Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the revisions to the Public Housing ACOP and Section 8 Administrative Plan, as attached; and
- (2.) Authorizes the Housing Authority to take the necessary steps to implement the revisions, effective January 1, 2009.

ADOPTED AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING THIS 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON


NANCY HOLLAND-YOUNG, Chair
Board of Commissioners


STEPHEN NORMAN
Secretary-Treasurer