

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING**

**RESOLUTION No. 5615**

**AUTHORIZING HIGHER PAYMENT STANDARDS FOR THE  
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**

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**WHEREAS**, the Housing Choice Voucher payment standards are the maximum subsidy levels used to calculate the housing assistance a household will receive under the Housing Choice Voucher program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners authorized implementation of a multi-tiered payment standard system with five tiers by passing Resolution No. 5531 dated the 16th of February 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority has committed to reviewing and, if necessary, making changes to the multi-tiered payment standards system and the configuration of ZIP codes therein on a biannual basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority added a sixth tier to the payment standard system by passing Resolution No. 5576 dated the 20th of November 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority last increased payment standards on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that an increase in payment standards in all tiers and bedroom sizes will ensure that standards continue to match regional rent trends, create sufficient access to high opportunity areas, maintain voucher holder lease-up rates, and limit shelter burden; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the payment standard increases will more closely align subsidy levels with submarket rents and continue to ensure efficient expenditure of taxpayer dollars; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority has sufficient resources to fund higher payment standards in 2019; and,

**WHEREAS**, increased payment standard amounts will Affirmatively Further Fair Housing objectives in the Seattle Metropolitan region;

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

The Payment Standards for the Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher program are hereby adjusted in accordance with the proposed recommendations, set forth at the December 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners meeting and attached hereto, and effective January 1, 2019.

**ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2018.**

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE  
COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON**

  
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**DOUGLAS J. BARNES**, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

  
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**STEPHEN NORMAN**  
Secretary