

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING

RESOLUTION NO. 5708

AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC HOUSING ADMISSION AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY (ACOP) AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLANS (AD PLANS) FOR THE TENANT-BASED AND PROJECT-BASED HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAMS AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, utilizing MTW program flexibility, the King County Housing Authority's (KCHA) Executive Director declared an operational emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic which provided staff with added program flexibility allowable under its MTW-based Catastrophic Plan to meet the urgent needs of KCHA's clients; and,

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2020, as directed by the Congress through the Consolidated Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) of 2020, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), issued PIH Notice 2020-05 - providing a list of time-limited regulatory waivers available to Housing Authorities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, policy and procedure modifications allowed under KCHA's Catastrophic Emergency plan, together with available HUD waivers (see attached), have allowed KCHA to implement measures that have protected resident, staff and community health and safety and helped reduce community spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, PIH Notice 2020-05 included a requirement that KCHA seek retroactive Board approval of any ACOP or AD Plan changes implemented as a result of the use of available HUD waivers no later than December 31, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of policy and program changes implemented during the pandemic, KCHA has identified additional ACOP and AD Plan modifications possible through use of its MTW program flexibility in order to further streamline program administration – increasing program effectiveness and efficiency to ensure best use of our financial resources and help KCHA's programs better protect and serve low-income and at-risk clients; and,

WHEREAS, as an MTW participant, KCHA is authorized, in lieu of federal program regulations, to develop and implement new approaches for providing and administering housing assistance consistent with local needs and circumstances;

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

- (1.) The Board of Commissioners hereby approves KCHA's use of HUD waivers provided under the CARES Act and, pursuant to PIH Notice 2020-05, retroactively approves ACOP and Administrative Plan policy changes implemented as a result of their adoption; and
- (2.) Approves additional changes to the ACOP and Ad Plans as attached and authorizes the Housing Authority to take the necessary steps to implement such changes effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING AT AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING THIS 20TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

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COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON


DOUGLAS J. BARNES, Chair
Board of Commissioners


STEPHEN NORMAN
Executive Director and Secretary-Treasurer