

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING

RESOLUTION No. 5531

**AUTHORIZING NEW MULTI-TIERED PAYMENT STANDARDS FOR THE
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**

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 last authorized adjustments to the payment standards by passing Resolution No. 5491 dated the 15th of December 2014; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a significant increase in the payment standards is necessary to keep pace with rapidly rising market rents and to ensure that new and existing voucher holders can secure and maintain quality housing on the private rental market; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a five-tiered payment standard system would more accurately align payment standards to local rental sub-markets; and

WHEREAS, a five-tiered payment standard system will also safeguard the public trust and ensure efficient expenditure of taxpayer dollars by matching payment standards to smaller submarkets; and,

WHEREAS, a five-tiered payment standard system will Affirmatively Further Fair Housing objectives by removing barriers to high opportunity neighborhoods in the Seattle Metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the proposed payment standards would grant new and existing voucher holders greater geographic choice and access to high opportunity areas; and

WHEREAS, the proposed payment standards would reduce shelter burdens for families living in rising rental markets across the county; and

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 to a five-tiered ZIP code-based system in accordance with the proposed recommendations, set forth at the February 16th Board of Commissioners meeting and attached hereto, and effective immediately.

ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING THIS 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2016.

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



DOUGLAS J. BARNES, Chair
Board of Commissioners



STEPHEN NORMAN
Secretary

**APPENDIX A
 Proposed Multi-Tiered Payment Standards**

ZIP Codes & Payment Standard Tiers

ZIP Code	Tier	ZIP Code	Tier	ZIP Code	Tier	ZIP Code	Tier
98001	3	98027	4	98052	5	98108	1
98002	1	98028	3	98053	4	98126	1
98003	1	98029	5	98055	3	98133	3
98004	5	98030	1	98056	4	98146	1
98005	5	98031	1	98057	3	98148	1
98006	5	98032	2	98058	3	98155	2
98007	4	98033	5	98059	4	98166	1
98008	3	98034	4	98065	2	98168	1
98010	1	98038	4	98070	1	98177	2
98011	4	98039	5	98072	4	98178	2
98014	2	98040	5	98074	4	98188	1
98019	2	98042	1	98075	4	98198	1
98022	1	98045	2	98077	4	98224	1
98023	1	98047	1	98092	1	98288	1
98024	2	98051	2	98106	1	98354	1

Proposed Payment Standards

	Studios	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR	5 BR	6 BR
Tier 1	\$795	\$980	\$1,175	\$1,560	\$2,090	\$2,340	\$2,665
Tier 2	\$880	\$1,065	\$1,240	\$1,675	\$2,230	\$2,595	\$2,900
Tier 3	\$905	\$1,215	\$1,445	\$1,770	\$2,340	\$2,695	\$3,035
Tier 4	\$1,225	\$1,430	\$1,655	\$2,005	\$2,605	\$2,995	\$3,385
Tier 5	\$1,390	\$1,570	\$1,925	\$2,235	\$2,990	\$3,545	\$3,885