

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

**RESOLUTION No. 5557**

**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 five-tiered payment standard system by passing Resolution No. 5531 in February 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority has committed to reviewing the five-tiered payment standards on an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that an additional increase in the payment standards for all tiers is necessary to keep pace with regional rental market trends, 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**, resources are available to support and maintain higher payment standards; and,


**WHEREAS**, increased payment standard amounts will Affirmatively Further Fair Housing objectives in the Seattle Metropolitan region; 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 in accordance with the proposed recommendations, set forth at the December 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners meeting and attached hereto, to be effective January 1, 2017.

**ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER 2016.**

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

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

  
**STEPHEN NORMAN**  
Secretary