# **Resident Selection Criteria**

CCH Management - June 2024



# PREFACE

The purpose of the Resident Selection Criteria is to establish fair and equitable guidelines for selecting applicants to occupy housing units managed by CCH. All applicants must complete an initial certification and meet all eligibility criteria prior to being offered a unit. The criteria listed in this document applies to all applicants; however, special criteria that is unique to program units, due to funding sources of the Property, may be listed in the attached exhibits.

# VALUES

**INTEGRITY**: Striving for reliability and honesty in all that we do and say.

**INDEPENDENCE**: Empowering people to age in place with dignity and thrive.

**<u>SUSTAINABILITY</u>**: Maintaining our own organizational health and viability while maintaining sustainable communities for our residents.

# **VISION & MISSION**

**<u>VISION</u>**: To transform communities by fostering human dignity, mutual respect, personal independence, and supportive environments.

**<u>MISSION</u>**: CCH builds and manages quality affordable housing in caring communities.

**BELIEFS**: More than a home for our residents. More than a job for our employees.

**<u>HISTORY</u>**: In 1961, 12 visionaries from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) recognized the need to establish a more secure retirement lifestyle for older adults. They envisioned a clean housing community were seniors on a limited income could live and prosper in the comfort of a home they could afford. From these humble beginnings, CCH was born and incorporated in 1961 as a 501©3 non-profit organization.

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# **REVISIONS TO THIS DOCUMENT**

CCH reserves the right to make modifications to this plan as necessary. When the plan is revised, the effective date of the new plan will be noted on the cover page. In addition, any time a new plan is implemented, all applicants on the waiting list and current residents will be provided with notice that a revised plan is being implemented and that they may request a copy from the management office. **See EXHIBIT A.** 



All definitions are provided in an exhibit. See EXHIBIT D.

# LANGUAGE ACCESS

## **Limited English Persons Notice**

CCH ensures that person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) not be discriminated against nor denied meaningful access to housing built and managed by CCH. In order to ensure meaningful access and participation for LEP persons, CCH provides language services (interpretation) at no cost and takes reasonable steps to see that language services are provided according to the provisions of CCH's Language Access Plan (LAP).

## Language Access Statement

CCH wishes to notice all applicants and residents that have limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English, that they have the right to receive Free Oral Interpretation at no cost, regardless of language, type of service, benefit, or encounter.

CCH intends to provide written translations of vital documents in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

Copies of CCH's full Language Access Plan available upon request.

## **PRIVACY POLICIES** HUD Privacy Act Notice

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect information by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.), by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and by the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19). The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3543) requires applicants and participants to submit social security number of each household member.

To help ensure the privacy of applicant and tenant information, CCH is subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosure of applicant/tenant information. In addition, applicants and tenant may initiate civil action against CCH for unauthorized disclosure or improper use of the information they provided.

## **Community Privacy Statement**

It is the policy of CCH to guard the privacy of applicants and residents as conferred by the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 and to ensure the protection of such records maintained by CCH. Therefore, neither CCH, nor its agents or employees shall disclose any personal information contained in its records to any person or agency unless the individual about whom information is requested shall give written consent to such disclosure. The Privacy Policy in no way limits CCH's ability to collect such information as it may need to determine eligibility, compute rent, or determine suitability for tenancy.

Consistent with the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, any information obtained regarding disability or disability status will be treated in a confidential manner.

## NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICIES CCH Non-Discrimination Statement

CCH does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, national origin, marital status, ancestry, source of income, age, medical condition (cancer/genetic characteristics), creed, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), or AIDS related condition (ARC), sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, citizenship, immigration status, primary language spoken, any arbitrary basis or any other basis protected by federal, state, or local law.

#### **Section 504 Equal Access Statements**

For mobility-impaired persons, this document is kept at CCH's management company office located at 1855 Olympic Boulevard, Suite 200; Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Documents may be examined from Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. You must phone to plan to examine this document. Please call (510) 632 – 6712 and TDD users may dial 711.

For hearing-impaired persons, CCH will help in reviewing this document. Assistance may include provision of a qualified interpreter at a time convenient to both CCH and the individual with disability. Please call the TDD number to schedule an appointment.

For vision-impaired persons, CCH will provide a staff person to assist in reviewing this document. Assistance may include describing the contents of the document, reading the document or sections of the document, or providing such other assistance as may be needed to permit the contents of the document to be communicated to the person with vision impairments.

Assistance to ensure equal access to this document will be provided in a confidential manner and setting. The individual with disabilities is responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the location where this document is kept. If an individual with disabilities is involved, all hearings or meetings required by this document will be conducted at an accessible location with appropriate assistance provided.

## **Equal Opportunity Statement**

CCH will apply the same screening criteria to all applicants; however, CCH is obligated to offer qualified applicants with disabilities additional consideration in the application of rules, policies, and practices, or services and structural alterations, if it will enable an otherwise eligible applicant or tenant with a disability an equal opportunity to access and enjoy the housing.

CCH will seek to identify and eliminate situations or procedures which create a barrier to equal housing opportunity for all. In accordance with Section 504, CCH will make physical or procedural changes to permit individuals with disabilities to have full advantage of housing. See Reasonable Accommodations section below.

## FAIR HOUSING Marketing & Outreach

#### **Duration**

CCH shall review and update the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan (AFHMP) at least every five years, or more frequently if relevant demographics change, or as otherwise needed in order to ensure compliance with applicable federal, state, or local law/guidance and CCH guidelines, as may be amended from time to time (or any successor guidelines or directives).

## Contents

CCH shall prepare the following materials which shall comprise an AFHMP:

- Informational materials for applicants including a general description of the overall project that provides key information such as the number of units, amenities, number of parking spaces per unit, distribution of bedrooms, accessible units, etc.;
- Description of the eligibility requirement for the property;
- Description of the rules for applying and the order in which applications will be processed;
- Lottery and resident selection procedures;
- Clear description of the preference system being used (if any);
- Description of the measures that will be used to ensure affirmative fair marketing will be achieved including a description of the affirmative fair marketing and outreach methods that will be used, ample advertisements to be used, and a list of publications where ads will be placed;
- Application materials including:
  - Application for Housing Form;
  - Supplement(s) to Application;

- A statement regarding the housing provider's obligation not to discriminate;
- Information indicating that persons with disabilities are entitled to request a reasonable accommodation or modification; and
- An authorization for consent to release information
- CCH will utilize the HUD AFHMP unless the absence of HUD funding.

## Approval

The AFHMP must be approved by the subsidizing Agency(ies), Regulators, Investor(s), Owner, and other Stakeholders before the marketing and application process commences.

## **Applicability**

Aside from the advertising component of the AFHMP, which applies to all units, the AFHMP shall be applied to affordable units upon availability for the term of affordability and must consist of actions that provide information, maximum opportunity, and otherwise attract eligible persons protected under state and federal civil rights laws that are less likely to apply.

#### **Criminal Backgrounds**

Criminal background checks are not required under these AFHMP guidelines. However, if criminal inquiries and checks will be utilized after the initial application process, the use of such inquiries and checks are subject to the approval of the Subsidizing and Funding Agency(ies). Criminal background screening shall not be conducted as a precondition for an applicant participation in the lottery.

CCH complies with applicable Ban-The-Box and Fair Chance Ordinances at each property. See EXHIBIT C.

## **Outreach and Marketing**

Marketing should attract the community by extending to the regional statistical area as well as the state and must meet the following requirements:

• Advertisement Notices should be sent to local fair housing commissions, non-profit housing corporations, other low-income

housing advocacy organizations serving low-income individual, disabled adults, and other likely to be eligible for housing units, area churches, local and regional housing agencies, local housing authorities, civic groups, lending institutions, social service agencies, community-oriented radio, internet, and other non-profit organizations;

- Advertising content will indicate Ban-The-Box or Fair Chance Ordinances;
- Announcements will be posted at the CCH Office(s), and other nearby buildings managed by CCH;
- Marketing should be included in non-English publications based on the prevalence of particular language groups in the regional area. To determine prevalence of a particular language by geographical area, see <u>http://www.lep.gov/demog\_data/demog\_data.html</u>;
- All marketing should be comparable in terms of the description of the opportunity available, regardless of the marketing type (e.g., local newspaper vs. minority newspaper). The size of the advertisements, including the content of the advertisement, as well as the dates of the advertising unless affirmative advertising occurs first, should be comparable across regional, local, and minority newspapers;
- All advertising and marketing materials should indicate resident selection by lottery or other random selection procedure, where applicable;
- All advertising should offer reasonable accommodations in the application process;
- Pursuant to fair housing laws, advertising/marketing must not indicate any preference or limitation, or otherwise discriminate based on race, color, disability, religion, sex, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, genetic information, ancestry, children, marital status, or public assistance recipient. The prohibition includes phrases such as "active adult community" and "empty nesters." Exceptions may apply if the preference or limitation is pursuant to a lawful eligibility requirement.

 The Fair Housing Logo and slogan should be included in all marketing materials. The logo is obtained at HUD's website: <u>http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal?HUD?src=/library/bookshelf11/hudgr</u> <u>aphics/fhelogo</u>

## **Availability of Applications**

Advertising and outreach efforts shall identify locations where the application can be obtained. Applications shall be available at public, wheelchair accessible locations, including one that has some night hours; usually a public library will meet this need. Applications shall be available for download on CCH's website: www.wearecch.org The advertisements and other marketing materials shall include atelephone number, as well as the TTY/TTD telephone number, and that persons can call to request an application by mail. Advertisements and other marketing materials cannot indicate that the applicants must appear in person in order to receive or submit applications or those will have an advantage over applicants who do not appear in person.

#### **Informational Meeting**

At the time of initial marketing for a new building, the lottery administrator must offer one or more informational meetings for potential applicants to educate them about the lottery process and the housing development. These meetings may include local officials, developers, and local bankers. The date, time, and location of these meetings shall be published in ads and flyers that publicize the availability of lottery applications. The workshops shall be held in a municipal building, school, library, public meeting room, or other accessible space. Meetings shall be held in the evening or on weekend's days in order to reach as many potential applicants as possible. However, attendance at a meeting shall not be mandatory for participation in a lottery. The purpose of the meeting is to answer questions that are commonly asked by lottery applicants. Usually a municipal official will welcome the participants and describe the municipality's role in the affordable housing development. The lottery administrator will explain the information requested on the application and answer questions about the lottery process. CCH should be present to describe the development and to answer specific questions about the affordable units. At the

meeting the lottery administrator should provide complete application materials to potential applicants.

After initial marketing, informational meetings shall be at the discretion of building management and CCH.

#### Marketing Records

CCH and the property shall maintain records of its activities in implementing the affirmative marketing plan, including records of advertisement and other community outreach efforts. Racial and ethnic characteristics of applicants and tenants will be maintained at the management office and will be updated annually. CCH complies with the marketing requirements of the regulatory funders of the project.

# VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) Notice

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) provides legal protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. These protections prohibit CCH from denying assistance and from evicting or terminating assistance from individuals and their affiliates if the asserted grounds for such actions are an instance of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

VAWA protections are not only available to women, but are available equally to all individuals regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the Federal agency that oversees properties owned and/or managed by CCH are in compliance with VAWA.

All applicants admitted to CCH housing will be required to sign form HUD-91067, the VAWA Lease Addendum, which informs residents of their protections under this act. In addition, all applicants will be provided with the Notification of Occupancy Rights, form HUD-5380 and Certification form HUD-5382 upon acceptance or denial for housing.

## **Protections for Applicants**

If you otherwise qualify for assistance, you cannot be denied admission or denied assistance because you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

If an applicant or resident requests protection provided under VAWA, CCH will provide the applicant with the HUD-approved certification form, Form HUD-5382, where the request for protection shall be certified. CCH shall be mindful that the delivery of the certification form to the resident or applicant via mail may place the victim at risk, and therefore will work with the applicant or resident for an acceptable delivery arrangement. In lieu of the certification form or in addition to it, CCH may accept a federal, state, tribal, territorial, or local police record or court record or documentation signed and attested to by a professional (employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, medical personnel, etc.). from which the victim has sought assistance in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking or the effects of the abuse.

#### **VAWA Documents**

All documents relating to an individual's domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking will be retained in a separate, secure location apart from other resident files. All CCH policies, procedures, forms, etc., and HUD forms related to VAWA are provided in an exhibit to the Resident Selection Criteria. **See EXHIBIT J.** 

# PREFERENCES

CCH has many properties that are specially funded and therefore adopt special eligibility criteria and additional requirements in order for applicants to be accepted. CCH will inform all applicants of available preferences, and give all applicants the opportunity to show that they qualify for any preference(s). The below preference(s) apply to all CCH communities, unless otherwise stated in **EXHIBIT E** of this RSC.

## **General Preferences (Federal & State)**

HUD 221(d)(3) Statutory Preference (HUD 221) – Federal or Presidential Disasters: Preference will be given to applicants who have been displaced from units by government action or a presidentially-declared disaster. This will be verified through the displacing agency or by reviewing documentation provided by government agency as necessary.

## **Leasing Priorities**

## **Accessible Units**

Should a unit become available that includes special accessibility features, applicants needing these features will be given priority preference over applicants who do not indicate a need. These needs will be verified via third-party with a licensed medical professional following CCH's Reasonable Accommodation and Modification Policies and Procedures.

## **Physical Rehabilitation**

Should a unit within the property or CCH portfolio require significant physical rehabilitation, CCH may give transfer priority preference to households, with funder approval.

## Housing Authority Vouchers

The community gives priority preference to applicants for the Housing Authority (HA) Project Based Vouchers (PBV) assistance for units the property has under contract with the HA. Referrals for these units are under the specific guidelines related to the HA PBV qualification criteria directly administered by the HA.

#### **HUD Section 8**

In communities with apartments subsidized under the Section 8 program, HUD requires that no less than 40% of the Section 8 units that become available for occupancy in any project fiscal year be leased to extremely-low income families.

Each time a vacancy occurs, management will review both (1) the moveins for the prior 12 months and (2) the prior 10 move-ins to ensure they both meet the 40% income targeting - households who meet the eligibility requirements and the Extremely Low-Income Limit. If the 40% is not met, it is necessary for management to "skip" applicants on the waiting list (in chronological order) who meet the eligibility requirements but not meeting the Extremely Low-Income Limit to only process applicants who meet both.

## **Avoiding Potential Discriminatory Effects**

The local selection preferences must not disproportionately delay or otherwise deny admission of non-local residents that are protected under state and federal civil rights laws. The AFHMP should demonstrate what efforts will be taken to prevent a disparate impact or discriminatory effect. For example, the community may move minority applicants into the local selection pool to ensure it reflects the racial/ethnic balance of the HUD defined Metropolitan Statistical Area as described below. However, such a protective measure may not be sufficient as it is race/ethnicity specific; the AFHMP must address other classes of persons protected under fair housing laws who may be negatively affected by a local preference.

To avoid discriminatory effects in violation of applicable fair housing laws, the following procedure should be followed unless an alternative method for avoiding disparate impact (such as lowering the original percentage for local preference as needed to reflect demographic statistics of the MSA) is approved by the Subsidizing Agency. If the project receives HUD financing, HUD standards must be followed.

<sup>1</sup>Note: This protective measure may not be dispositive with respect to discriminatory effects. For example, the non-local applicant pool may contain a disproportionately large percentage of minorities, and therefore adjusting the local preference pool to reflect demographics of

the regional area may not sufficiently address the discriminatory effect that the local preference has on minority applicants. Therefore, characteristics of the non-local applicant pool should continually be evaluated.

## UNIT STANDARDS & ACCESSIBILITY CCH Guidelines

CCH has adopted a general occupancy rule of a minimum of one person per bedroom and maximum of two persons per bedroom plus one.

A maximum of two persons can occupy studio units and a minimum of one person.

A maximum of three persons can occupy one-bedroom units and a minimum of one person.

A maximum of five persons can occupy two-bedroom units and a minimum of two persons.

When counting household members, every member listed on the application, 50059, TIC, or lease is counted including all full-time members, temporarily absent members, children anticipated to live with the family, live-in aides, foster children, and foster adults.

CCH is required to establish occupancy standards that will assist as many as possible (without overcrowding) and minimize vacancies.

CCH must comply with all reasonable state and local health and safety restrictions regarding the maximum number of persons permitted to occupy a unit. In the absence of such restrictions, 'overcrowding' is deemed to occur when the total number of persons in the unit exceeds two persons per habitable sleeping room. A habitable sleeping room is any room except: kitchen, bathroom, hallway, or dining room.

CCH will take into consideration the composition of the household when determining the appropriately-sized unit. Persons of different generations, opposite gender, and unrelated adults will not be required to share a bedroom.

Below is CCH's adopted Occupancy Guidelines, please note that program requirements may require more restrictive occupancy minimums and maximums at this Property. **See EXHIBIT E.** 

## **Occupancy Guidelines**

The occupancy standard is the minimum and maximum number of household members that may reside in a specific unit. When counting

household members, every member listed on the application, HUD-50059, TIC, or lease is counted including all full-time members, person temporarily absent from the unit, children anticipated to live with the family, children away at school, live-in aides, foster children and foster adults.

In the event an applicant household member, or someone associated with that household, has a physical or mental disability, which requires a variance from these occupancy standards, the applicant should make a request for reasonable accommodation which may be granted if it does not create an undue financial or administrative burden or create a fundamental change to the nature of the property. As with all accommodation request, whether the request is reasonable will be evaluated on a case-by case basis.

## **Accessible Units**

CCH properties may contain units that are fully accessible, including features for persons with mobility, visual, and/or hearing impairments.

In the event that an accessible unit designed to meet the special needs of persons with mobility impairments becomes available, preference will be given to a current tenant in the building who requires and has requested an accessible unit. Tenants or applicants may also request a modification to any unit in the building to accommodate special needs as a result of a disability.

In the event that no tenant is available for transfer, CCH will market to individuals with mobility impairment before offering the unit to an individual who does not require it accessible features. If all marketing efforts do not result in finding such an applicant, the unit will be offered to the next eligible applicant. Should the unit be offered to an applicant or tenant who does not require its modifications, they will be required to sign an agreement to transfer to a comparable non-accessible unit within the building should a tenant or applicant require an accessible unit in the future. Failure to transfer as agreed shall be deemed non-compliance with the Lease and be cause for termination of the Lease.

Property specific accessible units and features are provided in an exhibit to the RSC. See EXHIBIT E.

## REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS Policy Statement

CCH will apply the same screening criteria to all applicants. However, CCH is obligated to offer qualified applicants with disabilities additional consideration in the application of rules, policies, and practices, or services and structural alterations, if it will enable an otherwise eligible applicant or tenant with a disability an equal opportunity to access an enjoy the housing program.

This community is committed to making the apartment community readily accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities. The community will consider any request by or on behalf of a disabled applicant or resident for:

- A)A reasonable accommodation requesting a change in its rules and/or policies; or
- B)A reasonable modification relating to alteration of the common areas or an individual unit

Any such request should be made in accordance with our Reasonable Accommodation or Modification Policy and Procedure (RAMPP) presented in and exhibit to the RSC. **See EXHIBIT B.** 

## LIVE-IN AIDE/CARE ATTENDANT Policy Statement

Federal, state, and local civil rights laws require CCH reasonably accommodate applicants and residents with disabilities. When a resident or applicant requests a Reasonable Accommodation to have a Live-In Aide, management must follow established procedures to ensure that the Live-In Aide meets applicable criteria and is aware of all rules and obligations that accompany residing on the premises. The Live-In Aide policy attempts to place responsibility for the aide's selection, delivery of services, and conduct with the resident while not limiting or impairing the rights of the person with disabilities or violating Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the Fair Housing Act.

It is unlawful to refuse to make Reasonable Accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services when such accommodations may be necessary to afford a person with disabilities equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling unit, including public and common use areas. CCH applies the Live-In Aide Policy in cases where a Reasonable Accommodation has been requested to allow a person with disabilities to have an aide live in their apartment to provide essential care. This Aide must not be obligated for the individual's support, and would not be living in the unit except to provide the support services.

The entire Live-In Aide Policies and forms are presented in an exhibit to the RSC. See EXHIBIT L.

# **ELIGIBILITY**

## **CCH & Program Requirements**

#### **Asset Limitations (HOTMA)**

All applicants of HUD Multifamily Housing Programs, except Section 202/811 PRAC, Section 236 IRP, Section 811 PRA, and SPRAC, are restricted to admission and/or assistance if the family owns real property that is suitable for occupancy by the family as a residence or has assets in excess of \$100,000, as adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers.

CCH will enforce the asset limitation for examinations effective on or after January 1, 2025.

For all families housed and receiving assistance as of January 1, 2024, at a CCH managed property, meet the definition of extremely low income at reexamination, and are found to be non-compliant with the asset limitation, CCH will not enforce the asset limitation at reexamination. Such families will not be subject to termination of assistance or eviction proceedings due to non-compliance with the asset limitation at reexamination. All other families will be subject to a limited enforcement policy and provided six months to cure noncompliance at reexamination.

#### Self-Certification of Net Family Assets (HOTMA)

CCH has not adopted a policy to allow for self-certification of net family assets for families with net family assets that are equal to or below \$50,000 and will verify all family's assets on an annual basis for the HUD Multifamily Housing Programs.

For all other programs, especially for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, CCH must accept a family's self-certification of net family assets and anticipated income earned from assets if the assets are no more than \$50,000 without taking additional steps to verify accuracy at admission and reexaminations.

#### **Citizen/Non-Citizen Requirements**

By law, only U.S. citizens and noncitizens with eligible immigration status as determined by HUD may receive assistance under the HUD

Multifamily Programs, except Section 202 PAC, Section 202 PRAC, and Section 811 PRAC. All family members who wish to be considered for one of these programs, regardless of age, must declare their citizenship or immigration status.

U.S. Citizens must sign a declaration of citizenship. Eligible noncitizens, under the age of 62, must sign a declaration of eligible immigration status, provide documentation of their status, and sign a verification consent form to verify eligible status with the Department of Homeland Security. Eligible noncitizens age 62 or older must sign a declaration of eligible immigration status and provide proof of age. Ineligible noncitizens must sign a declaration stating that they do not claim eligible immigration status. Mixed households with one or more ineligible family member(s) are eligible for prorated assistance.

CCH will require applicants to do the following:

- Complete a Family Summary Sheet listing all family members who will reside in the apartment.
- Complete a Citizenship Declaration for each family member listed on the Family Summary Sheet.
- Contain at least one member of the applicant household be a citizen or national of the United States, or an eligible non-citizen as defined by HUD (24 CFR part 5, subpart E).

## **Consent and Verification Forms (HOTMA)**

All applicants of CCH must have the head of household, the spouse and/or co-head, and all other adults and emancipated minors in each applicant household sign a CCH Authorization for Release of Information.

All applicants of HUD Multifamily Housing Programs must sign the consent form (Authorization for the Release of Information FormsHUD-9886/HUD-9887) at admission, and participants must sign the consent form no later than their next interim or regularly scheduled income reexamination. If signed on or after January 1, 2024, they do not need to sign and submit subsequent consent forms except under the following circumstances: (1) Any person 18 years or older becomes a member of the family (2) a member of the family turns 18 years of age (must sign

All information provided by applicants will be verified in accordance with HUD Regulations and Requirements, as stated in HUD Handbook 4350.3REV-1 and any State Low Income Housing Tax Credit Agency or Local Funding Entities. Applicants will be required to sign appropriate forms authorizing management to verify any and all factors that affect the applicant's eligibility, the rent that the applicant will pay, or the subsidy that they would receive.

#### **Revocation of Consent (HOTMA)**

Executed consent forms will remain effective until the family is denied assistance, the assistance is terminated, or if the family provides written notification to CCH to revoke consent. Families have the right to revoke consent by providing written notice to CCH; however, revoking consent will result in termination of assistance or denial of admission by CCH policy. If a family voluntarily leaves a HUD Multifamily Housing Program, the family's assistance is considered to be terminated and the signed consent forms will no longer be in effect.

Revocation of consent or refusal to sign the consent forms prohibits CCH from requesting and accessing income information and financial records, including pulling EIV reports and using EIV data to verify income. CCH will not be able to process initial, interim or annual reexaminations of income, including when a family's income decreases and the family requests an interim reexamination to decrease tenant rent, without the family's executed consent form(s).

#### **Credit Requirements**

CCH does not conduct a credit history as reported by credit bureaus and the existence, positive or negative, or lack of credit existence is not part of our resident selection criteria.

## **Deductions and Expenses**

#### **Dependent Deduction**

Effective January 1, 2024, the dependent deduction amount is \$480 and will be adjusted annually and applies to a family's next annual or interim reexamination after the annual adjustment. HUD publishes annual

adjustments by the first of September and CCH will implement on the following first of January.

## Elderly/Disabled Family Deduction

Effective January 1, 2024, the elderly/disabled family deduction is \$525 and will be adjusted annually and applies to a family's next annual or interim reexamination after the annual adjustment. HUD publishes annual adjustments by the first of September and CCH will implement on the following first of January.

## Unreimbursed Health and Medical Care Expenses and Reasonable Attendant Care and Auxiliary Apparatus Expenses Deduction

The sum of unreimbursed health and medical care and reasonable attendant care and auxiliary expenses that exceed ten (10) percent of the family's annual income can be deducted from annual income. Please see definition section for more details.

## Hardship Exemptions for Expenses (HOTMA)

CCH will provide hardship relief to any family that demonstrates its eligible health and medical care expenses, that qualify under HUD regulation, or disability-related expenses, that meet the HUD definition of a disability related expense, exceeds 5% of the family's annual income.

Families may be eligible for relief under one of two categories: (1) Phased-In Relief or (2) General Relief. A family that receives phased-in relief may request to receive general relief; however, once a family chooses to obtain general relief, a family is no longer eligible to receive the phased-in relief.

## Phased-In Relief

All families who receive a deduction for unreimbursed health and medical care and/or reasonable attendant care or auxiliary apparatus expenses prior to January 1, 2024, will begin receiving the 24-month phased-in relief at their next annual reexamination or interim reexamination (whichever occurs first after January 1, 2025). Families will have eligible expenses deducted that exceed five (5) percent of annual income for twelve (12) months, and then seven-point five (7.5) person for the next twelve (12) months. After the twenty-four (24)

months, the family will remain at the ten (10) percent threshold, unless the family qualifies for relief under the general relief.

CCH will not establish a policy to continue the phased-in relief, beyond the twenty-four (24) months, for families who were eligible for relief as of January 1, 2024, and who are treated as new admissions under a different program.

#### General Relief

To receive general relief, a family must demonstrate that the family's unreimbursed health and medical care expenses or unreimbursed reasonable attendant care and auxiliary apparatus expenses increased, or the family's financial hardship is a result of a change in circumstances that would not otherwise trigger an interim reexamination.

Relief is available regardless of whether the family previously received an unreimbursed health and medical care expense deduction, unreimbursed reasonable attendant care and auxiliary apparatus expense deduction, are currently receiving phased-in hardship relief, or were previously eligible for either this general relief or phased-in relief.

Families will receive a deduction for the sum of the eligible expenses that exceed 5 percent of annual income and relief ends when the circumstances that made the family eligible for the relief are no longer applicable or after 90 days, whichever comes earlier. CCH does not allow for an extension of the relief for any additional 90-day periods.

#### **Drug Abuse & Criminal Activity Requirements**

HUD Regulations require that we deny admission to applicant households under the following: (1) Any household member was evicted in the last three (3) years from federally assisted housing for drug-related criminal activity, (2) Any household member is currently engaged in illegal use of drugs or for which the owner has reasonable cause to believe that a member's illegal use or pattern of illegal use of a drug may interfere with the health, safety, and right to peaceful enjoyment of the property by other residents, (3) Any household member is subject to a State sex offender lifetime registration requirement, or (4) Any household member, if there is reasonable cause to believe that the member's behavior, from abuse or pattern of abuse of alcohol, may interview with the health, safety, and right to peaceful enjoyment by other residents.

In addition to HUD Regulations and in lieu of the community's HUD Multifamily Programs for applicants, CCH requires that all applicants must meet our criteria below, unless otherwise stated in **EXHIBIT E**.

Any household member who has any conviction within three (3) years for any of the crimes listed in CCH's Criminal Criteria, will have an individualized assessment conducted to determine whether the person poses a threat to resident safety or property.

CCH Criminal Criteria:

- Arson Offenses relating to the willful or malicious burning or attempting to burn property.
- Assault and Battery Offenses relating to risk or threat of injury and bodily harm or infliction of actual physical injury and bodily harm (like reckless endangerment) OR to assault with intent to commit other crimes or infliction of actual physical injury and bodily harm (like aggravated assault, assault with intent to kill or commit sexual abuse).
- Burglary Offenses relating to the possession of criminal tools or breaking and entering a vehicle and accessory to burglary or offenses relating to breaking and entering of the building of another with an intent to commit a crime (like home invasions).
- Domestic Crimes Offenses relating to domestic violence or offenses against family/household members (like violating a protective order or non-support of dependents).
- Most Serious Drug Crimes Offenses relating to production or manufacture of methamphetamine.
- Harassment Offenses relating to intimidating or putting a person in fear for their safety (like annoying phone calls, invasion of privacy, or intimidating a witness).
- Homicide Offenses relating to operation of motor vehicle (like DUI resulting in death or vehicular homicide), offenses relating to negligent or involuntary manslaughter, manslaughter offenses not involving malice aforethought (like voluntary manslaughter), or

homicide offenses involving malice aforethought (like murder or attempted murder).

- Robbery Offenses relating to theft by use of force or violence (like armed robbery).
- Sex Crimes Offenses relating to prostitution, pornography, lascivious conduct (like indecent exposure or solicitation for sex/pandering), offenses relating to sexual abuse of adults, children, or minors.
- Theft/Larceny Offenses relating to knowingly obtaining control over another's property with intent to deprive owner of their property (like grand larceny or automobile theft).
- Weapons Related Offenses relating to possession or use of firearms, terrorism, and weapons of mass destruction.

## Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) Usage (HOTMA)

CCH must use HUD's EIV system in its entirety for HUD Multifamily Housing Programs and provide separate EIV Policies and Procedures. CCH will use HUD's EIV system and reports as follows:

- At Application Processing
  - Existing Tenant Search
- Monthly after admission
  - Deceased Tenants Report
  - Failed EIV Prescreening Report
  - Failed Verification Report
  - o Identity Verification Report
  - Income Discrepancy Report
  - Income Report for MFH Programs
  - New Hires Report
  - No Income Reported by HHS or SSA
  - No Income Reported on 50059
  - Summary Report

CCH does not use EIV to verify tenant employment and income information at interim reexaminations of family composition and income. CCH will verify tenant employment and income information at interim reexaminations of family composition and income outside of HUD's EIV system, but will document when such changes are reported during monthly reports of HUD's EIV system.

CCH will utilize HUD's Income Verification Tools (IVTs), Income Discrepancy Reports, and discrepancy logic once updated and ready for use.

#### Fraud/Interference

Any applicant whose conduct interferes with, hinders, delays, obstructs, or otherwise prevents the application process from being completed may be denied. Any information provided by the applicant that is later proven to be untrue by verification may be used to disqualify the applicant for admission on the basis of attempted fraud. Fraud is defined by HUD as an applicant or resident knowingly providing inaccurate or incomplete information.

## Hardship Policy Requirements (HOTMA)

CCH has established the following policies defining what constitutes a hardship (i.e. when a family is unable to pay rent, triggering eligibility for a hardship exemption).

## **Qualifications of Hardship Exemptions**

Families will qualify for a hardship exemption when (1) rent, utility payments, and expenses (child-care or health and medical expenses) are more than 50 percent of the family's adjusted income or (2) a family has experienced and paid for unanticipated expenses (not eligible for reimbursement), such as large medical bills (verified by CCH via third party).

## Verifications of Hardship Exemptions

CCH will obtain third-party verification of the family's inability to pay rent.

## Notifications of Hardship Exemptions

CCH will promptly notify families in writing of the change in the determination of adjusted income and the family's rent resulting from the

application of a hardship exemption. Written notice will (1) inform the family of the dates that the hardship exemption will begin and expire, (2) the requirement for the family to report to CCH if the circumstances are no longer applicable, and (3) that the family's adjusted income and tenant rent will be recalculated upon expiration of a hardship exemption.

## Notifications of Hardship Exemptions Denial

CCH will promptly notify families in writing if they are denied either an initial hardship exemption or an additional 90-day extension of the exemption along with the specific reason for the denial.

## Notifications of Hardship Exemptions Termination

CCH will notify family when hardship exemptions are no longer necessary and will be terminated because the circumstances are no longer applicable and will include the termination date and 30 days' notice of rent increase (if applicable).

## Extensions of Hardship Exemptions (90-Day Periods)

CCH, at its discretion, will not extend hardship exemptions, unless the circumstances surrounding the initial qualification of the hardship exemption have extended beyond its original verification and determination by CCH.

## **Income Limits**

For units not subsidized under one of the HUD Multifamily Housing Programs, applicant households must meet the minimum income requirements for the unit. The minimum monthly income is set at two (2) times the rent for the unit. CCH may review and amend this requirement if deemed necessary. Minimum income is not applicable to applicants under one of the HUD Multifamily Housing Programs or with a Section 8 voucher from a Housing Authority.

All household's annual income must not exceed the applicable income limit for the community and/or unit as established by HUD and/or the IRS, and as published in EXHIBIT I.

## Identification

Positive identification with a picture will be required for all adult applicants (photocopy may be kept on file), it should be a valid and

current government agency issued identification. Please note that government, does not mean exclusively the United States. Identification could be a driver license, state-issued identification card, passport, or any other government-issued photo identification. Some examples of unacceptable identification are local transportation cards, check-cashing identification, and other privately-issued identification. Applications must include the date of birth of all applicants to be considered complete.

#### **Interim Reexaminations**

#### Reporting Changes (HOTMA)

Families must report all changes to household composition, income, and deductions within ten (10) business days, not to exceed fourteen (14) calendar days, of the change.

CCH is required to review changes reported by families within a reasonable time, not to exceed thirty (30) days.

#### **Changes Reported Timely**

When families report a change in family income or composition in a timely manner, as described above, CCH will provide the family with a thirty- (30) day advance notice of any rent increase, and such increase will be effective the first day of the month beginning after the end of the thirty- (30) day advance notice. CCH will provide the family with a notice of any rent decrease and such decrease will be effective the first day of the month after the date of the actual change, which may be retroactive.

#### Changes Not Reported Timely

If families have failed to report a change in family income or composition in a timely manner, as described above, CCH must implement any resulting rent increase retroactively to the first day of the month following the date of the change. CCH will implement any resulting rent decreases no later than the first rent period following the completion of the Interim Reexamination, unless CCH failed to process the family's reported change within a reasonable time, not to exceed thirty (30) days.

#### Decreases in Adjusted Income (HOTMA)

A family may request an interim determination of family income for any change since the last determination. CCH will process an interim reexamination when there is a decrease in family size attributed to the death or permanent move-out from the assisted unit of a family member during the period since the family's last reexamination that results in a decrease in adjusted income of any amount. CCH will only conduct an interim reexamination of family income if CCH estimates that the family's adjusted income will decrease by an amount that is at least 10 percent of the family's annual adjusted income. CCH will not round up calculated percentages (e.g. a calculated decrease of 9.5 percent will not be rounded up to 10 percent).

#### Increases in Adjusted Income (HOTMA)

CCH must conduct an interim reexamination of family income when CCH becomes aware that the family's adjusted income has changed by an amount that CCH estimates will result in an increase of 10 percent or more in annual adjusted income or another amount established through a HUD notice, with the following exceptions:

- CCH may not consider any increases in earned income, unless the family has previously received an interim reduction during the same reexamination cycle.
- CCH will not conduct an interim reexamination during the last three (3) months of a certification period, unless the family has delayed reporting the income increase until the last three (3) months of their certification period.

#### Non-Interim Reexamination Transactions (HOTMA)

Families may experience changes within the household that do not trigger an interim reexamination, but are still required to be reported to CCH. In these cases, CCH must submit a separate action code to HUD, for the following transaction types:

- Adding or removing a hardship exemption for the child-care expense deduction
- Updating or removing the phased-in hardship relief for the health and medical care expense deduction and/or reasonable attendant care and auxiliary apparatus expense deduction;
- Adding or removing general hardship relief for the health and medical care expense deduction and/or reasonable attendant care and auxiliary apparatus expense deduction;

- Adding or removing a minimum rent hardship
- Adding or removing a non-family member (i.e., live-in aide, foster child, foster adult);
- Ending a family's EID or excluding 50 percent (decreased from 100%) of a family member's increase in employment income at the start of the second 12-month EID period;
- Adding a family member and the increase in adjusted income does not trigger an interim reexamination under the final rule;
- Removing a family member and the increase in adjusted income does not trigger an interim reexamination under the final rule;
- Adding/updating a family or household member's Social Security Number; and
- Updating a family member's citizenship status from eligible to ineligible or vice versa, resulting in a change to the family's rent and/or utility reimbursement, if applicable (i.e., family begins receiving prorated assistance or previously prorated assistance becomes full assistance), or updating the prorated rent calculation due to the addition or removal of family members in household with an ineligible noncitizen(s).

CCH will make all other changes to assets, income, and deductions at the next annual or interim reexamination of income, whichever is sooner.

#### **De Minimis Errors in Income Determinations (HOTMA)**

CCH will take corrective action to credit or repay a family if the family was overcharged tenant rent because of de minimis errors (no more than \$360 annually) in calculating family income. If a family is undercharged for rent due to an owner miscalculation of income, families may not be required to repay.

CCH will provide credit to tenant accounts for any de minimis errors in calculating family income, unless the amount is over \$99. For amounts over \$99, CCH will provide a one-time repayment by check.

#### **Other Means/Determination of Family Income (HOTMA)**

CCH will not determine a family's annual income, including income from assets, prior to the application of any deductions based on income

determinations made within the previous 12-month period, using income determinations from other means-tested public assistance (i.e. "Safe Harbor").

#### **Rent Formulas**

The applicant family must agree to pay the rent required by the programs regulating the property.

HUD guidelines require all tenant rents (monthly, prorated move-in/out) round up or down to the nearest whole dollar.

CCH adopts this guideline to all other housing programs.

#### **Rental History**

CCH verifies two (2) consecutive years of rental history and the absence of previous rental history by itself will not be a reason to reject an applicant. If any member of the applicant household fails to fully and accurately disclose rental history, the application may be denied based on the applicant's "misrepresentation" of information. Applicants must not have more than one (1) eviction in the past three (3) years OR two (2) evictions in the past five (5) years.

#### **Residency/Assistance Requirements**

All applicants must agree that their rental unit will be their sole place of residency. Applicants are allowed to own real estate, whether they are retaining it for investment purposes as with other assets, or have the property listed for sale; however, they may never use this real estate as their residence while they live in an affordable housing unit or unless more restrictions exist within a HUD Multifamily Housing Program.

All applicants MUST disclose if they are currently receiving HUD housing assistance. CCH will not knowingly admit or assist applicants who maintain a residence in addition to the HUD-assisted unit. Nothing prohibits a HUD housing assistance recipient from applying to a CCH community; however, the applicant must move out of the current property where assistance is being received or may need to forfeit any Housing Choice Voucher before HUD assistance and admittance at this community can begin. CCH will use the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System's Existing Tenant Search to determine if the applicant or any member of the applicant household is currently receiving HUD assistance.

Special consideration applies to: (1) Minor children where both parents share 50% custody, (2) Recipients of HUD assistance in another unit who are moving to establish a new household when other family/household members will remain in the original unit

This information will be reviewed on an annual basis, at each annual certification. If any household member receives assistance in another HUD assisted unit while receiving assistance at this community, the household member will be required to reimburse HUD for assistance paid in error. This is considered a material lease violation and may result in penalties up to and including eviction and pursuit of fraud charges.

If assistance becomes available and the other aspects of the eligibility review show that the applicant family is eligible for housing assistance, that assistance may be provided if at least one member of the applicant household has submitted the required documentation. Following verification of the documentation submitted by all family members, assistance may be adjusted depending on the immigration status verified.

If the review results in a determination of ineligibility, applicants will have an opportunity to appeal the decision. Also, if the final determination concludes that only certain members of the applicant family are eligible for assistance, the family may be eligible for proration of assistance. This means that when assistance is available, a reduced amount may be provided for the applicant family based on the number of members who are eligible.

#### **Social Security Number**

All household members must disclose and provide verification of the complete and accurate Social Security Number (photocopy may be kept on file) assigned to them unless no Social Security Number has been assigned and the household member meets one of the following exceptions:

• Household members who do not contend eligible immigration status

 Household members who were age 62 or older on January 31, 2010 and whose initial determination of eligibility was begun before January 31, 2010

CCH Must deny and/or terminate HUD assistance, in accordance with the provisions governing the program, if the assistance applicant does not meet the applicable Social Security Number disclosure, documentation, and verification requirements.

Applicants may not be required to disclose or provide verification of a Social Security Number at the time of being placed on a Waiting List; however, they must disclose and provide verification of a Social Security Number for all non-exempt household members before they can be housed. If all non-exempt household members have not disclosed and/or provided verification of their Social Security Number at the time a unit becomes available, the next eligible applicant will be offered the available unit. Applicants will have 90 days from the date they are offered the available unit to disclose and/or verify the Social Security Number. During this 90-day period, the applicant may retain their place on the Waiting List. After 90 days, if the applicant is unable to disclose and/or verify the Social Security Numbers, the applicant will be determined ineligible and removed from the Waiting List.

If a child under the age of 6 is added to the household within the 6-month period prior to the household's date of admission and the child's Social Security Number and verification are not available, the household will have 90 days after the date of admission to provide the number and documentation. An extension of one (1) 90-day period would be allowed under circumstances beyond the family's control.

The Social Security Number provided will be compared to the information recorded in the Social Security Administration database (through HUD's Enterprise Income Verification System) to ensure that the Social Security Number, birth date, and last name match. If EIV returns an error that cannot be explained or resolved, assistance and/or tenancy may be terminated and any assistance paid in error must be returned to HUD. If the applicant/resident deliberately provides an

Number the owner/agent and/or HUD may

inaccurate Social Security Number, the owner/agent and/or HUD may pursue additional penalties due to attempted fraud.

#### Verification of Social Security Number (HOTMA)

CCH will first attempt to obtain a valid SSN Card issued by the SSA or an original document issued by a federal or state government agency that contains the name of the individual and the SSN of the individual, along with other identifying information. If unsuccessful, a Self-Certification of SSN and at least one third-party document, such as a bank statement, utility, or cell phone bill, benefit letter, etc., that contains the name of the individual will meet the verification requirements.

If a SSN is verified in EIV, for HUD Multifamily Housing Program units, then no further verification is required; however if the SSN fails the SSA identity match, then CCH must obtain a valid SSN card issued by the SSA or an original document issued by a federal or statement government agency that contains the name of the individual and the SSN of the individual, along with other identifying information of the individuals. Assistance must be terminated if failure to provide required documentation.

#### **Student Eligibility**

#### HUD Multifamily Housing Programs

If a student becomes ineligible after move-in, their assistance may be terminated in accordance with program guidance. The household's rent may be increased to the market rate rent for the unit.

A student must meet all of the following criteria in order to be eligible for HUD assistance programs:

- Be of legal contract age under state law
- Have established a household separate from parents or legal guardians for at least one year prior to application for occupancy, OR
- Meet the U.S. Department of Education's definition of an independent student as follows:
  - The individual is 24 years of age or older by December 31 of the award year;

- The individual is an orphan, in foster care, or ward of the court or was an orphan, in foster care, or ward of the court at any time when the individual was 13 years of age or older;
- The individual is, or was immediately prior to attaining the age of majority, an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in the individual's State of legal residence;
- The individual is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States (as defined in subsection (c)(1) of HEA) or is currently serving on active duty in the Armed Forces or other than training purposes;
- The individual is a graduate or professional student;
- The individual is married individual;
- The individual has legal dependents other than a spouse;
- The individual has been verified during the school year in which the application is submitted as either an unaccompanied youth who is a homeless child or youth (as such terms are defined in section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act) (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.), or as unaccompanied, at risk of homelessness, and self-supporting, by:
  - A local educational agency homeless liaison, designated pursuant to section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
  - The director of a program funded under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act or a designee of the director
  - The director of a program funded under subtitle B of the title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (relating to emergency shelter grants) or a designee of the director
  - A financial aid administrator

- The individual is a student for whom a financial aid administrator makes a documented determination of independence by reason of other unusual circumstances.
- Not be claimed as a dependent by parents or legal guardians pursuant to IRS regulations; and
- Obtain a certification of the amount of financial assistance that will be provided by parents, signed by the individual providing the support. This certification is required even if not assistance will be provided. This certification is not required for vulnerable youth populations, including individuals who are orphans, in foster care, wards of the court, emancipated minors, unaccompanied homeless youth, and youth at risk of becoming homeless.

#### Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program

In a Tax Credit unit without HUD assistance, tenancy can be terminated if the household does not meet the student requirements.

Applicant households containing full-time students must meet the IRS Section 42 regulations regarding full-time student households at all times or they are not eligible to move-in or remain as a tax credit eligible family.

The IRS defines a full-time student as one who attends an educational institution with regular facilities, other than a correspondence or night school, during at least five months of the calendar year for which application for housing has been made. The educational institution determines whether a student is full or part-time.

If a household is comprised entirely of full-time students, they must meet one of the following criteria in order to be eligible for a Tax Credit unit:

- All members of the household are married and either file or are entitled to file a joint tax return;
- The household consists of a single parent and their minor child(ren), and both the parent and children are not a dependent of a third party other than the parent of such children;

- At least one member of the household receives assistance under Title IV of the Social Security Act. (AFDC, TANF, CalWORKS, etc. Please note SSA or SSI do not qualify)
- At least one member is enrolled in a job training program receiving assistance under the Work Investment Act (WIA) formerly known as the Job Training Partnership Act, or similar federal, state, or local laws as defined by HUD 4350.3 REV-1;
- The household consists of a tenant under the age of 24, who has exited the Foster Care system within the last six (6) years.

#### Section 8

An individual cannot reside in a Section 8 unit if the individual:

- Is enrolled as either a part-time or full-time student at an institution of higher education for the purpose of obtaining a degree, certificate, or other program leading to a recognized educational credential; and
- Is under the age of 24; and
- Is not married; or
- Is not a veteran of the United States Military; or
- Does not have a dependent child; or
- Is not a person with disabilities, as such term is defined in 3(b)(3)(E) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(3)(E)) and was not receiving Section 8 assistance as of November 30 2005; or
- Is not living with their parents who are receiving Section 8 assistance; or
- Is not individually eligible to receive Section 8 assistance or has parents (individually or jointly) who are not income eligible to receive section 8 assistance.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES Complete an Application For Housing

Assistance is available if applicants require assistance to complete an *Application For Housing* by contacting the Property or Leasing Agent.

All applicants must complete and *Application For Housing* and certify that all information supplied is complete and accurate. Providing false, inaccurate, or incomplete information may disqualify a prospective tenant. Intentionally providing false information on any part of the application is considered fraud and may result in failure of the applicant to obtain a housing offer. If discovered after an applicant becomes a tenant, this may result in loss of housing or housing assistance. *Applications For Housing* should be completed in entirety to the best knowledge of the applicant(s); if an Applicant is unaware or chooses to not disclose information, they may provide a response of "N/A" as informed on the *Application For Housing*. Incomplete applications may be excluded from lottery processing or may delay eligibility processing.

In addition to the application, applicants must complete *HUD Form 92003, Supplement to Application for Federally Assisted Housing*. This form gives the applicant the opportunity to identify an individual or organization that may be contacted to assist in resolving any issues that may arise during the application or tenancy process.

## **Submit an Application For Housing**

The *Application For Housing* must be signed and dated by digital signature if submitted electronically, or if a physical copy is submitted, by all adult members for the application to be considered. Applications can be submitted electronically, by mail, or in person as indicated on the *Application For Housing* Cover Page or Property Marketing Flyer.

Any applicant who appears to qualify after management reviews the application, but before any information is formally verified, will be placed on the Waiting List. The applicant is then informed approximately how long the wait for an apartment may be. All applicants on the waiting list are required to provide timely changes to their contact information.

# WAITING LISTS Waiting List Policy

CCH administers its Waiting Lists as required by HUD or other Regulatory Agencies' handbooks and regulations. Accepting an applicant from a lower waiting list position before one in a higher position violates this policy and may be regarded as being discriminatory.

### Waiting List Administration

#### **Opening and Closing the Property Waiting List**

In order to maintain a balanced application pool, CCH may, at its discretion, restrict application intake, suspend application intake, or open/close waiting lists either in whole or in part. Any waiting list opening may require a new lottery for new applicants.

Decisions about opening/closing the waiting lists will be based on the number of units turned by the property processes annually, applications available for a particular size and type of unit, number of applicants who qualify for a Property Preference, and the ability of CCH to house an applicant in an appropriate unit within a reasonable period of time.

Opening/closing the waiting lists or restricting intake(s) will be announced publicly in the same manner in which CCH advertises for rent and described in the Marketing & community Outreach Section. During the period when the waiting list is closed, CCH will not maintain a list of individuals who wish to be notified when the waiting list is reopened, unless required by a Regulatory Funder.

#### **Updating the Property Waiting List**

CCH shall update the waiting list, no less than once annually, to determine if applicants are still interested an eligible to remain on the waiting list. CCH shall, at the time of each annual update, obtain current applicant information on at least the following:

- Household characteristics (i.e. number of members, composition, or preference);
- Household income, assets, and expenses;
- Household types/needs (i.e. accessible or program units); and

• Housing contact information

The updated information will be obtained from the applicant in writing and certified by the applicant's dated signature that the information provided is true and correct. CCH will notify each applicant by mail requesting the above information and confirmation of continued interest in remaining on the waiting list. CCH must specific a reasonable timeframe in which the applicant is to respond, generally thirty (30) calendar days.

If the applicant replies affirmatively, its application will maintain its position on the waiting list. If the reply is negative (or the applicant fails to respond), the applicant will be removed from the waiting list. A final letter will be sent, to the last known address, stating the applicants standing in the waiting list, generally within five (5) business days.

#### **Contacting and Selecting Applicants from the Property Waiting List**

Applicants will be contacted when vacancies become available. The initial contact will be attempted by telephone a maximum of three (3) times within a 48-hour period; and will be followed by correspondence sent via U.S. Postal Mail stating such attempts and availability of a unit.

- If the applicant fails to respond to CCH's attempts (within fourteen (14) calendar days), they will be assumed no longer interested, removed from the Property Waiting list and CCH will move to the next applicant.
- If the applicant responds to CCH, attends all intake eligibility meetings, and meets all eligibility and program requirements, CCH may extend a Housing Unit Offer.
  - If the applicant denies the offer or fails to respond within four
     (4) business days, the offer will be revoked and the unit will be offered to the next qualified applicant on the waiting list.
  - Should the applicant reject the offer and there is only one suitable vacancy available, CCH may allow the applicant to be given a second offer of a suitable vacancy as soon as one becomes available (assuming they continue to meet all eligibility and program requirements).

- If the applicant rejects the second offer, the applicant will be removed from the waiting list, unless the applicant can verify that a hardship exists or that there are mitigating circumstances.
  - The reasonableness of the rejection will be determined by management and documented with the applicant's Application for Housing file.

#### **Removal of Applicants from the Property Waiting List**

CCH will not remove an applicant from the waiting list unless:

- The applicant requests to be removed;
- The applicant was clearly advised of the requirement to inform CCH of their continued interest in housing by a particular time and failed to do so;
- CCH made a reasonable effort (at least three phone attempts and two written correspondence within fourteen (14) calendar days) to contact the applicant to determine if there is a continued interest in housing but has been unsuccessful; or
- CCH notified the applicant of the intention to remove the applicant's name because the applicant no longer qualifies for the property's housing units.

# ADMISSIONS

#### **Interview Procedures**

When the applicant completes their original application, it will be preliminarily reviewed for completeness and legibility, and to determine that they meet the basic requirements to qualify for this housing program. This in no way means that an applicant qualifies for an apartment.

As an applicant's name approaches the top of the Waiting List, an interview will be scheduled. All members of the applicant's household must attend this interview. Failure to schedule and/or attend an agreed-upon time for an interview will be grounds for rejection. For applicants with limited English proficiency, language assistance is available.

All applicants must have an in-person interview with CCH staff, at which CCH will explain Resident Selection Criteria (also posted on CCH's website: <u>www.wearecch.org</u>). All adults who will live in a unit must attend an interview; and all household members may be asked to sign forms that will be sent out to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to verify information given on the application and interview forms prior to any offer to rent a unit.

CCH may offer interviews outside of normal business hours (which is generally Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM) and upon written request of Applicants to management of the community.

During the interview, all items on the application will be discussed and confirmed, and verification forms will be signed by the applicant(s) authorizing Management to verify all of these issues/items. Until all items are verified, eligibility cannot be determined, nor any housing offered. Management must make an attempt to verify all factors by "third party" verification, per HUD Regulations and Procedures. Third party verification includes sending verification forms directly to the source, but also includes the use of HUD's Enterprise Income Verification System, which pulls data directly from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Social Security Administration (SSA), the and Medicare/Medicaid for applicants requesting HUD subsidy.

Eligibility for housing can be confirmed only after all items of income, assets, household composition, etc., which may have any bearing on the rent that they may pay or subsidy they may receive, are verified.

If any applicant is abusive, blatantly disrespectful, disruptive, or otherwise exhibits behaviors that would indicate the potential tenant may pose a significant threat/danger to themselves, other tenants, or property staff during the required interview, or such threatening behavior is witnessed by CCH staff at the property or management office outside of the interview, or the applicant otherwise known to CCH staff by credible, objective evidence, the applicant may not be accepted. (Credible objective evidence is generally defined as incident reports, witness statements, police reports, video surveillance, etc.).

## Ineligibility

Applicants may be ineligible for occupancy for various reasons including, but not limited to, the following:

- Not meeting the eligibility requirements listed in this plan or Exhibit E.
- 2. Not meeting the applicable income limit published in Exhibit I.
- 3. Not meeting the minimum income requirement, if applicable.
- 4. Not meeting the student eligibility requirements.
- 5. Submission of false/untrue information on the Application for Housing.
- 6. Failing to cooperate/provide requested information during the application and interview process.
- 7. Failing to schedule and/or attend two interviews.
- 8. Refusing two unit offers without a valid medical reason or refusing three unit offers with a valid medical reason.
- 9. Failing to meet the criminal background screening criteria.
- 10. Household size not conforming to the occupancy guidelines.
- 11. Failing to execute or sign designated or requirement forms.
- 12. Failing to disclose and document Social Security Numbers on all non-exempt household members within 90 days of first unit offer.

- 13. Failing to ensure unit offer will be the sole residence.
- 14. Not willing to pay rent in the unit offer(s) (or calculated rent under subsidy program).
- 15. Failing to present all applicants during the interview process.
- 16. Misrepresenting any information related to eligibility, allowance, household composition, or rent.
- 17. Failing or unwilling to abide by the Smoke Free Policy.
- 18. Failing or unwilling to abide by the Pet and Assistive Animal Policy.
- 19. Failing or unwilling to abide by the Live-In Aide Policy.
- 20. Failing or unwilling to fulfill and execute a lease agreement, with or without the assistance of a third party, such as a live-in aide, a relative, or a contract service.
- 21. Exhibiting blatant disrespect or disruptive behavior, or demonstrating history of such behavior, towards management, the property, or other residents exhibited by any applicant or member of the household or friend any time prior to move-in.
- 22. Engaging in illegal use of drugs or for which the owner has reasonable cause to believe that a member's illegal use or pattern of illegal use of any drug may interfere with the health, safety, and right to peaceful enjoyment of the property by other residents.
- 23. Interfering with the health, safety, and right to peaceful enjoyment from abuse or pattern of abuse of alcohol by any member.
- 24. Being evicted more than twice within the past five years or once within the last three years from federally assisted housing for drugrelated criminal activity.
- 25. Any household member being subjected to a state sex offender lifetime-registration requirement in subsidized communities/units.

## Decisions

#### **Approval of Applicant**

If the applicant satisfies all the eligibility and selection criteria and the applicant is officially approved for tenancy, CCH will send the applicant a Housing Unit Offer and Acceptance letter to schedule an appointment

for the applicant to pay any move-in costs and sign a rental lease agreement and conduct a unit inspection.

- The term of the lease will commence for a period of one (1) year (and thereafter, on a month-to-month basis), until either party terminates the lease.
- CCH may hold a unit for an applicant for only up to seven (7) calendar days upon provision of the security deposit or "promise to provide" from an agency participating in a rental/move-in assistance program.
- If the applicant does not wish to rent an available unit or fails to move-in on the agreed upon date, the applicant may be disqualified, their application may be declined, and the unit may be offered to the next qualified applicant.

#### **Security Deposit**

CCH must collect a security deposit at the time of the initial lease execution, amount of security deposit does not change if a tenant's rent changes (but may change when transferring to another unit), must comply with any applicable state and local laws governing security deposit, is refundable, may be collected on an installment basis.

CCH collects a deposit equal to one month's total tenant rent or \$50.

Security Deposits are placed into a segregated, interest-bearing account. CCH maintains a record of the amount in the segregated interest-bearing accounting, and allocates interest accrued on an annual basis less allowable administrative costs.

#### **Rejection Procedures**

An applicant may be denied at any time of they have not or will not meet one or more of the eligibility and selection criteria. If an applicant is denied, they will be notified in writing, in timely fashion, which will state the reason for denial and their right to appeal. Appeal and Grievance Policies, Procedures, & Forms are presented as an exhibit to this RSC.

#### See EXHIBIT G.

#### **Appeals**

Applicants have fourteen (14) calendar days after the date of the denial letter to submit a written appeal to CCH:

CCH Appeals 1855 Olympic Blvd., #320 Walnut Creek, CA, 94596

#### Appeals@cchnc.org

An appeal must consist of documentation refuting the stated reason for rejecting the applicant, or requesting a reasonable accommodation and the basis for such an accommodation.

- Available units will be held during the appeal procedure. If a unit is not accepted at the completion of the appeal procedure and the appeal is granted, the applicant will be put back on the Waiting List in its original position.
- CCH will consider any mitigating circumstances that the applicant feels would affect their application and that would overcome or outweigh information already gathered in the resident screening process.
- Mitigating circumstances must be documented in the appeal, and must corroborate the reason(s) given by the applicant for the disqualifying circumstances.
- Applicants have the right to dispute the accuracy of any information provided to CCH by the Consumer Reporting Agency or Screening Company. The contact information will be contained in the denial letter for the applicant to contact the Consumer Reporting Agency or Screening Company that provided the information to CCH.
  - The applicant has the right to obtain a free copy of the consumer report from the consumer reporting agency if the applicant requests it within 60 days of the application denial.
- CCH will notify the applicant of their final decision no more than five (5) business days of receipt of the applicant's written notice of appeal.

 CCH may require further information or research to give full consideration to the appeal, in which case will send an update letter extending their final decision date up to thirty (30) calendar days.

If a denial letter is sent and no response or new evidence is received within fourteen (14) calendar days, CCH will close the file permanently. All documentation created and collected during the application process will be kept, confidentially, for three (3) years.

# PETS Policy Statement

Residents may be allowed to keep pets with CCH approval and persons with disabilities who require an Assistance Animal to assist, support, or provide services should refer to CCH's Animal Policies presented in an exhibit to the RSC. **See EXHIBIT M.** 

## SMOKING Policy Statement

CCH properties are designated as Non-Smoking Properties. Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the property including the interior of apartments, all indoor and outdoor common areas on the property, unless otherwise noted in the attached Exceptions to General Resident Selection Criteria. **See EXHIBIT E.** 

It is the responsibility of applicants and residents to inform their guests of the Non-Smoking Policy. Any violation of the Non-Smoking Policy will be deemed a material breach of the Rental Agreement and grounds for immediate termination of the Lease/Rental Agreement.

The adoption of a Non-Smoking Policy does not make the Owner the guarantor of the resident's health or that the property will be free of smoke but management shall take reasonable steps to enforce this policy.

CCH Smoke Free Housing Policy is presented in an exhibit to the RSC. See EXHIBIT N.

## UNIT TRANSFERS Policy Statement

All unit transfers will be processed in accordance with the Transfer Policy presented in an exhibit to the RSC. No transfer will be given to residents wishing to be relocated to other communities owned or managed by CCH (or same entity). **See EXHIBIT K.** 

Vacant units will be filled on an alternating basis between in-place residents requiring Mandatory or Administrative Transfers or applicants on the outside Waiting List. In this manner, management will be able to avoid displacing, through eviction or other actions, current residents whose housing needs have changed since admission.

# **EXHIBIT A – Resident Selection Criteria Notice**

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#### RESIDENT SELECTION CRITERIA NOTICE



### **General Notice**

CCH Resident Selection Criteria has been updated and replaces all previous versions as of 05/31/2024.

### **Availability**

This notice is given to all residents of CCH Managed communities and applicants currently accepted and active on a CCH Managed community waiting list. The full version of the Resident Selection Criteria is available on our website or upon request.

CCH Website: www.wearecch.org

#### **Revisions**

CCH will occasionally update content sections of the RSC and if updates are made, this notice along with the date and sections of major changes will be listed below. After 5 revisions, a new full version will be published. Please see the list of revisions of RSC 05/31/2024 below:

<u>#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Major Changes</u>
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# EXHIBIT B – Reasonable Accommodation/ Modification Policies and Forms

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# **Reasonable Accommodation/**

# **Modification Policies and Forms**

## **Policy Statement**

It is the policy of CCH to comply fully with the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Unruh Act, and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. This policy incorporates the requirements of those laws and applicable regulations.

CCH strives to provide equal opportunity for all individuals and seek to identify and eliminate conditions that create barriers to equal opportunity, and whenever possible, will make physical and procedural changes in order to reasonably accommodate people with disabilities to participate in and benefit from the housing, programs, and services that by CCH. will provide are administered CCH reasonable accommodations/modifications under all its properties in accordance with this policy.

CCH will review all requests for reasonable accommodation or modification on a case-by-case basis and there is no limit to the number of reasonable accommodations or modifications an applicant or resident may make. It is the responsibility of the applicant or resident to identify the type of accommodation best suited to their disability needs and are encouraged to communicate alternative accommodations that would meet their needs; however, CCH may enter into negotiation to identify alternative accommodations if the initial request is not reasonable.

Through marketing and outreach, CCH seeks to attract a broad section of low-income seniors and families, including person(s) with disabilities and will make written communications available in alternative formats such as Braille, large print, audio, or electronic formats, if requested by a person with disability or a disabled family member.



The Director of Compliance shall be designated as the Section 504 Coordinator for CCH and will be responsible for the coordination of compliance activities, record keeping, and shall be the final determiner of accommodations grievances.

## Notification of RAMPP

CCH will post a Notice of Non-Discrimination that provides information about CCH's Reasonable Accommodation Modification Policies and Procedures (RAMPP) and examples an applicant or resident may request. Copies of the full RAMPP and forms will be available on the CCH website, CCH Management Corporate Office(s), and the management office of each property.

At application, move-in, recertification, or at any time of a request to owner, management agent, or services, CCH's Request Form will be provided, including any assistance completing or understanding the form. CCH's Request Form is not required, but highly encouraged as it walks the requestor through all pertinent information the owner/agent may need to thoroughly and expeditiously process their request.

#### **Examples of RA/Ms**

The following are examples of reasonable ACCOMMODATIONS; it is not intended to be an exclusive list:

- If a person with disabilities is unable to come to the management office due to a disability, CCH staff may upon request:
  - Reschedule the appointment/interview to accommodate the family's needs;
  - Conduct the appointment/interview by phone and mail documents to the family for signatures; or
  - Schedule a non-office visit (for example, visit at home or nursing home).





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- If a person with disabilities is having difficulty understanding or filling out forms, the CCH staff may assist the individual, if requested, and advise the person with disabilities that they may bring someone with them to assist.
- If a person with disabilities has a hearing impairment, the CCH staff provide a Sign Language Interpreter, if requested.
- If a person with disabilities has a vision impairment, the CCH staff may, if requested:
  - Assist as a reader in completing forms
  - Permit an appointment/interview to be recorded
  - $\circ\;$  Allow the individual to bring someone to assist them; or
  - Provide alternate format materials, such as large print documents.
- Provide space to accommodate an assistive animal or device.

The following are examples of reasonable MODIFICATIONS, it is not intended to be an exclusive list:

- Installing grab bars, handrails, wheelchair ramps or level hardware for a mobility-impaired person.
- Modifying units for hearing-impaired and vision-impaired persons, for example, providing appropriate doorbells

## Requests

#### Verifying a Request

Third-party verification is required when the disability and/or need for the requested accommodation is not apparent or has not been previously established. Third-party verification can only be completed by requestor providing all pertinent contact information of the verifier, as listed on CCH's Request Form.





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CCH will mail, fax, or e-mail the Request Form and a Certification of Need form to the Verifier once every seven (7) calendar days for a maximum of three attempts. If upon receipt of a completed Certification of Need form, the form is not complete or provide the necessary information in making a decision, CCH will document and make additional attempts to contact the Verifier to obtain the needed information.

A Self-Certification of disability and need for an accommodation may be requested by an individual with disabilities, if all of the following exist:

- The individual has an obvious and/or visible disability (such as an individual who regularly uses a wheel chair or an individual with a hearing impairment); and
- The accommodation requested is clearly related to the individual's disability (for example, a hearing-impaired person requests a sign language interpreter);

The Self-Certification of Need for Reasonable Accommodation or Modification must be signed and dated by the requestor, unless the request is being made on behalf of a minor or a person who lacks legal capacity. In such cases the form must be signed and dated by the parent, guardian, conservator, or attorney in fact who holds an appropriate power of attorney.

If the CCH staff cannot ascertain whether or not the requested accommodation or modification is related to the disability, the individual will be informed that third-party Certification of Need is required. In this case, the Requestor must complete CCH's Request Form.

#### Approving a Request

A request can be approved after the disability has been verified, the nexus has been established, and the request is deemed reasonable. CCH Staff is to notify the requestor of the approval in writing within two (2) business days of the approval being determined.

The Approval Letter shall include the following information:





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- For exceptions/adjustments to policy or procedure, the letter will briefly describe the exception/adjustment to the policy or procedure that is being granted as the accommodation. The letter will also include the name and contact information of the CCH staff that the Requestor can direct questions regarding the accommodation.
- For physical modifications to units or common area in CCH managed buildings, the letter will include a description of the modification to be provided, estimated date of modification, and the contact person who can answer questions related to the modification.

#### Denying a Request

A request will be denied if the disability or nexus cannot be verified, or if request is deemed unreasonable. CCH staff is to notify the requestor of the denial in writing within two (2) business days of the denial being determined.

The Denial Letter shall include the following information:

• For all requests, the letter will include the requested accommodation or modification, the dates of verification attempts, the results of the verification, reason(s) for denial, and the rights of the requestor to appeal to the Section 504 Coordinator.

## **Request for Consideration of Mitigating Circumstances**

A family member with a disability who would normally be/or was denied housing or assistance or evicted from CCH managed housing due to the family's action or inaction may request consideration of mitigating circumstances related to a disability.

Based upon the documentation provided, a mitigating circumstance shall be granted if:

• The action or inaction of the family was due to a family member's disability; and





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• A reasonable accommodation/modification related to the person would allow the person to fulfill housing/assistance obligations or requirements.

The family may be (where appropriate) required to enter into an agreement with CCH that outlines the conditions that the family will follow to ensure that they meet and maintain the essential eligibility requirements.

A recurrence of the action or inaction by the family following the granted reasonable accommodation/modification due to mitigated circumstances may result in denial, termination, or eviction. However, CCH will evaluate any further reasonable accommodation requests on a case-by-case basis, event where a member has previously received an accommodation/modification regarding action or inaction that violated housing or assistance rules.

## **Reasons for Denial of Requests**

The following are reasons why a request for reasonable accommodation or modification may be denied:

- Constitutes a direct threat to the health and safety of other individuals;
- Results in substantial physical damage to the property of others;
- Results in a fundamental alteration of the program;
- Causes an undue administrative or financial burden, if granted;
- There is no clear relationship (nexus) between the disability and the requested accommodation/modification;
- Inability to obtain verification that a disability exists in cases when the disability is not apparent;
- The individual fails to provide information or documentation as requested by CCH (request may be reopened once all necessary documentation is provided), or





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• The accommodation has been previously granted, but was not effective in enabling the person with disabilities to meet the statutory eligibility requirements of housing or assistance.

## **Response to Requests**

CCH will promptly respond in writing to a request for a reasonable accommodation, modification, or consideration of mitigating circumstances with a decision or a request for additional information not to exceed 30 calendar days from receipt of verification(s).

When a request for additional information is made, the requestor must respond within 15 calendar days of such request, except in cases of extenuating circumstances. A request may be reopened if the documentation is received after the stated deadline.

Upon receipt of the necessary information, CCH will respond within 30 calendar days, except in cases of extenuating circumstances. In such cases of delay, CCH will notify the requestor in writing why additional time is needed to respond to the request.

CCH will take into consideration the requestor's disability and its impact on the requestor's ability to comply with deadlines.

## Grievances

Please **see Exhibit G** of the Resident Selection Criteria.

## **Oversight and Records**

The Section 504 Coordinator will maintain the files and records of CCH relating to the complaints that are sent to the Section 504 Coordinator's office as required by federal regulations.

All communication and documentation regarding reasonable accommodation or modification requests are to remain in the Requestor's file. CCH Staff is to ensure that data regarding reasonable



accommodations or modifications are updated in the applicable business software system.

# **RAMPP** Complaints

Individuals who believe they have been discriminated against in connection with this policy should contact CCH's Section 504 Coordinator:

Section 504 Coordinator/Director of Compliance

1855 Olympic Boulevard; Suite 320

Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Individuals who believe they have been discriminated against also have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These individuals should send a letter specifying their complaint to the following address:

Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

451 Seventh Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20410

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#### OPERATIONS REQUEST FORM



**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS/MODIFICATIONS** 

# **SECTION 1 – INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS**

**If you require assistance in completing this form, please let us know and we will assist.** Please have the form completed in entirety and signed by the Head of Household (HOH) AND Household Member needing the accommodation (Requestor), if 18 years of age or older.

<u>AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION</u>: You give the property's managing agent, permission to contact any individual named herein, for purposes of verification, related to disability and the basis for a reasonable accommodation(s) or modification(s) requested, and understand all information will be kept confidential.

# **SECTION 2 – HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LETTERS**

If your healthcare provider wants to provide a letter, please inform them the it must contain the following information for us to decide on your request:

**A.** You (or the requestor) **have a disability** – see section 4-A.

- i. having a physical or mental impairment that limits one or more major life activities;
- ii. having a record of history of having such an impairment;
- iii. being regarded as having such impairment; or
- iv. being associated with a person who has or is perceived to have such an impairment
- **B.** How the **request is connected** to your disability need.

C. The request is required for an equal housing opportunity.

If the healthcare provider letter is missing any information, we will need them to complete our Certification of Need form or provide an alternate/ additional letter that contains all required information listed above.

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HOUSEHOLD	Last Name:	
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<b>B</b> REQUESTOR	Last Name:	
<b>C</b> Property:		Unit #:
		Date of
Phone #:		Birth:
Email:		
Signature:		Date:

#### **SECTION 4 – DISABILITY DESIGNATION**

- A By completing this request, you are certifying that you or a member of your household is disabled see section 2A.
- **B** Please let us know if your disability is permanent or temporary by checking only one of the boxes below; if temporary for how long:

My disability is	

**TEMPORARY**, how long: \_\_\_\_

**C** Please let us know which major life activity(ies) you believe to be limited by your disability (check all that apply):

□ Walking □ Breathing □ Seeing □ Talking □ Hearing

□ Learning □ Caring for Oneself □ Performing Manual Tasks

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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SECTION 5 – REQUEST DETAILS

#### A Accommodation Requests:

**CCH** 

Is your household member with a disability asking for a *change to a rule, policy, practice, or service*? Please note that a change in how to meet the terms of the lease may be requested, but the terms of the lease must be met) If so, please select from the below options, or provide details:

- □ Companion Animal □ Live-In Aide
- Unit Transfer, specify needs: \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Other, explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_

# **B** Modification Requests:

Is your household member with a disability asking for a **physical change** to a unit or common area on-site? **TES D NO** If so, please select from the below options, or provide details:

Flooring, specify the type: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Grab Bars, where/location(s):

Other, explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_

# SECTION 6 – REQUEST NEXUS

A *How is your request going to help you?* Please do not disclose the nature of your disability or diagnosis, we want to understand how your need will be met by your request.

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A Verification Statement: A doctor or other medical professional, a peer support group, a non-medical service agency, or a reliable third party who is in a position to know about your household member's disability will provide verification of the disability. Any information to make/assess a decision to grant or deny an accommodation/ modification.

Please provide the contact information so we may verify disability and need:

Name &	Title:		
E-	Mail:		
Office Na	ame:		
Pł	none:		
	Fax:		
Address:			
SECTION 8 – ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS			
	Do you authorize us to communicate with other		
	individuals? For example, other family members, friends, social workers. <i>If YES, provide below</i>		
– Name:	Email:		
– Name:	Email:		

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# **EXHIBIT C – Criminal Criteria References**

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# **Criminal Criteria References**

# Statement

If your application is accepted, we will conduct a criminal background search in compliance with federal, state, and local laws. It is our general policy, wherever possible, to not lease applicants convicted of certain felonies within the past thee (3) years, nor any lifetime-registered sex offender.

# Federal Guidelines

HUD guidance provides for HUD-affiliated owners to:

- Not automatically deny an applicant housing assistance simply based on the presence of criminal conviction, other than where explicitly prohibited by federal law.
- Disregard criminal history that is unlikely to bear on fitness for tenancy, such as arrest records, sealed or expunged records, older convictions, and convictions not involving violence or harm to persons or property.
- Use individualized assessments to determine whether applicants truly pose a future risk to persons or property, considering other factors such as the applicant's employment, engagement in alcohol or drug treatment, and constructive community involvement.
- Providing applicants with criminal history records with reasonable time and opportunity to provide supporting information regarding mitigating factors before an admission decision is made.

# State/Local Guidelines and/or Ordinances

## **Oakland, California – Oakland Fair Chance Ordinance (OFCO)**

OFCO bans (with limited exceptions) the use of criminal background checks in screening applications for most rental housing in Oakland,



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effective August 2, 2020. Housing providers are required to include a written notice of applicants' rights under the Ordinance (as published and made available to housing providers by the City) in all application materials, websites, and at any other locations under the providers' control that are frequently visited by applicants.

The ordinance prohibits housing providers from requesting or requiring information about an applicant's criminal history, from basing an adverse such, and from posting advertisements listinas on or action discriminating against applicants with criminal histories. There is an exception for certain criminal history, specifically sex-related and methamphetamine-manufacturing offenses, as required to comply with federal or state laws. In addition, a housing provider may screen applicants against the California state registry of lifetime sex offenders operated by the California Department of Justice. The housing provider must first disclose its intent to screen for such criminal history and request the applicant's written consent. If the applicant objects, the housing provider must allow the applicant to withdraw their application.

If a housing provider takes adverse action against an applicant based in whole or in part on the applicant's criminal history, it must provide written notice to the applicant that includes at a minimum, the reason(s) for the adverse action, instructions on how to file a complaint with the City, a list of local legal services providers, a copy of the screening report, and "an opportunity to respond with rebutting or mitigating information" before the application is denied.

#### San Francisco, California – SF's Fair Chance Ordinance (SFFCO)

SFFCO protects tenants and applicants from discrimination by affordable housing providers based on criminal history information. For Affordable Housing in San Francisco, before checking criminal records, the housing provider must (1) Determine eligibility for affordable housing by reviewing all other qualifications, and (2) Provide a copy of rights before running a background check. Housing providers may not ask about any criminal history information on a rental application form.

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Housing Providers must assess records individually and only consider "directly-related" convictions and unresolved arrests in your record. Hosing providers may not consider (1) Arrests that did not result in conviction, (2) Participation in a diversion or deferral program, (3) Expunged, judicially dismissed, invalidated or otherwise inoperative convictions, (4) Juvenile records, (5) A conviction more than 7 years old, or (6) an infraction.

If a housing provider denies housing, they must provide a copy of the background report and tell you which conviction or unresolved arrest is the basis for the potential denial. Applicants then have 14 days to respond to show that why they shouldn't be denied housing.

### Colorado

Colorado's Rental Application Fair Act requires housing providers to inform tenants they can provide a portable tenant screening report from a consumer reporting agency as part of the application process and a landlord must accept it and cannot charge and application fee. The portable report must contain the tenant's name(s) and contact information, last-known address, income and employment verification, as well as background information regarding credit, rental history, and criminal records, as allowed by state law. Landlords must accept this type of report, but can require that it be current within 30 days and that they can access it directly from the reporting agency at no cost.

#### Idaho

Housing providers must get consent to run background checks and adhere to HUD recommendations for using criminal background checks, which include avoiding blanket policies for deny applicants with criminal convictions, assessing applicants and their criminal histories on a caseby-case basis, and only denying an applicant when they demonstrate a risk to the safety of other residents.

#### Missouri

Housing providers must get consent to run background checks and adhere to HUD recommendations for using criminal background checks,

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which include avoiding blanket policies for deny applicants with criminal convictions, assessing applicants and their criminal histories on a caseby-case basis, and only denying an applicant when they demonstrate a risk to the safety of other residents.

### Oregon

Per Senate Bill 291, beginning January 1, 20222, housing providers must not charge an amount greater than the landlord's average actual costs of screening applicants or the customary amount charged by tenant screening companies or consumer credit reporting agencies for a comparable level of screening; actual costs may include the cost of using a tenant screening company or a consumer credit reporting agency, and the reasonable value of any time spent by the landlord or landlord's agents in otherwise obtaining information on applicants. Landlords must also provide a written statement of denial within 14 days of the denial criteria being determined or assessed.

Additionally, housing providers are required to provide an individualized assessment related to denials based on criminal history, allowing an opportunity for the applicant to submit supplemental evidence to explain, justify, or negate the relevance of potentially negative information that may result in a criminal denial. Further, landlords must also conduct an individualized assessment of the applicant that includes reviewing any supplemental evidence before denying an applicant based upon their criminal-screening results. The individualized assessment must consider factors, including (1) the nature and severity of the incidents that would lead to a denial; (2) the number and type of incidents, (3) the time that has elapsed since the date of the incidents occurred, and (4) the age of the individual at the time the incidents occurred.

#### Tennessee

Housing providers must get consent to run background checks and adhere to HUD recommendations for using criminal background checks, which include avoiding blanket policies for deny applicants with criminal convictions, assessing applicants and their criminal histories on a case-



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by-case basis, and only denying an applicant when they demonstrate a risk to the safety of other residents.

#### Texas

Housing providers must get consent to run background checks and adhere to HUD recommendations for using criminal background checks, which include avoiding blanket policies for deny applicants with criminal convictions, assessing applicants and their criminal histories on a caseby-case basis, and only denying an applicant when they demonstrate a risk to the safety of other residents. This page is intentionally left blank – double sided printing.

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# **Definition of Housing Terms**

# Statement

This exhibit is meant to provide some legal and clarifying definitions and may be updated separately from the contents of the Resident Selection Criteria.

# Definitions

# Accessible Unit

A unit that is located on an accessible route and when designed, constructed, altered or adapted can be approached, entered, and used by individuals with a physical impairment.

# **Companion or Emotional Support Animal**

An animal that provides emotional, cognitive, or other similar support to a person with a disability to assist them in managing the symptoms of their disability.

## **Disabled Family**

(1) Families of two or more persons the head of which (or his or her spouse) is a person with disabilities (handicapped);

(2) The surviving member or members of any family described in paragraph (1) of this definition living in a unit assisted under subpart E of this part (Section 202 loans) with the deceased member of the family at the time of his or her death;

(3) A single person with disabilities (handicapped person) over the age of 18; or

(4) Two or more persons with disabilities (handicapped persons) living together, or one or more such persons living with another person who is determined by HUD, based upon a licensed physician's certificate provided by the family, to be essential to their care or well-being.





#### **Elderly Person**

**Definition C** *[24 CFR 891.205]* An elderly person is a household composed of one or more persons at least one of whom is 62 years of age or more at the time of initial occupancy.

## **Extremely Low Income (ELI)**

New definition of ELI effective 7/1/2014: Extremely low-income whose incomes do not exceed the higher of the federal property level or 30% of Area Median Income.

# **Elderly Family**

A household whose Head or Spouse is age 62 or older.

# Family

A family includes, but is not limited to, the following, regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status:

(1) A single person, who may be an elderly person, displaced person, disabled person, near-elderly person, or any other single person, is an otherwise eligible youth who has attained at least 18 years of age and not more than 24 years of age, has left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675(5)(H)), is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older; or

(2) A group of persons residing together, and such group includes, but is not limited to:

(i) A family with or without children (a child who is temporarily away from the home because of

placement in foster care is considered a member of the family);

(ii) An elderly family.

(iii) A near-elderly family;

- (iv) A disabled family;
- (v) A displaced family; and
- (vi) The remaining member of a tenant family.





# Health and Medical Care Expenses (HOTMA)

Includes costs incurred for the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease or payments for treatments affective any structure or function of the body. Includes medical insurance premiums and longterm care premiums that are paid or anticipated during the period for which annual income is computed, only if they are eligible and not otherwise reimbursed, and only for elderly or disabled families.

## **HUD Multifamily Housing Programs**

Section 8 (Project Based Rental Assistance), Section 202/8, Section 202/811 PRAC, Section 236 IRP, Section 811 PRA, SPRAC

## Live-In Aide

A Live-In Aide is a person who resides with one or more elderly persons, near-elderly persons, persons with disabilities and who:

1. Is determined essential to the care and well-being of the persons;

2. Is not obligated for the support of the persons; and

3. Would not be living in the unit except to provide the necessary supportive services.

A relative may be a Live-In Aide but must meet all of the above requirements, and sign a statement to that effect.

A Live-In Aide qualifies for occupancy only as long as the individual needs support services and does not qualify for continued occupancy as a remaining household member. A Live-In Aide must have an acceptable criminal background screening prior to acceptance as a Live-In Aide. The need for the live-in aide will be verified before Move In and at each Annual Recertification.

# Person With A Disability

Any adult having a physical, mental or emotional impairment that:

- 1. Is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration;
- 2. Substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently; and





3. Is of such a nature that such ability to live independently could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.

#### Pet

A pet is a "Small domesticated animal commonly kept in residential settings."

"A domesticated animal, such as a dog, cat, bird, rodent (including a rabbit), fish, or turtle, that is traditionally kept in the home for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes. Common household pets do not include reptiles (except turtles). If this definition conflicts with any applicable State or local law or regulation defining the pets that may be owned or kept in dwelling accommodations, the State or local law or regulations shall apply. This definition does not include animals that are used to assist persons with disabilities.

#### **Reasonable Accommodation**

A change in a housing provider's rules, policies, practices or services that is necessary to provide a person with a disability an equal opportunity to use and enjoy their home.

#### **Reasonable Modification**

A physical alteration of the interior of the existing premises that is necessary to provide a person with a disability an equal opportunity to use and enjoy their home.

#### Reasonable Attendant Care & Auxiliary Apparatus Expenses (HOTMA)

Auxiliary apparatus items can include, for example, expenses for wheelchairs, ramps, adaptations to vehicles, guide dogs, assistance animals, or special equipment to enable a person who is blind or has low vision to read or type or special equipment to assist a person who is deaf or hard of hearing. Examples of attendant care include teaching a person with disabilities how to perform day-to-day tasks independently like cleaning, bathing, doing laundry, and cooking. Attendant care can be 24-hour care, or care during sporadic periods throughout the day. The family must include a person with a disability, the expenses must





enable any member of the family to be employed, and deduction is capped at the amount earned by that individual to be claimed.

#### Service Animal/Assistance Animal

Service animals are defined as dogs, regardless of breed or type, that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a qualified individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Animal species other than dogs, emotional support animals, comfort animals, companionship animals, and service animals in training are not service animals. This page is intentionally left blank – double sided printing.

# **EXHIBIT E – Exceptions to General Resident** Selection Criteria

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# **EXHIBIT E – Exceptions to General RSC**

#### Age Requirements

# **Citizenship Requirements**

 Head of Household/Co-Head or Spouse must be 62 years of age □ None require

# **Smoking Requirements**

□ Abide by the community's Smoke Free Policy

# **Waiting List Preferences**

- □ HUD 221(d)(3) displaced by government action or a major disaster declared by the President.
- Certificate of Preference Holder
- Displaced Tenant Housing Preference

# **Other Requirements**

This property is subject to Section 202 PRAC program. The property will follow MOHCD requirements in the Manual, link

here: <u>https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-</u> 01/MOHCD%20Housing%20Preference%20and%20Lottery%20Procedures%20Manual%20-%201.22.2024 Final.pdf

# **Applications For Housing**

- □ All applicants must meet selection requirements and return a completed application to be accepted and processed in the lottery ranked order).
- Persons with disability who need an accommodation to participate in the application process should contact management agent.
- □ Language assistance for people with limited English proficiency is available upon request.
- □ Completed applications should be submitted to:
  - In-Person 4699 3<sup>rd</sup> Street San Francisco, CA 94124 P: (415) 282 - 5598

w: wearecch.org/locations/

2) Electronically

www.affordablehousing.com

# **EXHIBIT F – Application for Housing**

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# EXHIBIT G – Grievance/Appeal Policies and Forms

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# **Grievance/Appeal Policies and Forms**

#### **Purpose**

CCH does not discriminate on the basis of handicap in violation of 24 CFR Part 8 in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs and activities. From time to time, it is reasonable to expect that something will occur that causes residents or applicants concern. CCH has developed this policy to resolve concerns as quickly as possible.

# **Confidentiality Statement**

Any complaint, grievance, or appeal and its investigation will be held in the strictest of confidence and will not be discussed with anyone except those immediately involved. CCH Management will in no way retaliate against residents who file a complaint, grievance, or appeal.

# **Distribution and Amendments**

Landlord must give a copy of this procedure to Tenant at the time Tenant moves into the project and to each prospective Tenant who is rejected for tenancy. Whenever this procedure is changed, Landlord must provide a revised copy to Tenant, with a thirty- (30) day notice of any changes effective date.

# Applicability

This procedure shall apply to all individual grievances between Tenant and Landlord; this procedure shall not apply to: (1) the validity or propriety of terms and conditions of the rental agreement, (2) eviction or termination of tenancy based upon your creation or maintenance of a threat to the health or safety or other Tenants or employees, (3) class grievances, and (4) disputes between Tenant and other Tenants not involving Landlord.





## **Right to a Hearing**

When Tenant files a written or oral request as described, Tenant is entitled to a hearing, relative to any grievance as defined.

# **Types of Hearings**

There are two types of hearings: (1) Information hearing or (2) Formal Hearing.

#### **Informal Hearing**

This is an informal meeting between Tenant and Landlord to discuss Tenant's grievance. The goal of the informal hearing is to settle the problem without the need for a formal hearing.

#### **Formal Hearing**

This is a formal hearing with Tenant, Landlord, and hearing officer or hearing panel. Decisions from this hearing are binding on Tenant and Landlord.

# Informal Hearing Procedure

#### **Presentation of Grievance**

Tenant must personally present Tenant's grievance either orally or in writing to Landlord at Landlord's office so that Tenant and Landlord may discuss the grievance informally. Tenant must present Tenant's grievance within a reasonable time, not to exceed ten (10) days from Landlord's actions or failure to act, which is the basis for Tenant's grievance. The grievance may be simply stated by Tenant should specify the ground(s) for the grievance and the action or relief Tenant seeks. Landlord will schedule a meeting with Tenant within ten (10) business days for a total of fourteen (14) calendar days after landlord receives Tenant's request.





#### Summary and Answer

Landlord will prepare a written, dated, and signed summary of Landlord's discussion and answer to Tenant's grievance within a reasonable time, not to exceed ten (10) business days for a total of fourteen (14) calendar days. Landlord will mail or deliver one copy to Tenant and keep one in the Tenant file. Landlord's answer shall specify (1) the names of the hearing participants, (2) the date of the hearing, (3) the nature of the grievance, (4) the proposed disposition of the grievance, and the specific reasons therefore, (5) the right to a formal hearing, and (6) the procedure by which you may request a formal hearing if you are not satisfied with the proposed disposition.

## **Request for Formal Hearing**

If Tenant is dissatisfied with the proposed disposition of the grievance as stated in the answer, Tenant may submit a written request for a formal hearing. Tenant should make Tenant's written request to Landlord within a reasonable time after Tenant receives answers to Tenant's grievance, not in excess of ten (10) business days, and Tenant must date and sign the request. Landlord will place a copy of Tenant's request in the Tenant's file along with the grievance and the answer.

#### Failure to Request Hearing

If Tenant does not request a formal hearing within the time allowed above, Tenant waives the right to a formal hearing and the proposed disposition of the grievance becomes final. This shall not, however, constitute a waiver of Tenant's right thereafter to contest the disposition of the grievance in an appropriate judicial proceeding.

# **Formal Hearing Procedure**

#### Selection of Hearing Officer or Panel

When Landlord receives Tenant's request for a formal hearing Landlord will contact Tenant in person or by telephone to discuss the selection of a hearing officer. The hearing officer must be impartial, disinterested person selected jointly by Landlord and Tenant. If Landlord and Tenant



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cannot agree on a hearing officer, Landlord and Tenant shall each appoint a representative and the two members so appointed shall select a third member. If the members Landlord and Tenant appoint cannot agree on a third member, such member shall be appointed by an independent organization contracted by Landlord, such as a local mediation board or chapter of the American Arbitration Association. The chairperson of a hearing panel shall be elected by the members of the panel.

The following guidelines govern the selection of hearing officers and panel members: (1) No relative of Tenant may serve as a hearing officer or panel member; (2) None of Landlord's officers or employees who directly propose a disposition to the grievance or whose duties and responsibilities directly involve him/her in any way with the grievance at issue may serve as a hearing officer or panel member for the formal hearing; and (3) The third member of a panel may not be one of Landlord's officers or employees, nor a resident of any property under Landlord's jurisdiction.

#### **Time Limits**

Landlord and Tenant must act to avoid unnecessary delays in resolving grievances. The hearing officer or panel shall be selected, and the hearing scheduled by Landlord as promptly as possible, no more than ten (10) days after the receipt of Tenant's request for a hearing. Landlord will make all reasonable effort so that the date, time, and location of the hearing are convenient to you. Landlord will inform Tenant of the schedule and the procedures governing the hearing by way of written notification delivered or mailed to Tenant no less than five (5) days in advance.

#### Fair Hearing

Tenant is entitled to a fair hearing providing the basic safeguards of due process before hearing office or panel and Tenant may be represented by counsel or another person chosen as Tenant's representative. Tenant must be personally present at the hearing.





#### **Private Hearing**

The hearing will be private unless Tenant requests a public hearing. The attendance of persons with a valid interest in the proceedings shall not be limited.

#### **Discovery**

Tenant or Tenant's authorized representative may examine before the hearing and at Tenant's expense, request copies of all documents, records, and regulations that are relevant to the hearing. Anydocument not made available after Tenant requests it may not be relied on by Landlord at the hearing. Landlord or Tenant may request, in advance, and at Landlord or Tenant's expense, a transcript of the hearing.

#### **Disputed Rent or Other Charges**

If the grievance involves the amount of rent, or other charges that Landlords claims as due, Landlord may require Tenant to pay Landlord up to 100% of any disputed rent or charges, and Landlord will deposit funds in a trust account until resolution of the dispute. If Tenant fails to make required payments, the hearing officer or hearing panel may determine that Tenant has waived Tenant's rights to a hearing. Tenant's failure to make payments shall not constitute a waiver of Tenant's right to thereafter contest Landlord's disposition of the grievance in appropriate judicial proceeding. On resolution of the dispute, or the decision of the hearing officer or hearing panel, the money shall be refunded to or directed to Landlord as is appropriate based upon the decision of the hearing officer or hearing panel.

#### Proof

At the hearing, Tenant must clearly state the facts, and then be prepared to present evidence to support those facts. The burden of proof is then on Landlord to justify the action or inaction Landlord proposed in the answer of Tenant's grievance, raise arguments against evidence relied upon by Landlord, and confront and cross-examine all witnesses on whose testimony or information Landlord relies.





#### **Hearings**

Hearings conducted by the hearing officer or hearing panel shall be informal, and any oral or Documentary evidence, as limited, however, to the facts and issues raised by the grievance and Answer, may be received by the hearing officer or hearing panel without regard to whether Evidence would be admissible under the rules of evidence employed in judicial proceedings

#### Failure to Appear

If either Landlord or Tenant fails to appear at a hearing, the hearing officer or hearing panel may postpone the hearing for up to five (5) days or make a determination that the absent party has waived its right to a hearing

# **Decisions of Hearing Officer or Panel**

### **Binding Effect**

The decision of the hearing officer shall be based solely and exclusively upon facts presented at the hearing and upon applicable law and Landlord and regulatory agreements and policies. To the extent provided below, the decision of the hearing officer or hearing panel shall be binding.

#### **Proposed Decision**

Landlord and Tenant may agree to prepare a proposed decision to the hearing officer or hearing panel. If both agree to do so, each party shall submit same to the officer or panel for consideration.

#### **Written Decision**

The hearing officer or hearing panel shall prepare a written decision, including a statement of findings and conclusions, as well as the reasons or basis of them, upon all material issues raised by Landlord or Tenant. This shall be done within a



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reasonable time after the date of the hearing, not to exceed five (5) days. Copies thereof shall be mailed or delivered to parties and/or their representatives, and regulatory agencies. Landlord will place a copy of the written decision of the hearing officer or hearing panel, together with all documents related to the grievance, in Tenant's file.

#### Costs

If the hearing officer or hearing panel renders a decision in our favor and further specifically finds that the grievance was totally without basis and filed for the purpose of harassment or based on the same or similar facts as a grievance previously filed by you or a member of your household or on your or their behalf, the hearing officer or hearing panel may, at its discretion, assess the cost and expensed of the hearing to you

# **Enforcement of Hearing Officer or Panel**

## **Compliance with Decision**

If the decision is the Tenant's favor, Landlord shall promptly take all actions necessary to carry out such decision or refrain from any action prohibited by such decision unless Landlord determines and notifies Tenant in writing within thirty days that the hearing officer or hearing panel has acted contrary to law, or exceeded its authority, or the decision is contrary to applicable federal, state, or local law, or regulatory agencies or requirements. In such event, the hearing officer's or hearing panel's decision may be judicially reviewed.

# Failure to Comply with Decision

Should any of the parties to a decision fail to voluntarily comply with the provisions of a decision of the hearing officer or hearing panel, the aggrieved party may take appropriate legal action to enforce compliance.





#### **Enforcement of an Eviction Action**

If a Tenant requests a hearing on a proposed eviction and the hearing officer or hearing panel in its decision upholds our proposal to evict, Landlord cannot start our action to regain possession until the expiration of the time period that was contained in the Landlord notice to Tenant

# **Right to Go to Court**

This grievance and appeal procedure have been established to provide all parties with a non-judicial means of resolving problems and disputes. Neither use of or participation in any of the procedures included herein, nor a decision by the hearing officer or panel, which is in favor of Landlord and/or denies Tenant tenant's requested relief in whole or in part shall constitute a waiver of, nor affect in any manner, whatever rights you or we may have to any judicial proceedings which may thereafter be brought in the matter. In such proceedings, we shall, by stipulation or other appropriate means, be limited to invoking against you the grounds we originally relied on in our proposed disposition of the grievance.

# Retaliation

No person shall be subjected to retaliation for having used or having assisted others in the use of the grievance process. Person(s) with disabilities have the right to request reasonable accommodations to participate in the informal hearing process.

# **Applicant Grievance Procedures**

If, at any time during the application process, you feel that your rights, duties, welfare, or status are or may have been adversely affected by CCH's action or failure to act, you may submit your grievance for informal or formal review. You may call<u>415-282-5598</u> and





leave a voicemail if necessary, and your call will be returned as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours after your call date.

If your grievance is not resolved at that point, you may request an informal hearing, which is a meeting with the CCH designated Staffand Director. The goal of the informal hearing is to settle the problem without the need for a formal hearing.

In the event the problem is not settled, you are entitled to request a formal hearing. A formal hearing is between you and CCH and/or a designated member of <u>Providence Senior Housing</u>.

To request a formal hearing, you must already have attempted to resolve the issue with CCH and through an informal hearing described above. All requests for informal or formal meetings must be in writing and must contain specific grounds for complaint.

Hearing requests should be mailed to:

CCH Management Attn: Grievance & Appeals 1855 Olympic Boulevard Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Or emailed to: <u>Appeals@cchnc.org</u>

If you have a grievance with any entity related to the project, please contact CCH to advise you on pursuing the appropriate next steps.





## Applicant Appeal Procedures

The following appeal process applies to applicants that receive a disqualification letter for application.

Applicant must appeal within fourteen (14) calendars days from the date of the Rejection letter addressed to:

CCH Management Attn: Grievance and Appeals 1855 Olympic Boulevard Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Or emailed to: <u>Appeals@cchnc.org</u>

Management sends a written notice to each applicant disqualified, the referring agency, and the funding agency. The notice will:

- List all the reasons for the disqualification.
- Explain how the applicant can request as in person or in writing an appeal to contest the decision.
- State that an applicant with a disability is entitled to request a reasonable accommodation to participate in the appeal.
- Inform the applicant that he or she is entitled to bring an advocate or attorney to the in-person appeal.
- Provide referral information for local legal services and housing rights organizations who can assist with the appeal process; and
- Describe the documentation that the applicant can present at the appeal.

Upon receipt of a request for an appeal, an executive officer from our company will review all the materials and inform the complainant if the executive officer affirms the decision of the Property Manager, overturns the decision, or decides to re-open the case for further review. While the appeal is being reviewed by our executive officer, management will hold an appropriate size unit for the applicant until the appeal is finalized. We will provide a response, not to exceed ten (10) calendar days.





are projects monitored by:

If you have a question or concern, or would like to submit a grievance, you may contact:

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## OPERATIONS CCH APPEALS, COMPLAINTS, AND GRIEVANCES

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IT IS THE POLICY TO INVITE APPLICANTS/TENANTS TO FILE REPORTS, COMPLAINTS, GRIEVANCES, AND APPEALS AND THAT THEY ARE HANDLED IN A FAIR, PROMPT, AND IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER

## APPEAL STAGES:

Denials 🗲

**→** 

- First Appeal
- Further Appeals -

## COMPLAINT STAGES:

- First Level Resolution
- Second Level Resolution
  - Third Level Resolution

## **GRIEVANCES**:

First Level Resolution

Second Level Resolution

Third Level Resolution Final Decision Contact

- Building Management (On-Site)
- → Compliance Staff (Impartial Member of CCH)
- → File Grievance (See below)
- → Building Management <sup>(On-Site)</sup>
- → Portfolio Manager (Oversight of On-Site)
  - File Grievance (See 2nd Page)
- ➔ Portfolio Manager <sup>(Oversight of On-Site)</sup> If Portfolio Manager has already Responded or was involved, will go to Associate Director of Property Management for an Informal Hearing.
- → Compliance Staff (Impartial Member of CCH) Can be Informal or Formal Hearing PHA Properties will get Formal Hearing Officer
  - Director of Property Management
  - → Chief Operating Officer CCH Executive with oversight of Property Management Department



OPERATIONS APPEAL FORM



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	Property	y Name	Full Name	Contact Info					
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## OPERATIONS COMPLAINT FORM



	COMPLAINTS					
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Property Name	Full Name	Unit #				
B Contact						
Info: Phone Num	ber Em	ail				
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OPERATIONS COMPLAINT FORM



**COMPLAINT DETAILS** 

K Please provide any additional details to support your complaint:




OPERATIONS GRIEVANCE FORM



	GRIEVANCES	
Α		
Property Name	Full Name	Unit #
B Contact		
Info: Phone Num	ber Em	nail
C I YES I NO Is this	your first time filing a	grievance?
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## OPERATIONS GRIEVANCE FORM



## PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The following considerations of circumstances when determining to deny or terminate assistance or evict because of action or failure to act by members of the family:

- Management and Hearing Officers must consider all relevant circumstances.
- Management and Hearing Officers may impose requirements that other family members not reside in the unit or receive assistance.
- Admission Denials, assistance termination or evictions due to illegal use of drugs or alcohol abuse by a member no longer engaged in such behavior: Management and Hearing Officers should consider any successful and completed supervised drug or alcohol rehabilitation program, or otherwise successfully rehabilitated (42 U.S.C. 13661). Requests for evidence may be required.
- If the family includes person(s) with disabilities any decision concerning such action is subject to considerations of reasonable accommodation in accordance with 24CFR, Part 8.
- Management and Owner's actions must be consistent with fair housing and equal opportunity provisions of 24 CFR SS 51.05 and 24 CFR Part 5, Subpart L, for protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- Evictions considered as a last resort, non-payment cases should offer fair and reasonable payment plan must be offered, and considerations of health, safety and quiet enjoyment must be balanced with a consideration that residents may have no other housing options nor complete control over all household members and guests.

## EXHIBIT H – Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan

NOTE - this is a separate attachment for MOHCD review

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#### Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan (AFHMP) -Multifamily Housing

#### U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

OMB Approval No. 2529-0013 (exp.12/31/2016)

1a. Project Name & Address (including City,	, County, State & Zip Code)	1b. Project Contract Number	1c. No. of Units			
Providence Senior Housing 4699 Third Street		121- EE164-NP-WAH	50			
San Francisco, CA 94124		1d. Census Tract				
		612				
		1e. Housing/Expanded Housing	Market Area			
		Housing Market Area: San Francis				
		Expanded Housing Market Area: -Oakland-Berkeley CA Metropolita				
1f. Managing Agent Name, Address (includi	ng City, County, State & Zip Code), T	elephone Number & Email Address	5			
Christian Church Homes, 1855 Olympic Blvd. S	ste. 320, Walnut Creek, Contra Costa C	ounty CA 94596 (510) 632-6712. cf	rank@cchnc.org			
1g. Application/Owner/Developer Name, Ad	dress (including City, County, State	& Zip Code), Telephone Number &	Email Address			
Providence Senior Housing Corp., 4699 Third S	Street, San Francisco CA 94124 415-28	2-5598 psh@cchnc.org				
1h. Entity Responsible for Marketing (check	all that apply)					
Owner 🖌 Agent Other (s	specify)					
Position, Name (if known), Address ( includi	ng City, County, State & Zip Code), Tele	ephone Number & Email Address				
Brandon Flannery, Director of Compliance, 185	5 Olympic Blvd., Ste. 200, Walnut Cree	k CA 94596, bflannery@cchnc.org				
L 1i. To whom should approval and other corr State & Zip Code), Telephone Number & E-N		be sent? Indicate Name, Address	(including City,			
Carol Frank, Associate Director of Compliance,		Creek CA 94596, cfrank@cchnc.org				
2a. Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan						
Plan Type Updated Plan	Date of the First Approved AFHMP	: 01/24/06				
Reason(s) for current update:						
2b. HUD-Approved Occupancy of the Project	ct (check all that apply)					
✓ Elderly Family	Mixed (Elderly/Disabled)	Disabled				
2c. Date of Initial Occupancy	2d. Advertising Start Date					
	Advertising must begin <i>at least</i> 90 d construction and substantial rehabili	ays prior to initial or renewed occupa tation projects.	ncy for new			
	Date advertising began or will begin 02/01/2025					
	For existing projects, select below the reason advertising will be used:					
	To fill existing unit vacancies					
	To place applicants on a waiting lis	t ✔ (which currently has 15 inc	dividuals)			
	To reopen a closed waiting list	(which currently has individ	duals)			

<b>3a. De</b> Co	mographics of Project and Ho mplete and submit Worksheet	u <b>sing Market Area</b> 1.			
3b. Ta	rgeted Marketing Activity				
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$\checkmark$	White American	Indian or Alaska Native		Asian	🖌 Black or African American
	Native Hawaiian or Other Paci	fic Islander	✓ Hispanic or La	atino	Persons with Disabilities
	Families with Children	Other ethnic	group, religion, etc.	(specify)	
4a. <b>Res</b> i	dency Preference				
	ne owner requesting a residen o, proceed to Block 4b.	cy preference? If yes	, complete questic	ns 1 through 5	. Yes
(1)	Type New				
(2)	Is the residency preference				
	The same as the AFHMP hou	•	•		
	The same as the residency pr			e jurisaiction th	e project is located? Yes
(3)	What is the geographic area	for the residency p	eference?		
	San Francisco CA				
(4)	What is the reason for havin	g a residency prefer	ence?		
	residents displaced by the S	F Redevelopment Ag	ency during feder d by Ellis Act Evic	ally funded urba tions, Owner N	Preference 'COP' certificate holders for an renewal programs, Displaced Tenant II Evictions or Fires. Preferences are D).
(5)	How do you plan to periodicall and equal opportunity require			ensure that it is	in accordance with the non-discrimination
	* *			•	an Francisco Housing Portal. We will enacted by the City of San Francisco.
		e requirements in 24 tent with the applical	CFR 5.655(c)(1) ble HUD program i	will be used by equirements.	o 24 CFR 5.655(c)(1)) for residency / HUD as guidelines for evaluating See also HUD Occupancy
Con	oposed Marketing Activities: nplete and submit Worksheet 3 to tacts to market the project to th	o describe your use of	community	Complete proposed market to advertise	ad Marketing Activities: Methods of Advertising e and submit Worksheet 4 to describe your d methods of advertising that will be used to b those least likely to apply. Attach copies of ements, radio and television scripts, Internet ments, websites, and brochures, etc.

			which sale or rental activ	vity takes place (24 CFR 200.620(e)).
Rental Office	Real Estate Office	Model Unit	Other (specify)	
The AFHMP must be where the AFHMP w	ill be made available.	on at the sales or rent		25). Check below all locations
✓ Rental Office	Real Estate Office	Model Unit	Other (specify)	
(24 CFR 200.620(f) √ Rental Office The size of the Proje		where the Project Site		sing Opportunity logo, slogan, or stateme Please submit photos of Project signs. t Other (specify) Glass front door
individuals least likely based on the evaluat	n process you will use to de v to apply, how often you will r tion process.	make this determinati	on, and how you will mak	ve been successful in attracting ke decisions about future marketing ik, we ask the applicant how they

In addition, calls are made to our community partners who receive information on housing opportunities to confirm that our information was received and disseminated on a timely basis. If no applications are received from our current marketing efforts through an agency, we ask our contacts if there is a more effective way to conduct our outreach efforts to their clients.

Notices will be sent out by fax, email, and mail to our designated community contacts within our Housing Market Area.

heard about our property; where they learned about an open wait list and where they received their application.

Advertising will also take place in the City and County of San Francisco's Online Housing Portal and tool, DAHLIA (Database of Affordable Housing Listings, Information, and Applications), a Housing Portal to help reach the above noted target groups. During the DAHLIA process, we are required to recognize the San Francisco COP preference mandated by Assembly Bill 1584 to extend affordable housing opportunities to the direct descendants of people displaced by the former San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (SFRA).

All notices and flyers are in English and will be translated into Spanish, with the Equal Housing Opportunity and ADA Logos no smaller than .25 inch by .25 inch. The Equal Housing Opportunity and ADA Logos will be .5 inch by .5 inch in 4 column advertisements and 2 inch by 2 inch in 1/2 page or larger advertisements.

If the AFHMP fails to attract the least likely groups, the plan will be revised and resubmitted to FHEO for approval.

#### 7a. Marketing Staff

What staff positions are/will be responsible for affirmative marketing?

Director of Compliance, Associate Director of Compliance, Compliance Specialist, Portfolio Manager and Community Manager.

#### 7b. Staff Training and Assessment: AFHMP

- (1) Has staff been trained on the AFHMP? Yes
- (2) Has staff been instructed in writing and orally on non-discrimination and fair housing policies as required by 24 CFR 200.620(c)? Yes
- (3) If yes, who provides instruction on the AFHMP and Fair Housing Act, and how frequently?

Internally - Director of Compliance and Section 504 Coordinator; AFHMP - Annually; Fair Housing - Quarterly Externally - Pahl & McCay - AFHMP & FHA - On Demand, not less than Annually

(4) Do you periodically assess staff skills on the use of the AFHMP and the application of the Fair Housing

Act? Yes

(5) If yes, how and how often?

Online Quiz tool, not less than annually

#### 7c. Tenant Selection Training/Staff

- (1) Has staff been trained on tenant selection in accordance with the project's occupancy policy, including any residency preferences?
- (2) What staff positions are/will be responsible for tenant selection?

Director of Compliance, Associate Director of Compliance, Compliance Specialist, Portfolio Manager, Community Manager.

#### 7d. Staff Instruction/Training:

Describe AFHM/Fair Housing Act staff training, already provided or to be provided, to whom it was/will be provided, content of training, and the dates of past and anticipated training. Please include copies of any AFHM/Fair Housing staff training materials.

Fair Housing Office Staff: Training is provided to Community Managers, Assistant Community Managers, Portfolio Managers and Compliance staff. Most recent training 6/5/2024 hosted by Karen McCay of Spencer Fane. Topics included fair housing laws (federal, state, local), protected classes, assistance animals and reasonable accommodation and modifications.

Fair Housing Basics for Maintenance: Training provided to Maintenance Staff on 6/5/2024 hosted by Servando Sandoval of Spencer Fane. Topics included: Basic Fair Housing Laws (federal, state, local), protected classes, reasonable modifications and accommodations, and typical questions and dilemmas faced by maintenance personnel. and Director of Maintenance.

8. Additional Considerations Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your AFHMP to help ensure that your program is marketed to those least likely to apply for housing in your project? Please attach additional sheets, as needed.

In order to provide equal opportunities for our applicants, it is considered to be a lottery opportunity through the City and County of San Francisco, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development on-line lottery system, DAHLIA (Database of Affordable Housing Listings, Information, and Applications)

#### 9. Review and Update

By signing this form, the applicant/respondent agrees to implement its AFHMP, and to review and update its AFHMP in accordance with the instructions to item 9 of this form in order to ensure continued compliance with HUD's Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Regulations (see 24 CFR Part 200, Subpart M). I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (See 18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802).

Signature of person submitting this Plan & Date of Submission (mm/dd/yyyy)

12/19/2024	
Name (type or print) Carol Frank	
Title & Name of Company	
Associate Director of Compliance, CCH	
For HUD-Office of Housing Use Only Reviewing Official:	For HUD-Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Use Only
	X Approval Disapproval
	<b>J.M. Madaraka</b> 01/29/2025
Signature & Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Signature & Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Name (type or print)	Name (type or print) Jelani M. Madaraka
Title	Title Chief, Program Compliance Branch

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average six (6) hours per initial response, and four (4) hours for updated plans, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not collect this information, and you are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

**Purpose of Form**: All applicants for participation in FHA subsidized and unsubsidized multifamily housing programs with five or more units (see 24 CFR 200.615) must complete this Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan (AFHMP) form as specified in 24 CFR 200.625, and in accordance with the requirements in 24 CFR 200.620. The purpose of this AFHMP is to help applicants offer equal housing opportunities regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability. The AFHMP helps owners/agents (respondents) effectively market the availability of housing opportunities to individuals of both minority and non-minority groups that are least likely to apply for occupancy. Affirmative fair housing marketing and planning should be part of all new construction, substantial rehabilitation, and existing project marketing and advertising activities.

An AFHM program, as specified in this Plan, shall be in effect for each multifamily project throughout the life of the mortgage (24 CFR 200.620(a)). The AFHMP, once approved by HUD, must be made available for public inspection at the sales or rental offices of the respondent (24 CFR 200.625) and may not be revised without HUD approval. This form contains no questions of a confidential nature.

**Applicability**: The form and worksheets must be completed and submitted by all FHA subsidized and unsubsidized multifamily housing program applicants.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

#### Send completed form and worksheets to your local HUD Office, Attention: Director, Office of Housing

#### Part 1: Applicant/Respondent and Project

**Identification**. Blocks 1a, 1b, 1c, 1g, 1h, and 1i are self-explanatory.

Block 1d- Respondents may obtain the Census tract number from the U.S. Census Bureau (<u>http://factfinder2.census.gov/main.html</u>) when completing Worksheet One.

Block 1e- Respondents should identify both the housing market area and the expanded housing market area for their multifamily housing projects. Use abbreviations if necessary. A **housing market area** is the area from which a multifamily housing project owner/agent may reasonably expect to draw a substantial number of its tenants. This could be a county or Metropolitan Division. The U.S. Census Bureau provides a range of levels to draw from.

An **expanded housing market area** is a larger geographic area, such as a Metropolitan Division or a Metropolitan Statistical Area, which may provide additional demographic diversity in terms of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability.

Block 1f- The applicant should complete this block only if a Managing Agent (the agent cannot be the applicant) is implementing the AFHMP.

#### Part 2: Type of AFHMP

Block 2a- Respondents should indicate the status of the AFHMP, i.e., initial or updated, as well as the date of the first approved AFHMP. Respondents should also provide the reason (s) for the current update, whether the update is based on the five-year review or due to significant changes in project or local demographics (See instructions for Part 9).

Block 2b- Respondents should identify all groups HUD has approved for occupancy in the subject project, in accordance with the contract, grant, etc.

Block 2c- Respondents should specify the date the project was/will be first occupied.

Block 2d- For new construction and substantial rehabilitation projects, advertising must begin at least 90 days prior to initial occupancy. In the case of existing projects, respondents should indicate whether the advertising will be used to fill existing vacancies, to place individuals on the project's waiting list, or to re-open a closed waiting list. Please indicate how many people are on the waiting list when advertising begins.

#### Part 3 Demographics and Marketing Area.

"Least likely to apply" means that there is an identifiable presence of a specific demographic group in the housing market area, but members of that group are not likely to apply for the housing without targeted outreach, including marketing materials in other languages for limited English proficient individuals, and alternative formats for persons with disabilities. Reasons for not applying may include, but are not limited to, insufficient information about housing opportunities, language barriers, or transportation impediments.

Block 3a - Using Worksheet 1, the respondent should indicate the demographic composition of the project's residents, current project applicant data, census tract, housing market area, and expanded housing market area. The applicable housing market area and expanded housing market area should be indicated in Block 1e. Compare groups within rows/across columns on Worksheet 1 to identify any under-represented group(s) relative to the surrounding housing market area and expanded housing market area, i.e., those group(s) "least likely to apply" for the housing without targeted outreach and marketing. If there is a particular group or subgroup with members of a protected class that has an identifiable presence in the housing market area, but is not included in Worksheet 1, please specify under "Other."

Respondents should use the most current demographic data from the U.S. Census or another official source such as a local government planning office. Please indicate the source of your data in Part 8 of this form.

Block 3b - Using the information from the completed Worksheet 1, respondents should identify the demographic group(s) least likely to apply for the housing without special outreach efforts by checking all that apply.

## Part 4 - Marketing Program and Residency Preference (if any).

Block 4a - A residency preference is a preference for admission of persons who reside or work in a specified geographic area (see 24 CFR 5.655(c)(1)(ii)). Respondents should indicate whether a residency preference is being utilized, and if so, respondents should specify if it is new, revised, or continuing. If a respondent wishes to utilize a residency preference, it must state the preference area (and provide a map delineating the precise area) and state the reason for having such a preference. The respondent must ensure that the preference is in accordance with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity requirements in 24 CFR 5.105(a) (see 24 CFR 5.655(c)(1)). Respondents should use Worksheet 2 to show how the percentage of the eligible population living or working in the residency preference area compares to that of residents of the project, project applicant data, census tract, housing market area, and expanded housing market area. The percentages would be the same as shown on completed Worksheet 1.

Block 4b - Using Worksheet 3, respondents should describe their use of community contacts to help market the project to those least likely to apply. This table should include the name of a contact person, his/her address, telephone number, previous experience working with the target population(s), the approximate date contact was/will be initiated, and the specific role the community contact will play in assisting with affirmative fair housing marketing or outreach.

Block 4c - Using Worksheet 4, respondents should describe their proposed method(s) of advertising to market to those least likely to apply. This table should identify each media option, the reason for choosing this media, and the language of the advertisement. Alternative format(s) that will be used to reach persons with disabilities, and logo(s) that will appear on the various materials (as well as their size) should be described. **Please attach a copy of the advertising or marketing material.** 

## Part 5 – Availability of the Fair Housing Poster, AFHMP, and Project Site Sign.

Block 5a - The Fair Housing Poster must be prominently displayed in all offices in which sale or rental activity takes place (24 CFR 200.620(e)). Respondents should indicate all locations where the Fair Housing Poster will be displayed.

Block 5b -The AFHMP must be available for public inspection at the sales or rental office (24 CFR 200.625). Check all of the locations where the AFHMP will be available.

Block 5c -The Project Site Sign must display in a conspicuous position the HUD-approved Equal Housing Opportunity logo, slogan, or statement (24 CFR 200.620(f)). Respondents should indicate where the Project Site Sign will be displayed, as well as the size of the Sign and the size of the logo, slogan, or statement. **Please submit photographs of project site signs.** 

#### Part 6 - Evaluation of Marketing Activities.

Respondents should explain the evaluation process to be used to determine if they have been successful in attracting those individuals identified as least likely to apply. Respondents should also explain how they will make decisions about future marketing activities based on the evaluations.

#### Part 7- Marketing Staff and Training.

Block 7a -Respondents should identify staff positions that are/will be responsible for affirmative marketing.

Block 7b - Respondents should indicate whether staff has been trained on the AFHMP and Fair Housing Act. Please indicate who provides the training and how frequently. In addition, respondents should specify whether they periodically assess staff members' skills in using the AFHMP and in applying the Fair Housing Act. They should state how often they assess employee skills and how they conduct the assessment.

Block 7c - Respondents should indicate whether staff has been trained on tenant selection in accordance with the project's occupancy policy, including residency preferences (if any). Respondents should also identify those staff positions that are/will be responsible for tenant selection.

Block 7d - Respondents should include copies of any written materials related to staff training, and identify the dates of past and anticipated training.

#### Part 8 - Additional Considerations.

Respondents should describe their efforts not previously mentioned that were/are planned to attract those individuals least likely to apply for the subject housing.

#### Part 9 - Review and Update.

By signing the respondent assumes responsibility for implementing the AFHMP. Respondents must review their AFHMP every five years or when the local Community Development jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan is updated, or when there are significant changes in the demographics of the project or the local housing market area. When reviewing the plan, the respondent should consider the current demographics of the housing market area to determine if there have been demographic changes in the population in terms of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability. The respondent will then determine if the population least to likely to apply for the housing is still the population identified in the AFHMP, whether the advertising and publicity cited in the current AFHMP are still appropriate, or whether advertising sources should be modified or expanded. Even if the demographics of the housing market area have not changed, the respondent should determine if the outreach currently being performed is reaching those it is intended to reach as measured by project occupancy and applicant data. If not, the AFHMP should be updated. The revised AFHMP must be submitted to HUD for approval. HUD may review whether the affirmative marketing is actually being performed in accordance with the AFHMP. If based on their review, respondents determine the AFHMP does not need to be revised, they should maintain a file documenting what was reviewed, what was found as a result of the review, and why no changes were required. HUD may review this documentation.

#### Notification of Intent to Begin Marketing.

No later than 90 days prior to the initiation of rental marketing activities, the respondent must submit notification of intent to begin marketing. The notification is required by the AFHMP Compliance Regulations (24 CFR 108.15). The Notification is submitted to the Office of Housing in the HUD Office servicing the locality in which the proposed housing will be located. Upon receipt of the Notification of Intent to Begin Marketing from the applicant, the monitoring office will review any previously approved plan and may schedule a pre-occupancy conference. Such conference will be held prior to initiation of sales/rental marketing activities. At this conference, the previously approved AFHMP will be reviewed with the applicant to determine if the plan, and/or its proposed implementation, requires modification prior to initiation of marketing in order to achieve the objectives of the AFHM regulation and the plan.

OMB approval of the AFHMP includes approval of this notification procedure as part of the AFHMP. The burden hours for such notification are included in the total designated for this AFHMP form.

## Worksheet 1: Determining Demographic Groups Least Likely to Apply for Housing Opportunities (See AFHMP, Block 3b)

In the respective columns below, indicate the percentage of demographic groups among the project's residents, current project applicant data, census tract, housing market area, and expanded housing market area (See instructions to Block 1e). If you are a new construction or substantial rehabilitation project and do not have residents or project applicant data, only report information for census tract, housing market area, and expanded market area. The purpose of this information is to identify any under-representation of certain demographic groups in terms of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability. If there is significant under-representation of any demographic group among project residents or current applicants in relation to the housing/expanded housing market area, then targeted outreach and marketing should be directed towards these individuals least likely to apply. Please indicate under-represented groups in Block 3b of the AFHMP. **Please attach maps showing both the housing market area and the expanded housing market area**.

Demographic Characteristics	Project's Residents	Project's Applicant Data	Census Tract	Housing Market Area	Expanded Housing Market Area
% White	4.8	0.0	20.3	50.9	49.7
% Black or African American	9.5	13.3	22.4	6.7	9.0
	9.5	0.0	38.0	15.4	23.3
% Asian	81.0	86.7	28.7	38.5	32.4
	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.4	2.4
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.2
%Persons with Disabilities	7.9	6.7	10.4	10.1	11.0
% Families with Children under the age of 18	na	na	45.7	38.8	44.5
Other (specify)			32.6	10.9	19.8

#### Worksheet 2: Establishing a Residency Preference Area (See AFHMP, Block 4a)

Complete this Worksheet if you wish to continue, revise, or add a residency preference, which is a preference for admission of persons who reside or work in a specified geographic area (see 24 CFR 5.655(c)(1)(ii)). If a residency preference is utilized, the preference must be in accordance with the non-discrimination and equal opportunity requirements contained in 24 CFR 5.105(a). This Worksheet will help show how the percentage of the population in the residency preference area compares to the demographics of the project 's residents, applicant data, census tract, housing market area, and expanded housing market area. **Please attach a map clearly delineating the residency preference geographical area**.

Demographic Characteristics	Project's Residents (as determined in Worksheet 1)	Project's Applicant Data (as determined in Worksheet 1)	Census Tract (as determined in Worksheet 1)	Housing Market Area (as determined in Worksheet 1)	Expanded Housing Market Area (as determined in Worksheet 1)	Residency Preference Area (if applicable)
% White	4.8	0.0	20.3	50.9	49.7	
% Black or African American	9.5	13.3	22.4	6.7	9.0	
% Hispanic or Latino	9.5	0.0	38.0	15.4	23.3	
% Asian	81.0	86.7	28.7	38.5	32.4	
% American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.4	2.4	
% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.2	
% Persons with Disabilities	7.9	6.7	10.4	10.1	11.0	
% Families with Children under the age of 18	na	na	45.7	38.8	44.5	
Other (specify)			32.6	10.9	19.8	

#### Worksheet 3: Proposed Marketing Activities -Community Contacts (See AFHMP, Block 4b)

For each targeted marketing population designated as least likely to apply in Block 3b, identify at least one community contact organization you will use to facilitate outreach to the particular population group. This could be a social service agency, religious body, advocacy group, community center, etc. State the names of contact persons, their addresses, their telephone numbers, their previous experience working with the target population, the approximate date contact was/will be initiated, and the specific role they will play in assisting with the affirmative fair housing marketing. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

Targeted Population(s)	Community Contact(s), including required information noted above.
White	Swords to Plowshares, 1060 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 Episcopal Community Services (ECS), 165 Eighth Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103 Nob Hill Association, 235 Montgomery Street, #870, San Francisco, CA 94104
White	The Bar Association of San Francisco: Homeless Advocacy Project, 125 Hyde Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 Jewish Community Center of SF, 3200 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94118
Hispanic or Latino	Instituto Familiar De La Raza, 2919 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94110; info@ifrsf.org Arriba Juntos Center, 1850 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103; info@arribajuntos.org Mission Neighborhood Center, Inc., 362 Capp Street, San Francisco, CA 94110; info@mncsf.org
Black or African American	SFAAFBC - San Francisco African American Faith-Based Coalition 1595 Shafter Ave., SF CA 94124, 415-822-4566 info@sfaafbcoalition.org https://sfaafbcoalition.org/ Glide Memorial Church 330 Ellis Street, San Francisco CA 94102 415-674-6000, info@glide.org
Notes	For all community contacts listed above, their roles will be the same. Once MOHCD approves the marketing plan, we will go live on DAHLIA and our community contacts will be sent an email blast with our flyer and how to apply so our partners can do direct outreach to the community. Contacts are Departments, not specific persons.

Worksheet 4: Proposed Marketing Activities – Methods of Advertising (See AFHMP, Block 4c)

Complete the following table by identifying your targeted marketing population(s), as indicated in Block 3b, as well as the methods of advertising that will be used to market to that population. For each targeted population, state the means of advertising that you will use as applicable to that group and the reason for choosing this media. In each block, in addition to specifying the media that will be used (e.g., name of newspaper, television station, website, location of bulletin board, etc.) state any language(s) in which the material will be provided, identify any alternative format(s) to be used (e.g. Braille, large print, etc.), and specify the logo(s) (as well as size) that will appear on the various materials. Attach additional pages, if necessary, for further explanation. Please attach a copy of the advertising or marketing material.

Targeted Population(s)→ Methods of Advertising ↓	Targeted Population: Black or African American	<b>Targeted Population:</b> Latino or Hispanic	Targeted Population: White
Newspaper(s) Online ads and >1/4 pg print	San Francisco Bayview National Black Newspaper sfbayview.com	El Tecolote - Spanish - 5 lines - weekends for I month	San Francisco Chronicle
Radio Station(s)			
TV Station(s) na			
Electronic Media See newspaper CCH website and DAHLIA	add url wearecch		
Bulletin Boards na			
Brochures, Notices, Flyers Property Flyer	add from last plan		
Other (specify)			

## **EXHIBIT I – Income and Rents**

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## **EXHIBIT I - Income and Rent Limits**

## **HUD Income and Rent Limits**

San Francisco, CA HUD Metro FMR Area (San Francisco County – 4/1/25)

<b>Income Limits</b>	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons
Extremely Low Income – <b>30%</b>	\$ 40,600	\$ 46,400	\$ 52,200	\$ 58,000	\$ 62,650
Very Low		\$ 77,400	\$ 87,050	\$ 96,700	\$ 104,450
Low Income – <b>80%</b>	\$ 108,300	\$ 123,800	\$ 139,250	\$ 154,700	\$ 167,100

<b>Rent Limits</b>	Studio	One Bed	Two Bed	
Extremely Low Income – <b>30%</b> Max Gross Rent	\$ 1015	\$ 1160	\$ 1315	
Very Low Income – <b>50%</b> Max Gross Rent	\$ 1693	\$ 1935	\$ 2176	
Low Income – <b>80%</b> Max Gross Rent	\$ 2707	\$ 3095	\$ 3481	

## MOHCD Income Limits (2025 HUD Unadjusted AMI)

HH Size	1	2	3	4
VLI - 50%	65,000	74,300	83,600	92,850

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# EXHIBIT J – VAWA Notices, Policies and Forms

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## NOTICE

OF OCCUPANCY RIGHTS UNDER THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

## **CCH MANAGED PROPERTIES**

## TO ALL TENANTS AND APPLICANTS:

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) provides protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. VAWA protections are not only available to women but are available equally to all individuals regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.<sup>1</sup> The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the Federal agency that oversees that \_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is in compliance with VAWA. This notice explains your rights under VAWA. A HUD-approved certification form is attached to this notice. You can fill out this form to show that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and that you wish to use your rights under VAWA."

## **PROTECTIONS FOR APPLICANTS**

If you otherwise qualify for assistance under \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, you cannot be denied admission or denied assistance because you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

## **PROTECTIONS FOR TENANTS**

If you are receiving assistance under\_\_\_\_

you may not be denied assistance, terminated from participation, or be evicted from your rental housing because you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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Also, if you or an affiliated individual of yours is or has been the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking by a member of your household or any guest, you may not be denied rental assistance or occupancy rights under \_\_\_\_\_

solely on the basis of criminal activity directly relating to that domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Affiliated individual means your spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child, or a person to whom you stand in the place of a parent or guardian (for example, the affiliated individual is in your care, custody, or control); or any individual, tenant, or lawful occupant living in your household.

## **REMOVING THE ABUSER OR PERPETRATOR FROM THE HOUSEHOLD**

**CCH Managed Properties** may divide (bifurcate) your lease in order to evict the individual or terminate the assistance of the individual who has engaged in criminal activity (the abuser or perpetrator) directly relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

If **CCH Managed Properties** chooses to remove the abuser or perpetrator, **CCH Managed Properties** may not take away the rights of eligible tenants to the unit or otherwise punish the remaining tenants. If the evicted abuser or perpetrator was the sole tenant to have established eligibility for assistance under the program, **CCH Managed Properties** must allow the tenant who is or has been a victim and other household members to remain in the unit for a period of time, in order to establish eligibility under the program or under another HUD housing program covered by VAWA, or, find alternative housing.

In removing the abuser or perpetrator from the household, **CCH Managed Properties** must follow Federal, State, and local eviction procedures. In order to divide a lease, **CCH Managed Properties** may, but is not required to, ask you for documentation or certification of the

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incidences of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

## **MOVING TO ANOTHER UNIT**

Upon your request, **CCH Managed Properties** may permit you to move to another unit, subject to the availability of other units, and still keep your assistance. In order to approve a request, **CCH Managed Properties** may ask you to provide documentation that you are requesting to move because of an incidence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. If the request is a request for emergency transfer, the housing provider may ask you to submit a written request or fill out a form where you certify that you meet the criteria for an emergency transfer under VAWA. The criteria are:

- 1) You are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. If your housing provider does not already have documentation that you are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, your housing provider may ask you for such documentation, as described in the documentation section below.
- 2) You expressly request the emergency transfer. Your housing provider may choose to require that you submit a form or may accept another written or oral request.
- 3) You reasonably believe you are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if you remain in your current unit. This means you have a reason to fear that if you do not receive a transfer you would suffer violence in the very near future.

## OR

## You are a victim of sexual assault and the assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day

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**period before you request a transfer.** If you are a victim of sexual assault, then in addition to qualifying for an emergency transfer because you reasonably believe you are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if you remain in your unit, you may qualify for an emergency transfer if the sexual assault occurred on the premises of the property from which you are seeking your transfer, and that assault happened within the 90-calendar-day period before you expressly request the transfer.

**CCH Managed Properties** will keep confidential requests for emergency transfers by victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and the location of any move by such victims and their families.

**CCH Managed Properties** emergency transfer plan provides further information on emergency transfers, and **CCH Managed Properties** must make a copy of its emergency transfer plan available to you if you ask to see it.

## DOCUMENTING YOU ARE OR HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT OR STALKING

**CCH Managed Properties** can, but is not required to, ask you to provide documentation to "certify" that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Such request from **CCH Managed Properties** must be in writing, and **CCH Managed Properties** must give you at least 14 business days (Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays do not count) from the day you receive the request to provide the documentation. **CCH Managed Properties** may, but does not have to, extend the deadline for the submission of documentation upon your request.

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You can provide one of the following to **CCH Managed Properties** as documentation. It is your choice which of the following to submit if **CCH Managed Properties** asks you to provide documentation that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

- A complete HUD-approved certification form given to you by CCH Managed Properties with this notice, that documents an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The form will ask for your name, the date, time, and location of the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and a description of the incident. The certification form provides for including the name of the abuser or perpetrator if the name of the abuser or perpetrator is known and is safe to provide.
- A record of a Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local law enforcement agency, court, or administrative agency that documents the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Examples of such records include police reports, protective orders, and restraining orders, among others.
- A statement, which you must sign, along with the signature of an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, a medical professional or a mental health professional (collectively, "professional") from whom you sought assistance in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or the effects of abuse, and with the professional selected by you attesting under penalty of perjury that he or she believes that the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking are grounds for protection.
- Any other statement or evidence that **CCH Managed Properties** has agreed to accept.

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If you fail or refuse to provide one of these documents within the 14 business days, **CCH Managed Properties** does not have to provide you with the protections contained in this notice.

If **CCH Managed Properties** receives conflicting evidence that an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking has been committed (such as certification forms from two or more members of a household each claiming to be a victim and naming one or more of the other petitioning household members as the abuser or perpetrator), **CCH Managed Properties** has the right to request that you provide third-party documentation within thirty 30 calendar days in order to resolve the conflict. If you fail or refuse to provide third-party documentation with the protections contained in this notice.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

**CCH Management** must keep confidential any information you provide related to the exercise of your rights under VAWA, including the fact that you are exercising your rights under VAWA.

**CCH Managed Properties** must not allow any individual administering assistance or other services on behalf of **CCH Managed Properties** (for example, employees and contractors) to have access to confidential information unless for reasons that specifically call for these individuals to have access to this information under applicable Federal, State, or local law.

**CCH Managed Properties** must not enter your information into any shared database or disclose your information to any other entity or individual. **CCH Managed Properties**, however, may disclose the information provided if:

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- You give written permission to **CCH Managed Properties** to release the information on a time limited basis.
- **CCH Managed Properties** needs to use the information in an eviction or termination proceeding, such as to evict your abuser or perpetrator or terminate your abuser or perpetrator from assistance under this program.
- A law requires **CCH Managed Properties** or your landlord to release the information.

VAWA does not limit **CCH Managed Properties** duty to honor court orders about access to or control of the property. This includes orders issued to protect a victim and orders dividing property among household members in cases where a family breaks up.

# REASONS A TENANT ELIGIBLE FOR OCCUPANCY RIGHTS UNDER VAWA MAY BE EVICTED OR ASSISTANCE MAY BE TERMINATED

You can be evicted, and your assistance can be terminated for serious or repeated lease violations that are not related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking committed against you. However, **CCH Managed Properties** cannot hold tenants who have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to a more demanding set of rules than it applies to tenants who have not been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The protections described in this notice might not apply, and you could be evicted, and your assistance terminated, if **CCH Managed Properties** can demonstrate that not evicting you or terminating your assistance would present a real physical danger that:

1) Would occur within an immediate time frame, and

2) Could result in death or serious bodily harm to other tenants or those who work on the property.

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If **CCH Managed Properties** can demonstrate the above, **CCH Managed Properties** should only terminate your assistance or evict you if there are no other actions that could be taken to reduce or eliminate the threat.

# **OTHER LAWS**

VAWA does not replace any Federal, State, or local law that provides greater protection for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. You may be entitled to additional housing protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking under other Federal laws, as well as under State and local laws.

# **NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS NOTICE**

You may report a covered housing provider's violation of these rights and seek additional assistance, if needed, by contacting or filing a complaint with:

# San Francisco Department of Housing and Urban Development

 One Sansome St. Suite 1200
 Phone # 415-489-6400 San

 Francisco, CA 94104
 TTY 1 800-877-8339

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You may view a copy of HUD's final VAWA rule at:

# Federal Register/Vol.81, No.221/Wednesday, November 16, 2016/Rules & Regulations

Additionally, **CCH Managed Properties** must make a copy of HUD's VAWA regulations available to you if you ask to see them.

For questions regarding VAWA, please contact:

# HUD Multifamily Housing OfficeSan Francisco Suite #1200Phone: 1 (415) 489-6400San Francisco, CA 94104

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#### **CCH CALIFORNIA BAY AREA CONTACTS**

For help regarding an abusive relationship, stalking, sexual assault, or restraining orders you may contact the below agencies/resources:

#### San Francisco County

National Domestic	
Violence Hotline	TTY: 1-800-787-3224
Casa De Las Madres	24 HOUR CHRISIS LINE 1-800-503-1850
Domestic Violence	4333 California Street
Treatment Centers	1 (415) 221 – 1234
Cuav Community United	427 S. Van Ness Avenue
Against Violence	1 (415) 777 – 5500
Asian Women's Shelter	3543 18 <sup>th</sup> Street; #19
	1 (415) 751 – 7100
Futures without Violence	100 Montgomery Street
	1 (415) 678 - 5500
911 and/or National Sexual	1 (800) 656 – HOPE
Assault Hotline	
San Francisco Women Against Rape's	1 (415) 647 – 7273
24-hour hotline	
Address Confidentiality PO Bo Safe At Home	OX 846; Sacramento, CA 95812 1 (877) 322 – 5227
California Partnership to PO BC	)X 1798; Śacramento, CA 95812

End Domestic Violence Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic (CROC) 1 (916) 444 – 7163 Appointments: 1 (415) 255 – 0165 Business Line: 1 (415) 864 – 1790

CROC assists survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in obtaining restraining orders against their perpetrators. If the parties have children together, CROC also assists in obtaining necessary child custody, visitation, and support orders

For tenants who are or have been victims of stalking seeking help may visit

the National Center for Victims of Crime's Stalking Resource Center at:

https://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center

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# **EXHIBIT K – Transfer Policies and Forms**

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# **Transfer Policies and Forms**

## **Policy Statement**

CCH has apartments of varying size, layout, and design to accommodation our residents. When management receives a request to transfer due to changes in a household's circumstances and needs, several factors must be taken into consideration so that limited resources are used tin the best interest of the community. This policy also ensures that transfers are handled in accordance with regulatory guidelines, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements.

# **Policy Objective & Revisions**

The purpose of this policy is to define the conditions under which a resident or household may transfer from one apartment to another. The procedure establishes how the transfer is accomplished.

This policy may be superseded by requirements from HUD, other applicable regulatory agencies, or by Federal 504 regulations. We reserve the right to make modifications to this policy as necessary.

### **Transfer List Maintenance and Administration**

When a suitable unit is not available for immediate occupancy by a household with an approved transfer request, they will be placed on the Waiting List with a preference as a Current Resident waiting for a Transfer. Transfer requests will be placed on the Waiting List and considered in the order received, based upon suitable unit availability.

When a suitable unit becomes available, occupied households on the Waiting List will be housed appropriately before an applicant will be selected from the Waiting List. This will be done in chronological order,



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based upon the date the Transfer Request was submitted. In this manner, management will avoid displacing current residents whose housing needs have changed since admission. Exceptions to this include Emergency and Reasonable Accommodations Transfers, which will be given priority. Residents must move within 30 days after the owner notifies the family that a unit of the required size/features is available within the property.

# **Mandatory Transfers**

#### Emergency

When an immediate, verifiable threat to life, health or safety of the resident or family members, such as an uninhabitable unit due to fire, flood, etc., or VAWA. Residents requesting a VAWA transfer will also be provided with the VAWA Emergency Tenant Transfer Plan.

#### **Reasonable Accommodations**

When the need for an accessible unit, ground floor unit, verified medical need for a specific unit type and all other Reasonable Accommodations.

#### Accessible Unit

When a non-disabled household is residing in an accessible unit and there is a disabled household in need of the accessible unit, or when a specific accessible feature(s) of a unit not required for the occupying household are required for a disabled housing.

### **Household Composition**

When households require either a larger or smaller unit due to changes in the household size and/or composition based on regulatory and CCH Occupancy Guidelines.

# Administrative Transfers

Transfers determined to be necessary, business-related by CCH for the property or unit to remain in compliance with regulatory requirements,





court orders, conflict resolutions, or warranted by modernization and rehabilitation activities.

# **Voluntary Transfers**

Voluntary Transfers are defined by CCH as transfers desired by in-place households for any reason other than Mandatory and Administrative Transfers. CCH does not approve nor process Voluntary Transfers.

# **Transfer Priorities**

Transfers will generally be processed in the following order:

- 1. VAWA Transfers
- 2. Emergency Transfers
- 3. Reasonable Accommodations Transfers
- 4. Accessible Unit Transfers
- 5. Household Composition Transfers
- 6. Administrative Transfers

# **Costs Associate with Transfers**

Costs will be borne by the resident except in cases related to Reasonable Accommodation or as stipulated in the Accessible Apartment Transfer Agreement.

# **Transfer Offers**

CCH will provide an offer of a suitable transfer unit in writing; the requestor will have 5 calendar days to accept or refuse for good cause. CCH will make a 2<sup>nd</sup> offer of a suitable transfer unit in writing, the requestor will have 5 calendar days to accept or refuse for good cause.





Emergencies, Reasonable Accommodations, Accessible Units, and Household Composition transfers are NOT eligible for refusal of transfer unit offers.

# **Rejection of Offers**

If two offers are refused, the requestor will lose their current position, will be taken off the Transfer Waiting List, and must submit a new request in order to be processed or offered other transfer units. Extenuating circumstances may be considered to grant an exception to this policy.



# OPERATIONS TRANSFERS



**REQUEST FORM AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** 

#### TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

# **A BASIC INFO**

Date of Request

Property Name

Unit Number

Household Name

Phone Number

Email

# B TRANSFER OPPORTUNITIES, please check only one: MADATORY

- <u>Emergency</u>: For an immediate, verifiable threat to life, health or safety of the resident or family members.
- □ <u>Reasonable Accommodations</u>: For an accessible unit, ground floor unit, verified medical need for a specific unit type.
- □ <u>Accessible Unit</u>: When a non-disabled household is residing in an accessible unit/specific accessible feature(s) of a unit and there is a disabled household in need of such a unit.
- Household Composition: When households require either a larger or smaller unit due to changes in the household size/ composition based on CCH/regulatory occupancy guidelines.

# ADMINISTRATIVE

Transfers determined to be necessary, business-related by CCH for the property or unit to remain in compliance with regulatory requirements, court orders, conflict resolutions, or warranted by modernization and rehabilitation activities.

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#### OPERATIONS TRANSFERS



**REQUEST FORM AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** 

#### TRANSFER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**C** Residents requesting/requiring a transfer must meet the eligibility requirements per the Transfer Policy. Residents who have three or more lease violations of the following types within the past three years may be denied the opportunity to transfer: (1) Damage of property; (2) Failure to pay rent on a timely basis; (3) Violating peaceful enjoyment of neighbors; (4) Failure to keep unit safe and sanitary; or (5) Violation of the Smoke Free Living Policy

# D Tenant(s) Signature & Date

By signing below, you understand that each community administers transfers per the established Transfer Policy, which is available for your review, certain transfers are given priority over others, and there may be charges associated with a transfer.

Printed Name #1

Signature

Date

#### TO BE COMPLETED BY MANAGEMENT (After previous sections completed)

1 Management *received notice* on (date & timestamp if available):

2	Security <b>Deposit(s)</b> o	n file:	
	+ Security Deposit	Pet Deposit	= Total Deposit On Hand
3	Transfer details: □ Yes □ No Unit Inspection Passed/Attach	New Unit Number	Denied// Deny or Date of Approved Transfer
4	Management Signatu	re & Date	
	Printed Name	Signature	Date

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# **EXHIBIT L – Live-In Aide Policies and Forms**

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# **Live-In Aide Policies and Forms**

# **Policy Statement**

It is unlawful to refuse to make Reasonable Accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services, when such accommodations may be necessary to afford a person with disabilities equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling unit, including public and common use areas. All CCH Communities must apply the Live-In Aide Policy in cases where a Reasonable Accommodation has been requested to allow a person with disabilities to have an aide live in their apartment to provide essential care. This Aide must not be obligated for the individual's support, and would not be living in the unit except to provide the support services.

# **Policy Objective**

Federal, state, and local civil rights laws all require the landlord's reasonable accommodation applicants and residents with disabilities; these laws apply to persons with both physical and mental disabilities. When a resident or applicant requests a Reasonable Accommodation to have a Live-In Aide, management must follow established procedures to ensure that he Live-In Aide meets applicable resident selection criteria and is aware of all rules and obligations that accompany residing on the premises. The Live-In Aide Policy attempt to place responsibility for the aide's selection, delivery of services, and conduct with the resident while not limiting or impairing the rights of the person with disabilities or violating Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the Fair Housing Act.

# Purpose of a Live-In Aide

A Live-In Aide is permitted by the Landlord to occupy the Resident's apartment as a reasonable accommodation to the Resident's disability only as long as the Resident requires the services of a Live-In Aide to be able to successfully live in these premises, perform daily living





activities, and meet the lease terms. At any time should the Resident no longer need the services of the Live-In Aide, the Resident shall ensure that the aide immediately move from the Resident's apartment. The need for a Live-In Aide must be third party verified with a reliable health care provider.

#### **Prior Approval Required**

To be permitted to occupy the apartment, the Live-In Aide must consent to certain background checks (landlord references, sex offender, criminal background, and eviction) and successfully meet the relevant criteria as set forth in the Resident Selection Criteria. The proposed aide must attend an interview with management and fill out an application and questionnaire. The following documents must be completed and filed with management prior to aide move-in: Live-In Aide Request Form, Live-In Aide Agreement, and the Live-In Aide Addendum to the Resident's Lease Agreement. *Persons already living with the resident (i.e. spouse, etc.) cannot be classified as Live-In Aides since they do not meet the third part of the Live-In Aide definition.* 

#### Live-In Aide Rights of Occupancy

The Live-In Aide qualifies for occupancy only as long as the Resident needs supportive services and remains a Resident. The Live-In Aide has no rights to occupancy, even if the Live-In Aide is a family member of the Resident, and may not qualify for continued occupancy as a remaining family member.

#### **Apartment Size**

The presence of a Live-In Aide is considered in determining the appropriate apartment size for a household. The addition of a Live-In Aide in a household is considered a "Change in Family Composition" for purposes of the Transfer Policy.





# Legal and Financial Responsibility of Residents

As the Resident and the employer of the Live-In Aide who will occupy the Resident's apartment, the Resident has the following legal and financial duties:

- Resident agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold Landlord harmless from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, judgments, and demands brought by any other party on account of or in connection with any activity or damage caused by the Live-In Aide.
- Resident ensures that the Live-In Aide abides by all lease terms and with Landlord's House Rules and other regulations. If Resident learns of violations by the Live-In Aide, the Resident will immediately terminate services of the Live-In Aide and remove the Live-In Aide from the premises.
- Resident understand that the Live-In aide is considered an employee of the Resident and as such, the Resident is responsible for the actions of the Live-In Aide while on the premises. The Live-In Aide's violations of the lease terms and Landlord's House Rules and other regulations could result in the termination of the Resident's Lease.

#### **Resident's Absence from Unit**

Because the Live-In Aide occupies the apartment only to provide services to the Resident, if the Resident is absent from the apartment for more than two weeks (14 days and/or nights), the Live-In Aide will vacate the Resident's apartment and shall not occupy the apartment until the Resident returns.

### **Recertification of Need for Live-In Aide**

The Landlord has the right to annually recertify the Resident's need for the continued occupancy by the Live-In Aide. Upon request, the Resident agrees to provide Landlord with any information necessary to confirm their continued need of the services of the Live-In Aide.





#### **Temporary Aides**

In some instances, a resident may require a Live-In Aide more quickly than an aide can be approved through the screening process. Examples of this would be a rapid change in health status or release from the hospital. To accommodation emergency needs, management can consider this person a "guest" until the appropriate procedure can be followed.

# **Procedures**

#### **Responding to Requests**

If a resident or applicant inquires about having a Live-In Aide, provide them with a Live-In Aide Policy, Live-In Aide Request Form, and "Need a Social Service Coordinator?" form. If they require an accommodation in terms or reading any of these documents, please offer assistance. Answer questions about the policy but be careful never to ask them to reveal their disability.

#### Verifying the Need

If an applicant or resident decides they would like to have a Live-In Aide, fill out the CCH "Verification for Live-In Aide" form and directly mail it to a healthcare provider deemed a reliable source. The healthcare provider may be a physician, care worker, or representative of the Center for Independent Living, for example. Do not accept a note from the provider. Instead explain that you are required to use the CCH form and that it must be done "third party". Need for the Live-in Aide should be verified annually.

### **Qualifying a Live-In Aide**

*If a negative verification* is received, the resident should receive a "Response to Live-In Aide Request" letter and be referred to a Service Coordinator for assistance in hiring a chore worker.





#### If a positive verification is received:

- The Social Service Coordinator should offer assistance in procuring an aide and provide a copy of "How to Hire Helpers".
- The Administrator sets up an interview with the resident and proposed live-in aide. The aide should be given the questionnaire to fill out in advance of the interview and should be advised to bring photo identification. During the interview, the Administrator:
  - Gives an overview of the policy, procedure, and requirements to reside on the premises
  - Reviews the answers provided on the Live-In Aide Questionnaire
  - Photocopies proof of identification; and
  - Secures signatures from the aide on the release portion of the CCH Landlord Reference Form (cross out questions related to paying rent) and the Applicant/Resident Consent Form (for background screening).
- The Administrator performs landlord reference, criminal background, sex offender, and eviction checks. The cost of this screening is a community expense no expense to the resident or live-in aide.

### Rejecting a Live-In Aide

The resident's choice of a Live-In Aide may be rejected by management if:

- The responses to the Questionnaire are not acceptable
- The Landlord References do not meet our criteria for residency;
- The proposed aide cannot provide proof of identity;
- The criminal sex offender background or eviction check does not meet our criteria for residency.





The Administrator must notify the resident of the rejection using the "Response to Live-In Aide Request" letter.

### Accepting a Live-In Aide

If the live-in aide meets the criteria listed above, the Administrator provides written approval by using the "Response to Live-In Aide Request" letter.

Another meeting is set up to:

- Accept the signed and notarized Live-In Aide Agreement (NOTE: Notarization is a site expense);
- Have the resident sign the Lease Addendum for Live-In Aide;
- Provide copies of these documents to the Resident and Live-In Aide. Also, provide the live-in aide with a copy of the lease, house rules, resident handbook and any pertinent policies;
- Discuss parking rules and logistics and gather vehicle information from aide (if applicable);
- Provide keys to Live-In Aide and obtain a signed receipt; and
- Discuss the need for a larger apartment (if any exist) and provide Request for Transfer form (if applicable).

The "For Management Use Only" portion of the Live-In Aide Request form is completed and all live-in aide documents are filed in the resident file according to the CCH "Resident File Set-up". (NOTE: The Addendum is separate from the rest of the documents).

An Interim Recertification is done to indicate occupancy of the live-in aide. In-House Communities should send a Community Control Sheet to their Compliance Representative to process this IR. Please attach all required documents.





#### **SECTION 1 – INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS**

If you require assistance in completing this form, please let us know and we will assist. You may request a Live-In Aide as a reasonable accommodation request under the Fair Housing Act and in order for an individual to qualify as a Live-In Aide, you must:

- meet the definition of a "person with disabilities" set by the Fair Housing Act; and
- require a Live-In Aide in order to successfully live in this community, perform daily living activities, and meet the lease terms; and
- have all information verified through a health care professional

### **SECTION 2 – REQUESTOR INFORMATION**

Α	Full Name:	
В	Property:	Unit #:
С	Phone #:	Date of Birth:
D	Email:	
D	questionnaire be scree this property will only co this property, and shou	request the individual identified in the ned as your Live-In Aide, understand that onsider if the individual is suitable to live at Id they be approved, they will have no right for any reason, you should leave.
Ε	Signature:	Date:

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	Name:					
В	Address:					Unit:
С	City:					State/Zip:
D	Phone:				Mobile:	
Ε	- Gender:		DOB	:		SSN:
F	Are you a	relative?	□ No	□ Yes	lf yes, h	now:
G	Are you en	ployed?	□ No	□ Yes	lf yes, p	lease complete H-I
Н	Employer:					City:
I	Address:					State/Zip:
J	Phone:			Emp	oloy Date	es:

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### SECTION 2 – PROPOSED LIVE-IN AIDE INFORMATION (CONT'D)

K Please provide 2 years of residential history by completing the below section (attach additional pages if needed).

L1	Address:		Unit:		
M1	City:		State/Zip:		
N1	Phone:	Dates:	-		
01	Landlord:		Phone:		
P1	Address:		State/Zip:		
L2	Address:		Unit:		
M2	City:		State/Zip:		
N2	Phone:	Dates:			
02	Landlord:		Phone:		
P2	Address:		State/Zip:		
Q	Have you be	een evicted within the past 5 years	s? E	] Yes [	] No
R	Have you be within the pa	een in any legal/criminal/civil actions for a statement of the second seco	ns E	] Yes	□ No
S	Are you lister registration?	ed on any state's sex offender	0	] Yes	□ No
т	Do you illeg abuse alcoh	s or E	] Yes	□ No	

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#### OPERATIONS LIVE-IN AIDES QUESTIONNAIRE



S	ECTION 2 – PROPOSED LIVE-IN AIDE INFORMATION	ON (CONT'D)	
U	Do you agree to abide by all Lease terms and the	□ Yes □ No	
. /	Landlord's House/Community rules and regulations?		
V	Do you understand that your occupancy will be	□ Yes □ No	
	terminated should you fail to comply with the		
	Landlord's House/Community rules and regulations?		
W	Do you agree to vacate the unit during any time		
	period during which the Tenant is absent from the	□ Yes □ No	
	unit for longer than two weeks (14 days and/or		
	nights)?		
Χ	Do you understand that you are occupying this		
	property only to provide personal care services to	□ Yes □ No	
	the Requestor, and therefore, have no rights to		
	continued occupancy of the Tenant's unit should the		
	Tenant vacate for any reason?		

- Y I understand that the information provided will be used to determine my eligibility to live on this property as a Live-In Aide and I authorize the owner to verify all information provided on this form, which may be released to appropriate federal, state, or local agencies. I certify that the statement made are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that false statement are punishable under federal law and may result in denial of my Live-In Aide status.
- **Z** Signature:

Date:

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#### OPERATIONS LIVE-IN AIDES MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTATION



	SECTION	1 – RESIDENT/	<b>REQUESTOR INF</b>	ORMATION			
Α	Requestor:						
В	Property:		L	Jnit #:			
С	Live-In Aide:						
	<b>6</b>						
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Α	Date Received	1:	By:				
В	Residential History:	□ No □ Yes	Criminal:	□ No □ Yes			
С	Verification:	□ No □ Yes	Sex Offender:	□ No □ Yes			
D	RA/M:	□No □Yes	Effective Date:				
Ε	Comments:						
F	Approved:	□ No □ Yes	Date Approved:				
G	By signing belo approved as a		l identified in the qu	uestionnaire be			
н	Signature:		Dat	e:			

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# EXHIBIT M – Pets & Assistance Animals Policies and Forms

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# **Pets & Assistance Animals Policies and Forms**

# **Policy Statements**

#### **Pet Policy**

A resident will be permitted to own or otherwise maintain one or more common household pets (animals) within the resident's dwelling unit, subject to applicable state laws and local government ordinances related to public health, animal control, and animal anticruelty.

#### **Assistance Animal Policy**

It is unlawful to refuse to make Reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services, when such accommodations may be necessary to afford a disabled person equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling unit, including public and common use areas. All CCH Managed Communities must apply the Assistance Animal Policy in cases where a Reasonable Accommodation has been made to allow a disabled resident or applicant to keep an animal on the premises which specifically provides assistance or benefit related to the disability.

# **Selection Criteria**

Only one dog or cat will be allowed per apartment. The maximum size of a fully-grown dog should be no more than 25 pounds. Dogs and cats should be spayed or neutered.

A maximum of two birds is allowed and must be kept in appropriate cages.

The maximum aquarium size for fish is 20 gallons.

The maximum number of small animals (gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, mice, etc.) is two and these animals must be kept in an appropriately sized cage.

Assistance Animals may be exempt from the above criteria.



## **Acceptance of Animals**

Prior to the animal being kept in the Resident's dwelling unit:

- Residents must sign the Pets & Assistance Animals Agreement.
- Residents must sign the Animal Information Record(s).
- Residents with Assistance Animals must complete the CCH Reasonable Accommodation process (Management Request and Certification of Need).
- Each animal requiring a license must be licensed and have the tag on its collar; licenses must be renewed as required by law.
- Residents must provide proof of all inoculations and vaccinations that are required by law and kept current according to all legal requirements.
- Residents must provide proof of neutering or spaying of all dogs and cats.
- Residents must agree that the animal will be confined/under resident control when entering or leaving the premises.
- Residents must agree not to take the animal to any area of the building or community where not permitted.
- Resident must agree to an annual review of compliance with all federal, state, and local laws concerning animals.

# Care of Animals

#### **General Requirements**

Each resident having an animal in their apartment will be responsible for daily cleaning of the area used by the animal. The resident must maintain the dwelling unit in a clean, sanitary, odor, and vermin free condition.





#### **Birds**

Birds must be kept in a proper cage at all times. The floor area around and under the cage must be protected.

#### Fish

Aquariums must be cleaned and maintained according to acceptable standards of fish culture. The aeration, filtering, heating, and other necessary apparatus must be installed and maintained according to prevailing electrical codes.

#### **Dogs and Cats**

Every dog or cat must be kept on a harness or leash while outside the apartment and under the control of an adult who is able to restrain it. No animal may be left or tethered outside the dwelling unit. No doghouses, animal runs, etc. will be permitted anywhere on the premises. Flea control is required as part of the ongoing care of dogs and cats, residents may be required to provide proof of flea treatments.

# **Financial Obligations**

Every resident or applicant requesting to have an animal, must place an Animal Deposit with Management in the amount of \$300.00 – Assistance Animals do not need to pay an Animal Deposit. This deposit will be retained in a special account. If the animal is denied, the deposit will be returned along with a reason for the denial. When the pet is no longer in the dwelling unit, or when the resident moves out, the deposit will be returned after an inspection for damages and any charges have been deducted. Any damages over the Animal Deposit will be billed to the resident. Payment plans to accumulate the Animal Deposit may be authorized by CCH management, with an initial payment not less than \$100 when the pet is brought on the premises, and subsequent monthly payment not less than \$25 per month until the amount of the deposit is reached.





#### **Liability Insurance**

Owners of animals are urged to secure a liability insurance policy to protect themselves in case their animal injures someone.

# Registration

All residents are required to register their pets with CCH Management, the animal must be registered before it is brought onto the premises, and registration must be updated at least annually, included with the annual recertification of tenancy.

The registration will include: (1) A certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian or a State or local authority empowered to inoculate animals (or designated agent of such an authority) stating that the animal has received all inoculations required by applicable State and local law; (2) Information sufficient to identify the animal and to demonstrate that it is a common household pet; and (3) the name, address, and phone number of one or more responsible parties who will care for the animal when and if the resident is unable to.

Management may refuse permission to keep an animal if: (1) the animal is not a common household pet; (2) if the keeping of the animal would violate any applicable house/pet rule; (3) the resident fails to provide complete, or fails to annually update, the Animal Information Record; (4) if management reasonably determines, based on the resident's habits and practices, that the resident will be unable to keep the animal in compliance with the animal rules and other lease obligations.

# Health, Safety, and Welfare

The resident is responsible for the action of their animal at all times and agrees to abide by the following rules:

• No animal will be allowed to disturb the rights, comfort and convenience of neighbors or other occupants, whether the animal is inside or outside of a dwelling unit.



#### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ANIMALS PETS AND ASSISTANCE ANIMALS POLICIES



- Dogs and cats must be house broken and all other animals must be caged at all times.
- No offspring or baby pets of any type are allowed.
- Animals shall not be tied to any fixed object outside a dwelling unit, including, without limitation, walkways, stairways, halls, parking lots, lawns, or any part of the complex property. Animals will not be allowed to run loose outside a dwelling unit.
- Where necessary, animals will be allowed to pass through the lobby and halls while being brought into or being taken out of the resident's unit. Animals will not be allowed to remain in any public area of the building.
- Animals are not allowed in the community room, lobby or laundry room.
- A resident or guest shall bring no other animals onto the complex property. Guests may not bring animals onto the property without written approval of management.
- Animals must be fed and watered inside the dwelling unit. Animal food and water may not be left outside a dwelling unit at any time.
- Animals will not be allowed to make noise, create odor, or otherwise disturb the peace of other residents.
- If the resident is going to be away for longer than one day, arrangements, in writing, must be made to provide adequate care for the animal. In the event that appropriate arrangements are not made, the appropriate authorities will be called to take charge of the animal at the expense of the resident.
- In the event that an animal bites or attacks other animals or persons, a report will be made to the appropriate authorities as required by law. Management will also be required to remove the animal from the building if it is determined that it presents a hazard to others.



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- The resident will be responsible for pick up their animal waste (feces) anywhere on the grounds or property and disposing of the waster in a manner that conforms to local sanitary regulations (i.e. in a sealed appropriate container into the garbage). Animals will be allowed to void themselves only in the designated areas:
  - In this area, the resident must pick up and dispose of any feces left by their pet. Failure to properly dispose of waste may result in a fee for cleaning up pet waste in the amount of \$5.00 per occurrence.
- Cat litter MUST be changed at least twice each week.
- Resident's will maintain their animals in such a way that complies with the requirements of all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, including health, housing, and building codes to keep the pets and premises in a clean, sanitary, odor and vermin free condition.

# **Removal of Pets**

When complaints are received and verified by management about violations of the animal rules, the owner of the animal involved will be served written notice of the animal rule violation and asked to meet with management to discuss the violation. The notice will contain:

- A brief factual statement of how the alleged animal violation was determined and the rule that was violated.
- A statement that the animal owner has 10 days to correct the alleged violation, or to make a written request for a meeting to discuss it.
- A statement that the animal owner is entitled to be accompanied by another person of their choice at the meeting.
- A statement that the animal owner's failure to correct the violation, or to request a meeting, or appear at the requested meeting may



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result in the initiation of procedures to terminate the animal owner's tenancy.

If, in the judgment of the Management, the animal becomes a nuisance or annoyance to the other residents or to the public, then at the written direction of the Management, the resident shall remove the animal from the premises permanently.

Any animal that growls at other residents so that the other residents are feeling threatened will be removed from the premises. Should an animal owner dispute reports of unacceptable behavior by their dog, the animal owner may appeal by obtaining a "Canine Good Citizen" certification. Check with the local Humane Society for resources regarding this certification program.

Any animal that causes physical injury to another person will be removed from the premises.

Each resident who has an animal must have a written agreement which states who will be responsible for the animal(s) in case of an emergency (See Exhibit II - Animal Information Record.) The person accepting responsibility must do so in writing. If the person(s) who have agreed to care for the animal(s) fail to do so, appropriate authorities will be called to remove the animal(s) at the expense of the resident who owns the animal.

If the resident is or becomes incapable of caring for their animal, or if such animal is neglectfully cared for or abused, the Management may terminate the resident's authorization to keep the animal and the appropriate legal authorities will be notified.





# **SECTION 1 – INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS**

If you require assistance in completing this form, please let us know and we will assist. Please have the form completed in entirety and signed by the Household Member responsible for the animal(s).

A	Owner Name:							
В	Property:			Unit #:				
С	Phone #:			Date of Birth:				
D	Email:							
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	Weight:	Color:		Type: □ Dog □ Cat □ Oth	er			
	Gender:	Breed:			No			
	Vet/Clinic:			Phone #:				
	Address:			Notes:				

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#### **ANIMAL INFORMATION RECORD**

# SECTION 5 – VACCINATION HISTORY (Page can be copied for additional use)

#### **A** To be updated annually.

В	Animal #	Date	Weight	Cert of Health	Rabies Vacc.	Distemper Vacc.	Other Vacc.	License #

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# **EXHIBIT N – CCH Smoke Free Policies**

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# **Policy Statements**

CCH Properties have been designated as a smoke-free living environment and tenants, staff, guests, and visitors shall not smoke anywhere on the premises (unit, building, common areas). Smoking is also prohibited in all outdoor areas of the community, unless a specific designated smoke area is provided in the lease addendum.

CCH shall post No Smoking signs at entrances, exits, common areas, hallways, and in conspicuous places adjoining the grounds of their properties.

CCH will post any state or local smoking ordinance as an exception exhibit to the property's Resident Selection Criteria.

### Purpose

- 1. To mitigate the irritation and known health effects caused by secondhand smoke.
- 2. The maintenance, cleaning, and redecorating costs attributable to smoking.
- 3. Decrease the increased risk of smoking-related fires to property and personal safety.
- 4. The higher costs of fire insurance for a non-smoke-free building.
- 5. To allow CCH staff the opportunity to perform their job duties in an environment that is nonsmoking.

# **Smoking Definition**

The term "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, water pipe, Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS), vape, or other tobacco product or similarly lighted product in any manner or in any form.





# **Tenants Responsibilities**

- 1. Smoking is prohibited within twenty-five (25) of all housing (doors/entrances, windows, and porches) and administrative office building and maintenance facilities.
- 2. Responsibility for the actions of their household, their guests, and visitors; any tenant, including the members of their household, guests, or visitors will be considered in violation of the lease if found smoking in any CCH facility or unit, or anywhere on the CCH property that is deemed as a nonsmoking area. Visual observation of smoking is not necessary to substantiate a violation of this Smoke-Free Policy. For example, the presence of smoke, tobacco smoke odor, or smoke stains within a unit in combination with butts, ashtrays, or other smoking paraphernalia will be considered significant evidence of a policy violation. Two (2) violations will be considered to be a serious violation of the material terms of the lase and will be cause for curable eviction. In addition, tenant, will be responsible for all costs to remove smoke odor or residue upon any violation of this policy.
- 3. Any deviation from the Smoke-Free Policy by any tenant, a member of their household, or their guest or visitor will be considered a lease violation. A maintenance charge of up to \$250 will be added to the tenant account for each violation of the policy that occurs in the unit, building common areas, or any other non-smoking area on or in the CCH property. Any cigarette butts not properly disposed of may also be cause for a cleaning service charge of up to \$25.
- 4. No smoking signs will be posted both outside and inside the buildings, offices, and common areas of the CCH property. Tenants will be responsible to inform all their household, family, guests, and visitors that their unit is smoke-free and that their housing may be affected by violators.
- 5. If the smell of tobacco smoke is report, CCH will see the source of the smoke and appropriate action will be taken. Tenants are encouraged to promptly give Management staff a written statement of any incident where smoke is migrating into the tenant's unit.





# Grandfathering

CCH allows tenants living in the community at the time the first Smoke-Free Policy was implemented, who were existing smokers, retain the right to smoke in their leased unit only. As these tenants move-out, the Smoke-Free Policy will become effective for that unit.

# Enforcement

If tenants are found to be in violation of the Smoke-Free Policy, the following steps will be taken:

- 1. First Offense the first documented occurrence will result in a warning and counseling to include documentation;
- 2. Second Offense the second documented occurrence will result in a maintenance charge of up to \$250 to the tenant to cover the cost of fumigating, painting, repairing, and/or correcting damage caused by tobacco smoke.
- 3. Third Offense the third documented occurrence will result in Lease termination.

# Complaints

Tenants shall inform their guests of the Smoke-Free policy and promptly give CCH a written statement (complaint) of any incident where tobacco smoke is migrating into the tenant's unit from sources outside the tenant's unit; it should be as specific as possible and include the date, approximate time, location, source, and how it is suspected of entering the unit.

Management should respond to drifting smoke complaints within five (5) business days. CCH declares failure to respond to a complaint filed by a tenant shall be treated as equivalent to failure to respond to a request for maintenance.





# **Disclaimers and Representations**

- 1. CCH's adoption of a smoke-free living environment and the efforts to designate the property as smoke-free, does not make CCH or any of its managing agents the guarantor of Tenant's health or of the smokefree condition of the Tenant's unit and the common areas. CCH shall take reasonable steps to enforce the smoke-free terms of its House Rules and to make the designated areas of the community smokefree. CCH is not required to take steps in response to smoking unless CCH knows of said smoking or has been given written notice of said smoking.
- 2. CCH's adoption of a smoke-free living environment, the efforts to designate the property as smoke-free, does not in any way change the standard of care that CCH would have to a tenant to render buildings and premises designated smoke-free any safer, more habitable, or improved in terms of air quality standards than any other rental property. CCH specifically disclaims any implied or express warranties that the building, common areas, or tenant's unit will have any higher or improved air quality standards than any other rental property. CCH cannot and does not warranty or promise that the rental property or common areas will be free from second hand smoke. CCH's ability to police, monitor, or enforce the agreements of this smoke-free policy is dependent in significant part on voluntary compliance by tenants and their guests.
- 3. Tenants with respiratory ailments, allergies, or any other physical or mental condition relating to smoke are put on notice that CCH does not assume any higher duty of care to enforce this smoke-free policy than any other CCH obligation under the lease.