BOARD OF HOUSING COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05

ANNUAL OPENING OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of Housing Commissioners adopted the Section 8 Housing Administrative Plan (Admin Plan) of the Albuquerque Housing Authority (AHA) to establish an annual application process for applicants seeking admission to the AHA Section 8 Housing Rental Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the AHA Admin Plan indicates that AHA may choose to accept pre-applications in a limited capacity through its application process and for a limited period of time; and

WHEREAS, the level of demand for rental assistance benefits in our community is extremely high; and

WHEREAS, AHA aspires to serve people in need as fast and efficiently as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AHA BOARD OF HOUSING COMMISSIONERS, the governing body of AHA, finds that:

1. This new Resolution supersedes the previously adopted AHA Resolution 2019-01 regarding the application process for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program.
2. There is a well-documented shortage of safe, sanitary and decent housing units currently for rent at rates affordable to low income and extremely low-income persons in the City of Albuquerque.
3. To better serve our community by being wise stewards of limited public resources, AHA will accept pre-applications annually for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program only via online pre-application, and only once a year for a limited time period, after which time pre-applications for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher will not be accepted. Beginning in 2020, the AHA will accept pre-applications online from May 1 to May 31.
4. AHA will also continue to serve an Applicant who is an eligible Military Veteran of the United States of America (USA), who is homeless or at-rick of becoming homeless, and who has also qualified for and is admitted by the United States (U.S.) Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Rental Assistance Program. This process is a separate application screening process conducted through the United States (U.S.) Department of Veteran Affairs (VA).

And be it further resolved that: the Board reserves the right to change this policy in the future.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2020.
BY A VOTE OF 4 FOR, AND 0 AGAINST.

Members Absent: Robinson
Members voting against: _____

ALBUQUERQUE HOUSING AUTHORITY
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By: /s Janet McHard for Rebecca Robinson
Rebecca Robinson, Chairperson of the Board

ATTEST:

/s Linda Bridge
Linda Bridge, Secretary to the Board and Executive Director