BOARD OF HOUSING COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-21

LIMITED INTAKE OF APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING 504-UFAS ACCESSIBLE APARTMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Housing Commissioners adopted the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) of the Albuquerque Housing Authority (AHA) to establish an intake process for applicants seeking admission to the AHA Public Housing Program; and

WHEREAS, the AHA ACOP indicates that AHA may choose to accept pre-applications in a limited capacity and for a limited period of time as the need arises; and

WHEREAS, the current policy has been to accept a very limited number of new pre-applications for admission and that narrow criteria being only for Involuntary Displacement (Public Housing), the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (Section 8 VASH), and/or Nursing Home Transition vouchers (Section 8); and

WHEREAS, the Public Housing Program is estimated to have less than an 18-month waiting time for UFAS Apartments that are designed and have been remodeled to meet the current Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and

WHEREAS, AHA aspires to serve people in need as fast as possible and to keep the waiting list for these programs as short as possible, and the goal is that the waiting lists never be more than two years in length; and

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

1. 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.

2. To better serve our community by being wise stewards of limited public resources, AHA will accept pre-applications for UFAS Accessible units only via on-line pre-application from October 15th through November 30, 2017 after which time pre-applications will not be accepted. AHA will not be accepting pre-applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. AHA will continue to accept new pre-applications, now and after November 30, 2017 for admission from applicants that must meet at least one (1) of these two (2) narrow criteria:

    a. Applicant qualifies for an Involuntary Displacement (Public Housing) preference in public housing and/or

    b. Applicant is an eligible Military Veteran of the United States of America (USA), who is homeless or at-risk 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) Program.

These two (2) narrow criteria for acceptance of a new pre-application for admission are in addition to the regular criteria for admission listed in the AHA ACOP, which will also still apply to all applicants for admission.

And be it further resolved that: the intake of pre-applications for admission to either the AHA Public Housing Program and/or the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance programs may or may not be opened to new applicants in the future, either partially or in full. The intake of applications may be opened with additional eligibility criteria to apply for admission being added on by AHA. The eligibility criteria could be, but are not limited to: only accepting applications for the Public Housing program waiting lists or the Section 8 Housing programs, or age limits, household size limits, income limits, disability status, work requirements, limits on the amount of time to live in a unit or participate in an AHA housing assistance program, Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program participation requirement, etc. These new limits would be imposed by AHA to carefully restrict and limit the intake of any new applications for admission, to achieve an agency policy goal.

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

PASSED and ADOPTED this 20th day of September, 2017.
BY A VOTE OF 3 FOR, AND 0 AGAINST.

Members Absent: D. Todd Clarke, Janet McHard

Members voting against: _____

ALBUQUERQUE HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF HOUSING COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Stephen J. Vogel, Temporary Chairperson of the Board

ATTEST:

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Linda Bridge, Secretary to the Board and Executive Director