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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
SECTION 8 ASSISTED HOUSING PROGRAM

SECTION 8 FAMILY OBLIGATIONS

When your unit is approved and the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contract is signed, your family must follow the rules listed below.

A. THE FAMILY MUST:

1. Provide CORRECT AND ACCURATE INFORMATION, including proof of CITIZENSHIP or eligible IMMIGRATION status, and records about your INCOME and the income of all family members living with you. You must report all income such as wages, unemployment benefits, child support, Social Security, SSI, pensions and all ASSETS such as bank accounts, stocks, bonds, property ownership, whether or not you have income from them. (Live-in aides are exempt from providing information regarding income)

2. Provide any INFORMATION that the Housing Authority or HUD tells you is needed for any reexamination of family income and composition. You and all adult family members must sign forms that allow us to verify income, asset and other information required by the Housing Authority. (Live-in aides are exempt from providing income information.)

3. Provide and verify SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS for all members of your family including live-in aide. This requirement does not apply to individuals who do not contend eligible immigration status.

4. Provide TRUE and COMPLETE information.

5. PAY gas, electric, water or any other utility bill for which you are responsible. PROVIDE and keep in repair any appliances such as a stove or refrigerator which the owner does not provide. REPAIR or pay for damage to the unit caused by any household member or guest. Pay your portion of the rent on time.

6. Allow the Housing Authority to INSPECT your unit at reasonable times after reasonable notice. We will inspect your unit at least once a year.

7. NOTIFY the Housing Authority and the owner IN WRITING before moving out of the unit, or ending the lease. You must get a new voucher before you can move with Section 8. You must give at least 30 days WRITTEN NOTICE if you plan to move from your unit.

8. Immediately give the Housing Authority a copy of any EVICTION NOTICE.

9. Use the section 8 unit as a place to live and ALLOW ONLY THE PEOPLE AUTHORIZED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO LIVE THERE. The unit must be a family's only place of living.

10. Immediately TELL the Housing Authority of the birth, adoption or court-awarded custody of a child. You must ask for and get WRITTEN APPROVAL before any other person (including family members, foster children or live-in aides) can live with you.

11. Immediately NOTIFY the Housing Authority IN WRITING if someone moves out or no longer lives in the unit.

12. Give the Housing Authority any information needed to prove that you or other family members are living in the unit or have moved out of the unit. (You must NOTIFY the Housing Authority of any time that you are away from the unit or expect to be away for more than thirty days.)

B. THE FAMILY MUST NOT:

1. COMMIT any serious or repeated VIOLATION OF THE LEASE.

2. Use your unit mainly as a place of business rather than as a place to live.

3. SIGN OVER the lease to someone else or GIVE the unit to someone else.

4. SUBLEASE or LEASE or charge someone else rent for the unit or a part of the unit.

5. BE AN OWNER of the unit you are living in (unless it is a mobile home) or have any interest in the unit.

6. Commit any FRAUD, bribery or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with the program. Section 487i of the California Penal Code states that any person who defrauds a housing program of a public housing authority of more than four hundred dollars ($400) is guilty of grand theft.

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All members of your family 18 years of age or older must sign this form.

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Signature	Signature	Signature
_____	_____	_____
Date	Date	Date

THE FAMILY MUST NOT (continued):

7. GIVE THE LANDLORD any secret or “under-the-table” money or pay more rent than the Housing Authority allows. If a landlord asks you to pay extra rent, notify your Section 8 Advisor at once.

8. USE DRUGS or take part in other DRUG-RELATED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY or in VIOLENT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. The family must not participate in any other criminal activity that threatens the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of other residents and persons residing in the area near your unit. This applies to your entire household, whether or not you personally take part in the activity or even know about it.

9. ABUSE ALCOHOL in a way that threatens the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of other residents and persons residing near your unit.

10. RECEIVE ANY OTHER HOUSING ASSISTANCE (SUBSIDY) either to live in YOUR UNIT or to LIVE ELSEWHERE while you have Section 8 with us.

GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE

The Housing Authority may deny or take away your Section 8 for any of the following:

1. If you and the members of your household do not follow the family obligations listed above.

2. If as an applicant you or any member of your household is required to have a criminal history record check, but does not sign the consent form or refuses to provide fingerprints if needed.

3. If you or any member of your household must register as a sex offender in any State.

4. If you or any member of your household ever produced or manufactured methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing.

5. If you or any member of your household currently illegally uses drugs, or has a pattern of illegal use that may threaten the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents, or if you are evicted or convicted for drug related criminal activity.

6. If you or any member of your household abuses alcohol or has a pattern of abuse that threatens the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents, or if you are evicted for reasons related to alcohol abuse.

7. If you or any member of your household was evicted or removed for good reason from any of our assisted housing programs (including Section 8) within 5 years of your application interview.

8. If you or any member of your household commits fraud, bribery or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with any federal housing program or has done such things within 10 years of your application interview.

9. If you or any household member owes rent or other amounts to any housing authority in connection with Section 8 or public housing assistance or has not repaid a housing authority for money paid to an owner under a Housing Assistance Payments Contract for rent, damages to the unit or other amounts owed under the lease.

10. If your family breaks a repayment agreement with this or any other housing authority to pay amounts you owe to the housing authority.

11. If you or any member of your household is abusive or violent or makes threats against any Housing Authority employee.

12. If you are in the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program and, for no good reason, you do not follow the rules of your FSS contract.

13. If you are in the Welfare to Work Program and willfully and continually fail to meet your responsibilities under that program.

14. If you or any member of your family does not immediately give the Housing Authority a copy of any letter or notice from HUD that gives information about the amount of income you receive or about verifying family income.

15. If you do not move to another unit when the Housing Authority tells you that your family is too large for the Section 8 unit you are living in (or that your family is too small for its unit in the HOPWA and Shelter Plus Care programs).

16. If you do not accept an offer of assistance with conditions (that provides assistance to some family members but forbids others to live in the unit), or if any adult member of your family does not sign the statement of assistance with conditions, or if you violate the conditions.