# Evesham & Lawnside Court Apartments

109 Mouldy Road, Apt. 1A Lawnside NJ 08045 (856) 547-8982 Fax (856) 547-8985 TTYL 1800-852-7899

# YOU MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- Copy of birth certificate(s) for all household members
- Copy of social security card(s) for all household members
- Proof of id for all member of household 18 years and older
- Proof of income for all members of household 18 years and older (income includes pay stubs for employment (6 most recent), unemployment, self-employment, social security, supplemental security income, welfare, pension funds, alimony/child support payments, educational status, etc.
- Asset Information for all household members 18 years & older 6 months of your most recent banking statement Information for savings and checking accounts; money market funds; trusts; certificates of deposit; stocks and bonds; IRA, Keogh or other retirement and investment accounts, etc. (The name, address, phone number and account number for each financial institution is required.)

No application will be accepted without all the required documentation, there will be NO EXCEPTIONS.





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## RENTAL APPLICATION

## **Waiting List**

The filing of this application, in no way guarantees you an apartment. This application will be processed and upon preliminary approval, you will be added to the waiting list. Upon acceptance from the waiting list, your application will be screened for credit and rental history. The occupancy policy/tenant selection plan for the apartment complexes is located in the office.

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- Asset Information for all household members 18 years & older 6 months of your most recent banking statement information for savings and checking accounts; money market funds; trusts; certificates of deposit; stocks and bonds; IRA, Keogh or other retirement and investment accounts, etc. (The name, address, phone number and account number for each financial institution is required.)

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# PLEASE BRING THIS RENTAL APPLICATION TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Evesham & Lawnside Apartments

109 Mouldy Road, #1A

Lawnside, NJ 08045

If you need assistance with this application due to a disability, please contact:

Jane Mulholland, Community Manager at 856-547-8982

Management office use only:
Application received by:
Date & time received:

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	(Choose one or both pro	operties)
F	Evesham Court Apartments: L	awnside Court Apartments:
	Number of bedrooms prefe	rred:
	Please select the apartment complex you are applying not leave any section blank, even those which do asks for a driver's license and you do not have a driver (not applicable). If you need to make a correct information, then print the correct inform	iver's license, you may enter "none" or "n/a" tion, draw one line through the corrected
2) A:	As head of household, you will complete this application who will live in the apartment,	ation form. Each additional adult (18 & over)
3)	All information on this form be complete and information will cause your household's	correct. False, incomplete, or misleading application to be rejected.
3)	<ol> <li>It is your responsibility to contact us whenever situation, or family size changes. All information.</li> </ol>	er your address, telephone number, income mation must be sent to us in writing.
;	After we accept your application, we will make your household is eligible for housing, your application not guarantee that your household will establishes that your household is not actually eligately application will be rejected. We will process procedure.	the offered an apartment. If later processing the offered an apartment. If later processing the or not actually qualified for housing, your application according to our standing

Section 1001 of title 18 of the U.S Code makes it a criminal offense to make willful, false statements or misrepresentations of any material fact involving the use of or obtaining federal funds.

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Please print - to be filled out by applicant, head of household, and spouse or co-applicant.

Name:		Social security #:
Street address:		
		Zip code:
Home telephone:		Work/cell:
Email Address:		
Name of landlord:	Add	ress of landlord
Landlord's phone number:		Landlord's fax number/email:
<b>Spouse/co-applicant</b> – Full legal n Name:		Social security #:
Street address:		
City:	State:	Zip code:
Iome telephone:		Work/cell:
mail Address:		
lame of landlord:	Address of landlord	

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Waiting List: Race and Ethnicity Reporting

Hud requires Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments to report the race and ethnicity of the head of household for all applicants. We request your cooperation in completing the following questions. This response is optional, and your entry will have no bearing on your eligibility for housing.

Race of head of household (please check one):
White
Black
Native American/Alaskan/Hawaiian
Asian/pacific islander
Ethnicity of household (please check one)
Hispanic
Non-Hispanic

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Waiting List Questionnaire (fill out completely)

1)	Have you, your spouse or co-applicant ever used different names for the names listed on previous page? Yes No If yes, list names used and dates when such names were used:
Υe	Have you, your spouse or co-applicant ever been evicted or removed from housing?  s No If yes, please provide landlords name, address, phone number and e(s):
3)	Does any member of your household receive income from assets, including interest, dividends, stocks or bonds? Yes No
4)	Does any member of your household receive cash from individuals not living with you?  Yes No
5)	Does any member of your household receive money from school aid, scholarships, or educations grans? YesNo
6)	Have you sold or given away any real estate property or other assets in the past two years?  Yes No
7)	Does any adult member of your household attend school full time? YesNo
8)	Does any adult member of your household have a conviction for the manufacture or production of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing?  YesNo
9)	Does any adult member of your household have a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program? YesNo
10)	Does any adult member of your household have a legal permit to carry a concealed weapon?  Yes No If yes, please explain:

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Waiting List: Household Composition

# List all persons, including yourself, who will reside in the apartment

Occupant 1:		
Name:		Relationship:
Age:	Sex:	Date of Birth:
		Driver's license number:
Occupation (if student n	ame of school):	
Occupant 2:		
Name:		
Age:	Sex:	Date of Birth:
		Driver's license number:
Occupation (if student r	name of school):	
Occupant 3:		
Name:		Relationship:
Age:	Sex:	Date of Birth:
Social Security #:		Driver's license number:
Occupation (if student	name of school):	
Occupant 4:		
Name:		
Age:	Sex:	Date of Birth:
Social Security #:		Driver's license number:
Occupation (if student		

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Waiting List: Income from Employment

List all full-time, part-time and/or seasonal employment for head of household, spouse, co-applicant and other household members aged 18 or older, including self-employed.

Occupant 1:		
Name:	Place of Employment:	
Employer address:	Employer phone number:	
Employer fax number:	Contact person:	
Estimated total gross earning for	coming year:	
Occupant 2:		,
Name:	Place of Employment:	
Employer address:	Employer phone number:	
Employer fax number:	Contact person:	
Estimated total gross earning for o	coming year:	AMARIA AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AN
Occupant 3: Name:	Place of Employment:	
Employer address:	Employer phone number:	<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>
Employer fax number:	Contact person:	
Estimated total gross earning for c	oming year:	
Occupant 4:		
Name:	Place of Employment:	
Employer address:	Employer phone number:	
Employer fax number:	Contact person:	
Estimated total gross earning for co	oming year:	

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Waiting List: Income from OTHER Sources

Please list non-employment income for all household members. This includes interest, dividends, income from rental property, social security, pensions, public assistance, SSI, unemployment compensation, alimony, child support, workers compensation, disability compensation, the portion or educational grants and scholarships allotted for subsistence and all other income:

Occupant 1:	
Name:	_Type of Income:
Address of Source:	
Contact person:	Contact Phone number:
Estimated total gross earning for coming year: _	
Occupant 2:	
Name:	Type of Income:
Address of Source:	
Contact person:	Contact Phone number:
Estimated total gross earning for coming year:	
Occupant 3:	
Name:	Type of Income:
Address of Source:	
Contact person:	Contact Phone number:
Estimated total gross earning for coming year:	
Occupant 4:	
Name:	Type of Income:
Contact person:	Contact Phone number:
Estimated total gross earning for coming year:	

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Waiting List: Assets

List assets of all household members, including bank accounts, stocks, bonds, credit union shares, and land real estate:

Occupant 1:		
Name:	Description of asset:	
Address of source of asset:		
Contact person:	Contact Phone number:	
Occupant 2:		
Name:	Description of asset:	
Address of source of asset:		
Contact person:	Contact Phone number:	
Occupant 3:		
Name:	Description of asset:	
Address of source of asset:		
Contact person:	Contact Phone number:	
Occupant 4:		
Name:	Description of asset:	
Address of source of asset:		
Contact person:	Contact Phone number:	

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Waiting List: Allowances & Expenses

An elderly household is one in which the head of h disabled or handicapped. Such household qua	ousehold, spouse, or sole member who is 62 or older lifies for a \$400.00 deduction in computed rent.
	ply?: Yes No
Medical expenses: elderly households qualify for a indicate the medical expenses you anticipate	medical expense deduction, check here and for the coming year \$
Allo	wances
Dangerdont deduction: List the name(s) of all he	wances ousehold members other than head of household or under the age of 18:
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Each family member verified above = \$480.00 deduction from annual income for computing rent.

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Waiting List: Childcare Expenses

# Childcare expenses

List amount you pay for the care permit an adult family m	of children or foster children in the household under the age of 13 to ember(s) to work or go to school: \$
List n	ames of children for who care is provided:
1)	
2)	
3)	
List the name of any adult members	er of the family able to work or go to school because of the childcare paid above:
1)	
2)	
3)	

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# Waiting List: Applicant Statements

- By signing this statement, we certify that all information given in this application and any
  addenda thereto is true, complete, and accurate. We understand that if any of the information is
  false, misleading, or incomplete, management may decline our application or, if move in has
  occurred, terminate our rental agreement.
- We authorize the property to make any and all inquiries to verify this information either directly or through information exchanged now or later with rental and credit screening services, and to contact previous and current landlords, or other sources for credit and verification confirmation which may be released to appropriate federal, state or local agencies.
- If our application is approved and move in occurs, we certify that those persons listed in this application will occupy the apartment and that they will maintain no other place of residents, and that there are no other persons for whom we have or expect to have responsibility to provide housing.
- We agree to notify management in writing regarding any changes in household address, telephone numbers, income, and household composition.
- We have read and understood the information in this application in particular the information contained in the instructions for head of household, and we agree to comply with such information.
- We have been notified that the resident selection plan which summarizes the procedure for processing applications, is posted in the management office.
- We understand that if this application is placed on the waiting list, we may request sample copies of the rental agreement and house rules. If this application is approved, and move in occurs, we certify that we will accept and comply with all conditions of occupancy as set forth therein, including specially all conditions regarding pets, rent, damages and security deposits.
- We authorize management to obtain one or more "consumer reports" as defined in the fair credit reporting act, 15 j.s.c. section 1681 a(d), seeking information on our creditworthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, personal characteristic, or made of living.
- If this application is for a household of more than one person, we consider ourselves a stable household and all our income available for its needs.

Applicant Signatu  Name:	Date:	Name:	Date:
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Name:	Date:	Name:	Date:
Acceptance of Co	mpleted Application by I	Management:	
~		Management Representative:	Date

# Notice H 2009-11 Form

Notice H 2009-11, issued on September 9, 2009 reiterates current regular agents must perform necessary criminal history background checks to determine to a lifetime registration requirement under a St background check will be done at every annual recertification. The management agents establish standards and processes with a zero tolera receiving federal housing assistance.	ermine if any applicant, or a member of an applicant's ate sex offender registration program. The same Notice also strongly encourages that owners and
Unit #	
Adult Household Member Names:	
Are any household members subject to a lifetime state s	sex offender registration program in any
(NO)(YES) list who	
Failure to respond to the above question may jeopardize the application cause to terminate an existing lease.  Head of Household (signature)	pproval of the application or may determine  Date
PENALTIES FOR MISUSING  Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. Code states that a person is guilty of a felony for know department of the United States Government, HUD, the PHA and any owner (or any employer unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form is restricted to the purposes cited above. Any person, who knowingly or willfully request concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use. Penalty provisions fo Security Act at 42 U.S.C. 208 (f)(g) and (h). Vlolation of these provisions are cited as violation.	ingly and willingly making false or fraudulent statements to any se of HUD, the PHA or the owner) may be subject to penalties for n. Use of the information collected based on this verification form its, obtains or discloses any information under false pretenses than \$5,000. Any applicant or participant affected by negligent appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD, the PHA or
To be completed by manag	gement
Each of the persons named above have been verified for lifetim National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW). <a href="http://www.lane_Mulholland">http://www.lane_Mulholland</a> / Jennyfer Prather Management Agent (print name)	ne sex offender registry via The Dru Sjodin .nsopw.gov/Core/Conditions.aspx
fanagement Agent (signature)	Date





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# LAWNSIDE/EVESHAM COURT APARTMENTS

Sex Offender Registry addition informat	ion required
Please list all states where you and all ho Applicant Name & State(s):	usehold members have resided:
Household Members name & State(s):	





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# APPLICANT INFORMATION

# SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

As required by federal law, applicants must provide all member's Social Security Numbers except those who have not yet been assigned a Social Security Number or who do not contend eligible immigration status.

Documentation that verifies the applicant's exemption status must be obtained from the owner of the property where the initial determination of eligibility was determined prior to January 31, 2010.

Previous Owner/Land	llord Name, Address and Phone Number
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Applicants should be able to verify all Social Security Numbers with a Social Security Card. However, if the applicant or resident cannot produce the Social Security and for any or all non-exempt household members, the documentation listed below, showing the household members Social Security Number may be used for verification.

- 1) Original document issued by a federal or state government agency which contains the name, social security number, and or identifying information of the individual
- 2) Driver's license with social security number
- 3) Earning statements on payroll stubs with social security number
- 4) Bank statement with social security number
- 5) Form 1099
- 6) Social Security Administration benefit award letter with social security number
- 7) Retirement benefit letter with social security number
- 8) Life insurance policy with social security number
- 9) Count records with social security number





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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE		
Applicant/Resident Date		
Property		
TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT / RESIDENT		
	Yes	No
Are you student at an institution of higher education?		
*Institutes of higher education include post-secondary vocational institutions; "institutions of higher education" which prepare students for "gainful employme occupation", and accredited post-secondary colleges and universities. If you a please mark "yes" and we will verify it.		_
If you have answered $\underline{no}$ , please skip the following questions and sign be lifty our answered $\underline{yes}$ , the owner agent is required to determine your eligibated. Please complete the following questions:		a
Are you a full-time student?	Yes	No
<ul><li>2. Will you be living with your parents?</li><li>3. If no:</li></ul>		
a. Are your parents receiving or eligible to receive Section 8     assistance?		
b. Are you claimed as a dependent on your parent's tax return?		
Are you a graduate or professional student?  Are you at least 24 years of age?  Are you a veteran of the United States military?  Are you married?  Do you have a dependent child?  Do you have dependents other than a child or spouse?  Have you been independent of your parents for at least one year?  Are you disabled?		
a. If yes, were you receiving housing assistance as of 11/30/2005?		



STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE	
12. Are you receiving any financial assistance to pay for your education?	
If so – Please list all sources of financial assistance including the school, any providers scholarships or grants, parents, associations, etc.	of
PENALTIES FOR MISUSING THIS. FORM.  Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. Code states that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated to the person in the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly may be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and will be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and will be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and will be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and will be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and will be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and will be stated to the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and the p	aking false or
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Print Name	
Signature	
Date	



Supplemental and Optional Contact Information for HUD-Assisted Housing Applicants

# SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING

This form is to be provided to each applicant for federally assisted housing

Instructions: Optional Contact Person or Organization: You have the right by law to include as part of your application for housing, the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or social, health, advocacy, or other organization. This contact information is for the purpose of identifying a person or organization that may be able to help in resolving any issues that may arise during your tenancy or to assist in providing any special care or services you may require. You may update, remove, or change the information you provide on this form at any time. You are not required to provide this contact information, but if you choose to do so, please include the relevant information on this form.

Applicant Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:
Name of Additional Contact Person or Orga	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:
E-Mail Address (if applicable):	Out A Mothe I (U.
Relationship to Applicant:	
Reason for Contact: (Check all that apply)	
Emergency Unable to contact you Termination of rental assistance Eviction from unit Late payment of rent	Assist with Recertification Process Change in lease terms Change in house rules Other:
Commitment of Housing Authority or Owner: If arise during your tenancy or if you require any service issues or in providing any services or special care to	you are approved for housing, this information will be kept as part of your tenant file. If issues es or special care, we may contact the person or organization you listed to assist in resolving the you.
Confidentiality Statement: The information provide applicant or applicable law.	d on this form is confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted by the
organization. By accepting the applicant's application requirements of 24 CFR section 5.105 including the	Community Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-550, approved October 28, 1992) to be offered the option of providing information regarding an additional contact person or , the housing provider agrees to comply with the non-discrimination and equal opportunity prohibitions on discrimination in admission to or participation in federally assisted housing origin, sex, disability, and familial status under the Fair Housing Act, and the prohibition on of 1975.
Check this box if you choose not to provide the	ne contact information.
Signature of Applicant	
2 or ubbreaut	Date

The information collection requirements contained in this form were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The public reporting burden is estimated at 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13604) improved on HUD the obligation to require housing providers participating in HUD's assisted housing programs to provide any individual or family applying for occupancy in HUD-nassisted liousing with the option to include in the application for occupancy the name, information is to facilitate contact by the liousing provider with the person or organization identified by the tenant to assist in providing any delivery of services or special care to the tenant and assist with resolving any tenancy issues arising during the tenancy of such tenant. This supplemental application information is to be maintained by the housing provider and maintained as confidential information. Providing the information is basic to the operations of the HUD Assisted-Housing Program and is voluntary. It supports statutory requirements and program and management controls that prevent fraud, collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Privacy Statement: Public Law 102-550, authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to collect all the information (except the Social Security Number (SSN)) which will be used by HUD to protect disbursement data from fraudulent actions.

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# LANDLORD REFERENCE FORM

Send To:				
Applicant/Tenant:		TT-:- #		
Property Name:		Unit #		
Applicant's Signature:		Date:		
This section for landlord to fill out.	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			
How long has the applicant been at this	address?	How much was the monthly rent? \$		
			Ye	No
Was rent paid on time?			S	
If rent was paid late, indicate how ma	iny times.			<del>                                      </del>
Was unit maintained in a safe and sar	nitary manner?			ļ
were there any problems with neighb	ors?		<del>-  </del>	<del> </del>
Were there any tenant-caused damage	es?			-
Were children properly supervised?				ļ
Did applicant have people living in the	e apt.other than thos	se listed as residents on the lease?		
you votated to this faithly/person?	•	nsted as residents on the lease?		
Would you rent to this family/person	again?			
If not, please state why:				<u> </u>
Have you ever begun eviction proceed	lings against this ho	usehold?		
IL yes, wily?				<u></u>
Is the applicant's unit currently being	treated for or contain	n hedbugg?		
Any additional information you may c	are to provide would	d he helpfyl		
	and to provide would	d be neiptur.		
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Landlord Name (print):		Telephone:		
Landlord Signature;				
		Date:		
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Date Received:				

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# Notice and Consent for the Release of Information

to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to an Owner and Management Agent (O/A), and to a Public Housing Agency (PHA)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Housing Federal Housing Commissioner

HUD Office requesting release of information (Owner should provide the full address of the HUD Field Office, Attention: Director, Multifamily Division.):

HUD ONE NEWARK CTR, NEWARK NJ 08102 O/A requesting release of information (Owner should provide the full name and address of the Owner.):

STREAMWOOD COMPANY LAWNSIDE/EVESHAM COURT APTS 109 MOULDY ROAD APT 1A LAWNSIDE NJ 08045 PHA requesting release of information (Owner should provide the full name and address of the PHA and the title of the director or administrator. If there is no PHA Owner or PHA contract administrator for this project, mark an X through this entire box.):

NJHMFA Dir of Asset Mgmt. 637 S. CLINTON AVE, TRENTON NJ 08650-5707

Notice To Tenant: Do not sign this form if the space above for organizations requesting release of information is left blank. You do not have to sign this form when it is given to you. You may take the form home with you to read or discuss with a third party of your choice and return to sign the consent on a date you have worked out with the housing owner/manager.

Authority: Section 217 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004 (Pub L. 108-199). This law is found at 42 U.S.C.653(J). This law authorizes HHS to disclose to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) information in the NDNH portion of the "Location and Collection System of Records" for the purposes of verifying employment and income of individuals participating in specified programs and, after removal of personal identifiers, to conduct analyses of the employment and income reporting of these individuals. Information may be disclosed by the Secretary of HUD to a private owner, a management agent, and a contract administrator in the administration of rental housing assistance.

Section 904 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988, as amended by section 903 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 and section 3003 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. This law is found at 42 U.S.C. 3544.This law requires you to sign a consent form authorizing: (1) HUD and the PHA to request wage and unemployment compensation claim information from the state agency responsible for keeping that information; and (2) HUD, O/A, and the PHA responsible for determining eligibility to verity salary and wage information pertinent to the applicant's or participant's eligibility or level of benefits; (3) HUD to request certain tax return information from the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Purpose: In signing this consent form, you are authorizing HUD, the above-named O/A, and the PHA to request income information from the government agencies listed on the form. HUD, the O/A, and the PHA need this information to verify your household's income to ensure that you are eligible for assisted housing benefits and that these benefits are set at the correct level. HUD, the O/A, and the PHA may participate in computer matching programs with these sources to verify your eligibility and level of benefits. This form also authorizes HUD, the O/A, and the PHA to seek wage, new hire (W-4), and unemployment claim information from current or former employers to verify information obtained through computer matching.

Uses of Information to be Obtained: HUD is required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. The O/A and the PHA is also required to protect the income

Information it obtains in accordance with any applicable State privacy law. After receiving the information covered by this notice of consent, HUD, the O/A, and the PHA may inform you that your eligibility for, or level of, assistance is uncertain and needs to be verified and nothing else.

HUD, O/A, and PHA employees may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of the income information that is obtained based on the consent form.

Who Must Sign the Consent Form: Each member of your household who is at least 18 years of age and each family head, spouse or co-head, regardless of age, must sign the consent form at the initial certification and at each recertification. Additional signatures must be obtained from new adult members when they join the household or when members of the household become 18 years of age.

Persons who apply for or receive assistance under the following programs are required to sign this consent form:

Rental Assistance Program (RAP)

Rent Supplement

Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Programs (administered by the Office of Housing)

Section 202; Sections 202 and 811 PRAC; Section 202/162 PAC Section

221(d)(3) Below Market Interest Rate

Section 236

HOPE 2 Homeownership of Multifamily Units

Failure to Sign Consent Form: Your failure to sign the consent form may result in the denial of assistance or termination of assisted housing benefits. If an applicant is denied assistance for this reason, the owner must follow the notification procedures in Handbook 4350.3 Rev. 1. If a tenant is denied assistance for this reason, the owner or managing agent must follow the procedures set out in the lease.

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# Agencies To Provide Information

State Wage Information Collection Agencies. (HUD and PHA). This consent is limited to wages and unemployment compensation you have received during period(s) within the last 5 years when you have received assisted housing benefits.

U.S. Social Security Administration (HUD only). This consent is limited to the wage and self employment information from your current form W-2.

National Directory of New Hires contained in the Department of Health and Human Services' system of records. This consent is limited to wages and unemployment compensation you have received during period(s) within the last 5 years when you have received assisted housing benefits.

U.S. Internal Revenue Service (HUD only). This consent is limited to information covered in your current tax return.

This consent is limited to the following information that may appear on your current tax return:

1099-S Statement for Recipients of Proceeds from Real Estate **Transactions** 

1099-B Statement for Recipients of Proceeds from Real Estate Brokers and Barters Exchange Transactions

1099-A Information Return for Acquisition or Abandonment of Secured Property

1099-G Statement for Recipients of Certain Government Payments

1099-DIV Statement for Recipients of Dividends and Distributions

1099 INT Statement for Recipients of Interest Income of Miscellaneous Statement for Recipients 1099-MISC Income

1099-OID Statement for Recipients of Original Issue Discount

1099-PATR Statement for Recipients of Taxable Distributions Received from Cooperatives

1099-R Statement for Recipients of Retirement Plans W2-G

Statement of Gambling Winnings

1065-K1 Partners Share of Income, Credits, Deductions,

1041-K1 Beneficiary's Share of Income, Credits, Deductions, etc.

1120S-K1 Shareholder's Share of Undistributed Taxable Income, Credits, Deductions, etc.

I understand that income information obtained from these sources will be used to verify information that I provide in determining initial or continued eligibility for assisted housing programs and the level of benefits.

No action can be taken to terminate, deny, suspend, or reduce the assistance your household receives based on information obtained about you under this consent until the HUD Office, Office of Inspector General (OIG) or the PHA (whichever is applicable) and the O/A have independently verified: 1) the amount of the income, wages, or unemployment compensation involved, 2) whether you actually have (or had) access to such income, wages, or benefits for your own use, and 3) the period or periods when, or with respect to which you actually received such income, wages, or benefits. A photocopy of the signed consent may be used to request a third party to verify any information received under this consent (e.g., employer).

HUD, the O/A, or the PHA shall inform you, or a third party which you designate, of the findings made on the basis of information verified under this consent and shall give you an opportunity to contest such findings in accordance with Handbook 4350.3 Rev. 1.

If a member of the household who is required to sign the consent form is unable to sign the form on time due to extenuating circumstances, the O/A may document the file as to the reason for the delay and the specific plans to obtain the proper signature as soon as possible.

This consent form expires 15 months after signed.

Privacy Act Statement. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect this information by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437 et. seq.); the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983 (P.L. 98-181); the Housing and Community Development Technical Amendments of 1984 (P.L. 98-479); and by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3543). The information is being collected by HUD to determine an applicant's eligibility, the recommended unit size, and the amount the tenant(s) must pay toward rent and utilities. HUD uses this information to assist in managing certain HUD properties, to protect the Government's financial interest, and to verify the accuracy of the information furnished. HUD, the owner or management agent (O/A), or a public housing agency (PHA) may conduct a computer match to verify the information you provide. This information may be released to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, when relevant, and to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigators and prosecutors. However, the information will not be otherwise disclosed or released outside of HUD, except as permitted or required by law. You must provide all of the information requested. Failure to provide any information may result in a delay or rejection of your eligibility approval.

HUD, the O/A, and any PHA (or any employee of HUD, the O/A, or the PHA) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form.

Use of the information collected based on the form HUD 9887 is restricted to the purposes cited on the form HUD 9887. Any person who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains, or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or tenant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

Any applicant or tenant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD, the Owner or the PHA responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.

### HUD-9887/A Fact Sheet

## Verification of Information Provided by Applicants and Tenants of Assisted Housing

### What Verification Involves

To receive housing assistance, applicants and tenants who are at least 18 years of age and each family head, spouse, or co-head regardless of age must provide the owner or management agent (O/A) or public housing agency (PHA) with certain information specified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

To make sure that the assistance is used properly, Federal laws require that the information you provide be verified. This information is verified in two ways:

- 1. HUD, O/As, and PHAs may verify the information you provide by checking with the records kept by certain public agencies (e.g., Social Security Administration (SSA), State agency that keeps wage and unemployment compensation claim information, and the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) database that stores wage, new hires, and unemployment compensation). HUD (only) may verify information covered in your tax returns from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS). You give your consent to the release of this information by signing form HUD-9887. Only HUD, O/As, and PHAs can receive information authorized by this form.
- 2. The O/A must verify the information that is used to determine your eligibility and the amount of rent you pay. You give your consent to the release of this information by signing the form HUD-9887, the form HUD-9887-A, and the individual verification and consent forms that apply to you. Federal laws limit the kinds of information the O/A can receive about you. The amount of income you receive helps to determine the amount of rent you will pay. The O/A will verify all of the sources of income that you report. There are certain allowances that reduce the income used in determining tenant rents.

Example: Mrs. Anderson is 62 years old. Her age qualifies her for a medical allowance. Her annual income will be adjusted because of this allowance. Because Mrs. Anderson's medical expenses will help determine the amount of rent she pays, the O/A is required to verify any medical expenses that she reports.

Example: Mr. Harris does not qualify for the medical allowance because he is not at least 62 years of age and he is not handicapped or disabled. Because he is not eligible for the medical allowance, the amount of his medical expenses does not change the amount of rent he pays. Therefore, the O/A cannot ask Mr. Harris anything about his medical expenses and cannot verify with a third party about any medical expenses he has.

## **Customer Protections**

Information received by HUD is protected by the Federal Privacy Act. Information received by the O/A or the PHA is subject to State privacy laws. Employees of HUD, the O/A, and the PHA are subject to penalties for using these consent forms improperly. You do not have to sign the form HUD-9887, the form HUD-9887-A, or the individual verification consent forms when they are given to you at your certification or recertification interview. You may take them home with you to read or to discuss with a third party of your choice. The O/A will give you another date when you can return to sign these forms.

If you cannot read and/or sign a consent form due to a disability, the O/A shall make a reasonable accommodation in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Such accommodations may include: home visits when the applicant's or tenant's disability prevents him/her from coming to the office to complete the forms; the applicant or tenant authorizing another person to sign on his/her behalf; and for persons with visual impairments, accommodations may include providing the forms in large script or braille or providing readers.

If an adult member of your household, due to extenuating circumstances, is unable to sign the form HUD-9887 or the individual verification forms on time, the O/A may document the file as to the reason for the delay and the specific plans to obtain the proper signature as soon as possible.

The O/A must tell you, or a third party which you choose, of the findings made as a result of the O/A verifications authorized by your consent. The O/A must give you the opportunity to contest such findings in accordance with HUD Handbook 4350.3 Rev. 1. However, for information received under the form HUD-9887 or form HUD-9887-A, HUD, the O/A, or the PHA, may inform you of these findings.

O/As must keep tenant files in a location that ensures confidentiality. Any employee of the O/A who fails to keep tenant information confidential is subject to the enforcement provisions of the State Privacy Act and is subject to enforcement actions by HUD. Also, any applicant or tenant affected by negligent disclosure or improper use of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the employee.

HUD-9887/A requires the O/A to give each household a copy of the Fact Sheet, and forms HUD-9887, HUD-9887-A along with appropriate individual consent forms. The package you will receive will include the following documents:

1.HUD-9887/A Fact Sheet: Describes the requirement to verify information provided by individuals who apply for housing assistance. This fact sheet also describes consumer protections under the verification process.

2.Form HUD-9887: Allows the release of information between government agencies.

3.Form HUD-9887-A: Describes the requirement of third party verification along with consumer protections.

4.Individual verification consents: Used to verify the relevant information provided by applicants/tenants to determine their eligibility and level of benefits.

## Consequences for Not Signing the Consent Forms

If you fail to sign the form HUD-9887, the form HUD-9887-A, or the individual verification forms, this may result in your assistance being denied (for applicants) or your assistance being terminated (for tenants). See further explanation on the forms HUD-9887 and 9887-A.

If you are an applicant and are denied assistance for this reason, the O/A must notify you of the reason for your rejection and give you an opportunity to appeal the decision.

If you are a tenant and your assistance is terminated for this reason, the O/A must follow the procedures set out in the Lease. This includes the opportunity for you to meet with the O/A.

## Programs Covered by this Fact Sheet

Rental Assistance Program (RAP)

Rent Supplement

Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Programs (administered by the Office of Housing)

Section 202

Sections 202 and 811 PRAC

Section 202/162 PAC

Section 221(d)(3) Below Market Interest Rate

Section 236

HOPE 2 Home Ownership of Multifamily Units

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

# Document Package for Applicant's/Tenant's Consent to the Release Of Information

This Package contains the following documents:

- 1.HUD-9887/A Fact Sheet describing the necessary verifications
- 2.Form HUD-9887 (to be signed by the Applicant or Tenant)
- 3.Form HUD-9887-A (to be signed by the Applicant or Tenant and Housing Owner)
- 4. Relevant Verifications (to be signed by the Applicant or Tenant)

## Failure to Sign the Consent Form

Failure to sign any required consent form may result in the denial of assistance or termination of assisted housing benefits. If an applicant is denied assistance for this reason, the O/A must follow the notification procedures in Handbook 4350.3 Rev. 1. If a tenant is denied assistance for this reason, the O/A must follow the procedures set out in the lease.

### Conditions

No action can be taken to terminate, deny, suspend or reduce the assistance your household receives based on information obtained about you under this consent until the O/A has independently 1) verified the information you have provided with respect to your eligibility and level of benefits and 2) with respect to income (including both earned and unearned income), the O/A has verified whether you actually have (or had) access to such income for your own use, and verified the period or periods when, or with respect to which you actually received such income, wages, or benefits.

A photocopy of the signed consent may be used to request the information authorized by your signature on the individual consent forms. This would occur if the O/A does not have another individual verification consent with an original signature and the O/A is required to send out another request for verification (for example, the third party fails to respond). If this happens, the O/A may attach a photocopy of this consent to a photocopy of the individual verification form that you sign. To avoid the use of photocopies, the O/A and the individual may agree to sign more than one consent for each type of verification that is needed. The O/A shall inform you, or a third party which you designate, of the findings made on the basis of information verified under this consent and shall give you an opportunity to contest such findings in accordance with Handbook 4350.3 Rev. 1.

The O/A must provide you with information obtained under this consent in accordance with State privacy laws.

If a member of the household who is required to sign the consent forms is unable to sign the required forms on time, due to extenuating circum-

stances, the O/A may document the file as to the reason for the delay and the specific plans to obtain the proper signature as soon as possible.

Individual consents to the release of information expire 15 months after they are signed. The O/A may use these individual consent forms during the 120 days preceding the certification period. The O/A may also use these forms during the certification period, but only in cases where the O/A receives information indicating that the information you have provided may be incorrect. Other uses are prohibited.

The O/A may not make inquiries into information that is older than 12 months unless he/she has received inconsistent information and has reason to believe that the information that you have supplied is incorrect. If this occurs, the O/A may obtain information within the last 5 years when you have received assistance.

I have read and understand this information on the purposes and uses of information that is verified and consent to the release of information for these purposes and uses.

Name of Applicant or Tenant (Print)

Signature of Applicant or Tenant & Date

I have read and understand the purpose of this consent and its uses and I understand that misuse of this consent can lead to personal penalties to me.

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Name of Project Owner or his/her representative

Community Manager / Assistant Property Manager

Title

Signature & Date cc:Applicant/Tenant Owner file

# Penalties for Misusing this Consent:

HUD, the O/A, and any PHA (or any employee of HUD, the O/A, or the PHA) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form.

Use of the information collected based on the form HUD 9887-A is restricted to the purposes cited on the form HUD 9887-A. Any person who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or tenant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

Any applicant or tenant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD, the O/A or the PHA responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.

# Applicant's/Tenant's Consent to the Release of Information

Verification by Owners of Information Supplied by Individuals Who Apply for Housing Assistance U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Housing Federal Housing Commissioner

## Instructions to Owners

- Give the documents listed below to the applicants/tenants to sign.
   Staple or clip them together in one package in the order listed.
  - a. The HUD-9887/A Fact Sheet.
  - b. Form HUD-9887.
  - c. Form HUD-9887-A.
  - d . Relevant verifications (HUD Handbook 4350.3 Rev. 1).
- 2. Verbally inform applicants and tenants that
  - a. They may take these forms home with them to read or to discuss with a third party of their choice and to return to sign them on a date they have worked out with you, and
  - b. If they have a disability that prevents them from reading and/ or signing any consent, that you, the Owner, are required to provide reasonable accommodations.
- 3. Owners are required to give each household a copy of the HUD9887/A Fact Sheet, form HUD-9887, and form HUD-9887-A after obtaining the required applicants/tenants signature(s). Also, owners must give the applicants/tenants a copy of the signed individual verification forms upon their request.

## Instructions to Applicants and Tenants

This Form HUD-9887-A contains customer information and protections concerning the HUD-required verifications that Owners must perform.

- 1. Read this material which explains:
  - HUD's requirements concerning the release of information, and
  - Other customer protections.
- 2. Sign on the last page that:
  - · you have read this form, or
  - the Owner or a third party of your choice has explained it to you, and
  - you consent to the release of information for the purposes and uses described.

# Authority for Requiring Applicant's/Tenant's Consent to the Release of Information

Section 904 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988, as amended by section 903 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992. This law is found at 42 U.S.C. 3544.

In part, this law requires you to sign a consent form authorizing the Owner to request current or previous employers to verify salary and wage information pertinent to your eligibility or level of benefits.

In addition, HUD regulations (24 CFR 5.659, Family Information and Verification) require as a condition of receiving housing assistance that you must sign a HUD-approved release and consent authorizing any depository or private source of income to furnish such information that is necessary in determining your eligibility or level of benefits. This includes

information that you have provided which will affect the amount of rent you pay. The information includes income and assets, such as salary, welfare benefits, and interest earned on savings accounts. They also include certain adjustments to your income, such as the allowances for dependents and for households whose heads or spouses are elderly handicapped, or disabled; and allowances for child care expenses, medical expenses, and handicap assistance expenses.

# Purpose of Requiring Consent to the Release of Information

In signing this consent form, you are authorizing the Owner of the housing project to which you are applying for assistance to request information from a third party about you. HUD requires the housing owner to verify all of the information you provide that affects your eligibility and level of benefits to ensure that you are eligible for assisted housing benefits and that these benefits are set at the correct levels. Upon the request of the HUD office or the PHA (as Contract Administrator), the housing Owner may provide HUD or the PHA with the information you have submitted and the information the Owner receives under this consent.

## Uses of Information to be Obtained

The individual listed on the verification form may request and receive the information requested by the verification, subject to the limitations of this form. HUD is required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. The Owner and the PHA are also required to protect the income information they obtain in accordance with any applicable state privacy law. Should the Owner receive information from a third party that is inconsistent with the information you have provided, the Owner is required to notify you in writing identifying the information believed to be incorrect. If this should occur, you will have the opportunity to meet with the Owner to discuss any discrepancies.

## Who Must Sign the Consent Form

Each member of your household who is at least 18 years of age, and each family head, spouse or co-head, regardless of age must sign the relevant consent forms at the initial certification, at each recertification and at each interim certification, if applicable. In addition, when new adult members join the household and when members of the household become 18 years of age they must also sign the relevant consent forms.

Persons who apply for or receive assistance under the following programs must sign the relevant consent forms:

Rental Assistance Program (RAP)

Rent Supplement

Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Programs (administered by

the Office of Housing)

Section 202

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HOPE 2 Home Ownership of Multifamily Units

# FACT SHEET For HUD ASSISTED RESIDENTS

# **Project-Based Section 8**

# "HOW YOUR RENT IS DETERMINED"

Office of Housing

September 2010

This Fact Sheet is a general guide to inform the Owner/Management Agents (OA) and HUD-assisted residents of the responsibilities and rights regarding income disclosure and verification.

# Why Determining Income and Rent Correctly is Important

Department of Housing and Urban Development studies show that many resident families pay incorrect rent. The main causes of this problem are:

- Under-reporting of income by resident families, and
- OAs not granting exclusions and deductions to which resident families are entitled.

OAs and residents all have a responsibility in ensuring that the correct rent is paid.

# OAs' Responsibilities:

- Obtain accurate income information
- Verify resident income
- Ensure residents receive the exclusions and deductions to which they are entitled
- Accurately calculate Tenant Rent
- Provide tenants a copy of lease agreement and income and rent determinations Recalculate rent when changes in family composition are reported
- Recalculate rent when resident income decreases
- Recalculate rent when resident income increases by \$200 or more per month
- Recalculate rent every 90 days when resident claims minimum rent hardship exemption
- Provide information on OA policies upon request
- Notify residents of any changes in requirements or practices for reporting income or determining rent

# Residents' Responsibilities:

- Provide accurate family composition information
- Report all income
- Keep copies of papers, forms, and receipts which document income and expenses
- Report changes in family composition and income occurring between annual recertifications
- Sign consent forms for income verification
- Follow lease requirements and house rules

# **Income Determinations**

A family's anticipated gross income determines not only eligibility for assistance, but also determines the rent a family will pay and the subsidy required. The anticipated income, subject to exclusions and deductions the family will receive during the next twelve (12) months, is used to determine the family's rent.

# What is Annual Income?

Gross Income - Income Exclusions = Annual Income

# What is Adjusted Income?

Annual Income - Deductions = Adjusted Income

# **Determining Tenant Rent**

# Project-Based Section 8 Rent Formula:

The rent a family will pay is the **highest** of the following amounts:

- 30% of the family's monthly adjusted income
- 10% of the family's monthly income
- Welfare rent or welfare payment from agency to assist family in paying housing costs.

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\$25.00 Minimum Rent

# Income and Assets

HUD assisted residents are required to report all income from all sources to the Owner or Agent (OA). Exclusions to income and deductions are part of the tenant rent process.

When determining the amount of income from assets to be included in annual income, the actual income derived from the assets is included except when the cash value of all of the assets is in excess of \$5,000, then the amount included in annual income is the higher of 2% of the total assets or the actual income derived from the assets.

# Annual Income Includes:

- Full amount (before payroll deductions) of wages and salaries, overtime pay, commissions, fees, tips and bonuses and other compensation for personal services
- Net income from the operation of a business or profession
- Interest, dividends and other net income of any kind from real or personal property (See Assets Include/Assets Do Not Include below)
- Full amount of periodic amounts received from Social Security, annuities, insurance policies, retirement funds, pensions, disability or death benefits and other similar types of periodic receipts, including lump-sum amount or prospective monthly amounts for the delayed start of a periodic amount (except for deferred periodic payments of supplemental security income and social security benefits, see Exclusions from Annual Income, below)
- Payments in lieu of earnings, such as unemployment and disability compensation, worker's compensation and severance pay (except for lump-sum additions to

- family assets, see Exclusions from Annual Income, below Welfare assistance
- Periodic and determinable allowances, such as alimony and child support payments and regular contributions or gifts received from organizations or from persons not residing in the dwelling
- All regular pay, special pay and allowances of a member of the Armed Forces (except for special pay for exposure to hostile fire)
- For Section 8 programs only, any financial assistance, in excess of amounts received for tuition, that an individual receives under the Higher Education Act of 1965, shall be considered income to that individual, except that financial assistance is not considered annual income for persons over the age of 23 with dependent children or if a student is living with his or her parents who are receiving section 8 assistance. For the purpose of this paragraph, "financial assistance" does not include loan proceeds for the purpose of determining income.

## Assets Include:

- Stocks, bonds, Treasury bills, certificates of deposit, money market accounts
- Individual retirement and Keogh accounts
- Retirement and pension funds
- Cash held in savings and checking accounts, safe deposit boxes, homes, etc.
- Cash value of whole life insurance policies available to the individual before death
- Equity in rental property and other capital investments
- Personal property held as an investment
- Lump sum receipts or one-time receipts
- Mortgage or deed of trust held by an applicant
- Assets disposed of for less than fair market value.

## **Assets Do Not Include:**

- Necessary personal property (clothing, furniture, cars, wedding ring, vehicles specially equipped for persons with disabilities)
- Interests in Indian trust land
- Term life insurance policies
- Equity in the cooperative unit in which the family lives
- Assets that are part of an active business
- Assets that are not effectively owned by the applicant

or are held in an individual's name but:

- The assets and any income they earn accrue to the benefit of someone else who is not a member of the household, and
- that other person is responsible for income taxes incurred on income generated by the assets
- Assets that are not accessible to the applicant and provide no income to the applicant (Example: A battered spouse owns a house with her husband. Due to the domestic situation, she receives no income from the asset and cannot convert the asset to cash.)
- Assets disposed of for less than fair market value as a result of:
  - Foreclosure
  - Bankruptcy
  - Divorce or separation agreement if the applicant or resident receives important consideration not necessarily in dollars.

# **Exclusions from Annual Income:**

- Income from the employment of children (including foster children) under the age of 18
- Payment received for the care of foster children or foster adults (usually persons with disabilities, unrelated to the tenant family, who are unable to live alone
- Lump-sum additions to family assets, such as inheritances, insurance payments (including payments under health and accident insurance and worker's compensation), capital gains and settlement for personal or property losses
- Amounts received by the family that are specifically for, or in reimbursement of, the cost of medical expenses for any family member
- Income of a live-in aide
- Subject to the inclusion of income for the Section 8
  program for students who are enrolled in an
  institution of higher education under Annual Income
  Includes, above, the full amount of student financial
  assistance either paid directly to the student or to the
  educational institution
- The special pay to a family member serving in the Armed Forces who is exposed to hostile fire
- Amounts received under training programs funded by HUD
- Amounts received by a person with a disability that are disregarded for a limited time for purposes of Supplemental Security Income eligibility and

- benefits because they are set aside for use under a Plan to Attain Self-Sufficiency (PASS)
- Amounts received by a participant in other publicly assisted programs which are specifically for or in reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred (special equipment, clothing, transportation, child care, etc.) and which are made solely to allow participation in a specific program
- Resident service stipend (not to exceed \$200 per month)
- Incremental earnings and benefits resulting to any family member from participation in qualifying State or local employment training programs and training of a family member as resident management staff
- Temporary, non-recurring or sporadic income (including gifts)
- Reparation payments paid by a foreign government pursuant to claims filed under the laws of that government by persons who were persecuted during the Nazi era
- Earnings in excess of \$480 for each full time student 18 years old or older (excluding head of household, co-head or spouse)
- Adoption assistance payments in excess of \$480 per adopted child
- Deferred periodic payments of supplemental security income and social security benefits that are received in a lump sum amount or in prospective monthly amounts
- Amounts received by the family in the form of refunds or rebates under State of local law for property taxes paid on the dwelling unit
- Amounts paid by a State agency to a family with a member who has a developmental disability and is living at home to offset the cost of services and equipment needed to keep the developmentally disabled family member at home

# Federally Mandated Exclusions:

- Value of the allotment provided to an eligible household under the Food Stamp Act of 1977
- Payments to Volunteers under the Domestic Volunteer Services Act of 1973
- Payments received under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
- Income derived from certain submarginal land of the US that is held in trust for certain Indian Tribes

- Payments or allowances made under the Department of Health and Human Services' Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Payments received under programs funded in whole or in part under the Job Training Partnership Act
- Income derived from the disposition of funds to the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians
- The first \$2000 of per capita shares received from judgment funds awarded by the Indian Claims Commission or the US. Claims Court, the interests of individual Indians in trust or restricted lands, including the first \$2000 per year of income received by individual Indians from funds derived from interests held in such trust or restricted lands
- Payments received from programs funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act of 1985
- Payments received on or after January 1, 1989, from the Agent Orange Settlement Fund or any other fund established pursuant to the settlement in *In Re* Agent-product liability litigation
- Payments received under the Maine Indian Claims
   Settlement Act of 1980
- The value of any child care provided or arranged (or any amount received as payment for such care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care) under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990
- Earned income tax credit (EITC) refund payments on or after January 1, 1991
- Payments by the Indian Claims Commission to the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Yakima Indian Nation or the Apache Tribe of Mescalero Reservation
- Allowance, earnings and payments to AmeriCorps participants under the National and Community Service Act of 1990
- Any allowance paid under the provisions of 38U.S.C. 1805 to a child suffering from spina bifida who is the child of a Vietnam veteran
- Any amount of crime victim compensation (under the Victims of Crime Act) received through crime victim assistance (or payment or reimbursement of the cost of such assistance) as determined under the Victims of Crime Act because of the commission of a crime against the applicant under the Victims of Crime Act
- Allowances, earnings and payments to individuals participating under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

## **Deductions:**

- \$480 for each dependent including full time students or persons with a disability
- \$400 for any elderly family or disabled family
- Unreimbursed medical expenses of any elderly family or disabled family that total more than 3% of Annual Income
- Unreimbursed reasonable attendant care and auxiliary apparatus expenses for disabled family member(s) to allow family member(s) to work that total more than 3% of Annual Income
- If an elderly family has both unreimbursed medical expenses and disability assistance expenses, the family's 3% of income expenditure is applied only one time.
- Any reasonable child care expenses for children under age 13 necessary to enable a member of the family to be employed or to further his or her education.

# **Reference Materials**

## Legislation:

Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, Public Law 105-276, 112 Stat. 2518 which amended the United States Housing Act of 1937, 42 USC 2437, et seq.

## Regulations:

General HUD Program Requirements;24 CFR Part 5

### Handbook:

 4350.3, Occupancy Requirements of Subsidized Multifamily Housing Programs

## Notices:

"Federally Mandated Exclusions" Notice 66 FR 4669, April 20, 2001

## For More Information:

Find out more about HUD's programs on HUD's Internet homepage at http://www.hud.gov

### **LAWNSIDE & EVESHAM COURT APARTMENTS**

### NJ Fair Chance in Housing Act - Disclosure Statement

New Jersey's Fair Chance in Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 46:8-52 to 64 (FCHA), limits a housing provider's ability to consider a person's criminal history in deciding whether to extend an offer or whether to rent a home after extending an offer.

Before making a conditional offer of housing, The Streamwood Company, its related property owners, and their respective agents (collectively known as "Management") may consider only whether an applicant has a conviction for the manufacture or production of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing, or whether an applicant has a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program. Management will not consider, or request from an applicant or any other person or entity, any other information about an applicant's criminal history as part of the application process until and unless a conditional offer of housing has been made.

After extending a conditional offer of housing, Management intends to review and consider an applicant's criminal record in determining whether to rent a home, in accordance with the FCHA and its accompanying rules.

Management will not, either before or after the issuance of a conditional offer, evaluate or consider any of the following criminal records:

- (1) arrests or charges that have not resulted in a criminal conviction;
- (2) expunged convictions;
- (3) convictions erased through executive pardon;
- (4) vacated and otherwise legally nullified convictions; (5) juvenile adjudications of delinquency; and
- (6) records that have been sealed.

Management may consider, after the issuance of a conditional offer, a criminal record that:

- Resulted in a conviction for murder, aggravated sexual assault, kidnapping, arson, human trafficking, sexual assault, endangering the welfare of a child in violation of N.J.S.2C:24-4(b)(3);
- Resulted in a conviction for any crime that requires lifetime state sex offender registration;
- Is for any 1st degree indictable offense, or release from prison for that offense, within the past 6
- Is for any 2nd or 3rd degree indictable offense, or release from prison for that offense, within the past 4 years; or
- Is for any 4th degree indictable offense, or release from prison for that offense, within the past 1

For more information about how these rules apply, please refer to the resources at https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-on-civil-rights-home/fcha/.

Management may withdraw a conditional offer based on your criminal record only if Management determines, by a preponderance of the evidence that the withdrawal is necessary to fulfill a substantial, legitimate, and nondiscriminatory interest.

If Management utilizes any vendor or outside person/entity to conduct a criminal record check on their behalf, Management will take reasonable steps to ensure that the vendor or outside person/entity conducts the criminal record check consistent with the requirements of the FCHA and rules. Specifically, if Management receives a criminal history inquiry conducted by a vendor or outside person or entity that is conducted in violation of the FCHA in that it reveals a record that is not permitted to be considered under the FCHA, Management must show that it did not rely on that information in making a determination about your tenancy.

If you are subjected to the withdrawal of a conditional offer of housing due to criminal history, you have the right to request and receive the materials relied upon by Management in making this determination.

You have the right to dispute, within ten (10) days of receiving this statement, the relevance and accuracy of any criminal record, and to offer evidence of any mitigating facts or circumstances, including but not limited to your rehabilitation and good conduct since the criminal offense. You may also provide evidence demonstrating inaccuracies within aspects of your criminal record which may be considered under the FCHA, or evidence of rehabilitation or other mitigating factors to Management at any time, including after the ten days.

Any action taken by Management in violation of the process laid out in this statement may constitute a violation of the FCHA. If you believe that any owner, agent, employee, or designee of The Streamwood Company or the related property ownership entity has violated any of the above requirements, you may contact the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights at www.NJCivilRights.gov 1-866-405-3050). A complaint must be filed with DCR within 180 days of the allegedly discriminatory conduct. You cannot be subjected to retaliation for filing a complaint or for attempting to exercise your rights under the FCHA.

DCR has several fair housing fact sheets available at https://www.nj.gov/oag/dcr/housing.html, or available for pickup in any of DCR's four (4) regional offices.

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Applicant's Signature	Date
Co-Applicant's Signature	Date



# FAIR CHANCE AT HOUSING ACT

The National Low Income Housing Coalition and the National Housing Law Project support the "Fair Chance at Housing Act," introduced by Senator Kamala Harris and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to help ensure that justice-involved people have access to federal housing assistance. Currently, housing authorities and other federally-assisted housing providers openly discriminate against people with criminal records, denying them the opportunity to reunify with family post-incarceration and putting them at risk of housing instability, homelessness, and recidivism. Justice-involved individuals are disproportionately people of color, people with disabilities, and LGBTO individuals. The Fair Chance at Housing Act will reduce the impact of the collateral consequences associated with having a criminal record by expanding opportunities to stable, decent, accessible and affordable housing.

Some key pieces of the proposal include:

# Individualized Review and Opportunity to Provide Mitigating Evidence

Under existing law, federally- assisted housing providers have significant discretion with respect to tenant screening, leading to overly restrictive policies that unfairly screen out good tenants and neighbors.

The Fair Chance at Housing Act requires that, when considering criminal history during the tenant screening process, public housing agencies (PHAs) and owners of HUD-assisted housing perform an individualized review of each applicant that considers the totality of the circumstances. Housing providers would be required to consider mitigating evidence of past criminal activity when presented by the applicant. PHAs, but not owners, would be required to establish a review panel that includes at least one resident representative to conduct the individualized review for applicants applying for public housing or Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs).

Housing providers would also be limited to considering only criminal activity that may be more likely to have an impact on the applicant's success as a tenant

1 However, private owners participating in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program would not be required to provide such review but would be required to provide written notice of any screening policy they employ to applicants, when they apply to leave the owner's apartment Any public housing units that are managed by a preate company would be subject to the same screening policies that the PHA would otherwise be subject to, including units managed by Moving to Work (MTW) PHAs, and units being converted through the Rental Assistance.

such as felonies that resulted in a conviction and that threaten the health or safety of other tenants, employees, owners, or PHAs. This would exclude information in a criminal record like arrests that never amounted to convictions, minor drug offenses, offenses for which the individual was only sentenced to probation, and offenses related to an inability to pay fees or other legal financial obligations.

The bill would require that PHAs and owners provide written notice to applicants of their screening policies, and if an applicant is denied, provide written notice of the reasons for the denial and the options for the tenant to appeal. If a PHA or owner decides to deny admission or voucher assistance based on covered criminal conduct, they must give the applicant the option to remove the culpable member of the household rather than subjecting the family to a blanket denial. The bill would also explicitly prohibit drug and alcohol testing of applicants as a condition of admission.

HUD would be authorized to pay additional administrative fees to PHAs that provide HCVs to people who have exited jail or prison.

## Eliminate "One Strike" Eviction Policies

The Fair Chance at Housing Act would eliminate overly harsh and disfavored "one strike" policies that allow PHAs and owners to evict families any time a household member or guest engages in criminal activity in violation of their lease. Like the screening process, prior to

Mitigiating evidence can include evidence of rehabilitation, the time elapsed since the cuminal offense was committed, the seventy of the offense, whether the applicant received a reduced sentence, and whether the cuminal conduct was related to an individual's disability or an individual's status as a victim of domestic violence.

an eviction, PHAs and owners would only be able to consider certain criminal conduct that threatens the heath or safety of other tenants, employees, owners, or PHAs.<sup>3</sup> PHAs and owners would be required to conduct an individualized review of the totality of the circumstances before deciding to terminate assistance and must consider any mitigating evidence that is presented by the family.<sup>4</sup>

The bill prohibits PHAs and owners from carrying out a forced entry into federal assisted housing while investigating criminal conduct unless permission is given by the tenant. The bill explicitly prohibits drug and alcohol testing of a tenant or family member as a condition of continued eligibility for federal housing assistance.

If a PHA or owner decides to terminate assistance for a tenant based on criminal conduct after performing an individualized review, the household must be given the option to remove the culpable member rather than subjecting the entire household to termination of assistance.

The bill would also eliminate the current requirement that PHAs and owners include a mandatory lease provision that allows for "no fault" evictions or termination of assistance, where families can be evicted or lose their voucher for the drug-related criminal activity of a guest even without the knowledge of the tenant or voucher holder. The bill would also eliminate a mandatory lease provision that stipulates that a violation of parole is grounds for eviction.

### Allow People with Criminal Records to Visit Families

Under current interpretation of law, a PHA can permanently ban a non-tenant from visiting a public housing development based on criminal conduct without evidence, without notice, and without providing any

3 The bill explicitly excludes certain conduct from being considered "covered criminal conduct," including misdemeanors, ariests, juvenile adjudications or convictions, convictions that have been expunged or sealed, oftenses related to fees or back payments associated with incarceration, and convictions where the individual was only sentenced to probation.

opportunity for appeal. This has had the result of keeping families apart including prohibiting family members from coming home for the holidays.

The Fair Chance at Housing Act would ensure that PHAs can only ban a non-tenant from visiting a public housing development if the person was convicted of a felony that threatens the health or safety of other tenants, employees, owners, or PHAs, and only after a thorough consideration of all mitigating factors, including the familial relationship between the tenant and the non-tenant.

The bill would require PHAs to give adequate notice of the agency's decision, which includes the basis for the prohibition and the right to present mitigating evidence. In the case of a prohibition, the bill would provide the opportunity for the tenant or non-tenant to request a redetermination once a year, and any prohibition would expire after three years.

#### **Data Collection**

Currently, there is a lack of data on the rates of denials and terminations for assistance based on a people's criminal records. The Fair Chance at Housing Act would require PHAs and owners to collect and report on an annual basis information related to denials and terminations based on criminal conduct, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, sex, and disability status.

#### **Rural Housing**

Formerly incarcerated individuals residing in rural areas face unique challenges to successful reentry. Stigma can deter private landlords from renting to justice-involved people, and federally-assisted rental housing is sometimes one of the only affordable rental housing options available in rural communities.

The Fair Chance at Housing Act would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to revise the department's regulations regarding screening and termination of assistance procedures for its rural housing programs to be consistent with HUD's own policies.

For questions, please contact: Sarah Saadian, NLIHC Vice President of Public Policy at <u>ssaadian@nlihc.org</u> or Deborah Thrope, NHLP Supervising Attorney <u>dthrope@nhlp.org</u>





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<sup>4</sup> However, private owners participating in the HCV program would not be required to provide such review. Any public housing units that are managed by a private company would be subject to the same evictions policies that the PHA would otherwise be subject to, including units managed by Moving to Work (SATW) PHAs, and units being converted through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD).



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#### INCOME VERIFICATION

Pursuant to HUD requirements, we will be using a new method for verifying income for all new move ins, interim recertification and annual recertifications. The new method is called Enterprise Income Verification, also known as EIV.

The EIV System is a HUD data-based program which provides information for tenant income (wages, Social Security, SII and Unemployment), income discrepancy and subsidy information on tenants and applicants.

The purpose of EIV is to streamline the income verification process and to help in minimizing the need for 3<sup>rd</sup> party verification. EIV allows the property to identify:

- Applicants currently receiving HUD assistance
- Income not previously reported
- New employment
- Historical patterns of earnings and received income
- Multi-subsidy for household members included in the TRACS database
- Deceased household members

Household members, 18 and older, will be required to sign the HUD Release of Information Form (9887 & 9887A) which entitles the Property Manager to verify all household income.

In the event the resident disputes the calculated annual income derived from the EIV program, pay stubs and or a third party verification will be required for the purpose of comparison.

If you have any questions regarding the above please fee free to contact the Property Manager.

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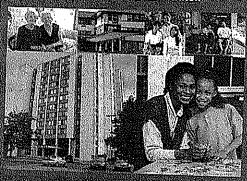
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RENTAL HOUSING INTEGRITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

ENTERPRISE INCOME VERIFICATION



What YOU Should Know If You are Applying for or are Receiving Rental Assistance through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HIID)

#### What is EIV?

EIV is a web-based computer system containing employment and income information on individuals participating in HUD's rental assistance programs. This information assists HUD in making sure "the right benefits go to the right persons"



#### What income information is in EIV and where does it come from?

The Social Security Administration:

- Social Security (SS) benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits
- Duel Entitlement SS benefits

The Department of Health and Human Services (HSS) National Directory of New Hires (NDNH);

- Wages
- Unemployment compensation
- New Hire (W-4)

#### What is the information in EIV used for?

The EIV system provides the owner and/or manager of the property where you live with your income information and employment history. This information is used to meet HUD's requirement to independently verify your employment and/ or income when you recertify for continued rental assistance. Getting the information from the EIV system is more accurate and less time consuming and costly to the owner or manager than contacting your income source directly for verification.

Property owners and managers are able to use the EIV system to determine if you:

correctly reported your income

They will also be able to determine if you:

- Used a false social security number
- Failed to report or under reported the income of a spouse or other household member
- Receive rental assistance at another property

#### Is my consent required to get information about me from EIV?

Yes. When you sign form HUD-9887, Notice and Consent for the Release of Information, and form HUD-9887-A, Applicant's/Tenant's Consent to the Release of information, you are giving your consent for HUD and the property owner or manager to obtain information about you to verify your employment and/or income and determine your eligibility for HUD rental assistance. Your failure to sign the consent forms may result in the denial of assistance or termination of assisted housing benefits

#### Who has access to the EIV information?

Only you and those parties listed on the consent form HUD 9887 that you must sign have access to the information in EIV pertaining to you.

#### What are my responsibilities?

As a tenant in a HUD assisted property, you must certify that information provided on an application for housing assistance and

the form used to certify and recertify your assistance (form HUD-50059) is accurate and honest. This is also described in the Tenants Rights & Responsibilities brochure that your property owner or manager is required to give to you every year.



#### Penalties for providing false information

Providing false information is fraud. Penalties for those who commit fraud could include eviction, repayment of overpaid assistance received, fines up to \$10,000, imprisonment for up to 5 years, prohibition from receiving any future rental assistance and/or state and local government penalties.

Protect yourself, follow HUD reporting requirements

When completing applications and recertifications, you must include all sources of income you or any member of your household receives. Some sources include:

- income from wages
- Welfare payments
- Unemployment benefits
- Social Security (SS) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits
- Veteran benefits
- Pensions, retirement, etc.
- Income from assets
- Monies received on behalf of a child such as:
   Child support
  - AFDC payments
  - Social security for children, etc.

If you have any questions on whether money received should be counted as income, ask your property owner or manager.

When changes occur in your household income or family composition, immediately contact your

property owner or manager to determine if this will affect your rental assistance.

Your property owner or manager is required to provide you with a copy of the fact sheet "How Your Rent is Determined" which includes a listing of what is included or excluded from Income.

# What if I disagree with the EIV information?

If you do not agree with the employment and/or income information in EIV, you must tell your property owner or manager. Your property owner or manager will contact the income source directly to obtain verification of the employment and/or income you disagree with. Once the property owner or manager receives the information from the income source, you will be notified in writing of the results.

# What if I did not report income previously and it is now being reported in EIV?

If the EIV report discloses income from a prior period that you did not report, you have two options: 1) you can agree with the EIV report if it is correct, or 2) you can dispute the report if you believe it is incorrect. The property owner or manager will then conduct a written third party verification with the reporting source of income. If the source confirms this income is accurate, you will be required to repay any overpaid rental assistance as far back as five (5) years and you may be subject to penalties if it is determined that you deliberately tried to conceal your income.

# What if the information in EIV is not about me?

EIV has the capability to uncover cases of potential identity theft; someone could be using your social security number. If this is discovered, you must notify the Social Security Administration by calling them toll-free at 1-800-772-1213. Further information on identity theft is available on the Social Security Administration website at: http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10064.html.

# Who do I contact if my income or rental assistance is not being calculated correctly?

First, contact your property owner or manager for an explanation.

If you need further assistance, you may contact the contract administrator for the property you live in:

and if it is not resolved to your satisfaction, you may contact HUD. For help locating the HUD office nearest you, which can also provide you contact information for the contract administrator, please call the Multifamily Housing Clearinghouse at: 1-800-685-8470.



# Where can I obtain more information on EIV and the income verification process?

Your property owner or manager can provide you with additional information on EIV and the income verification process. They can also refer you to the appropriate contract administrator or your local HUD office for additional information.

If you have access to a computer, you can read more about EIV and the Income verification process on HUD's Multifamily EIV homepage at: www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mft/rhilip/eiv/eivhome; cfm.



JULY 2009

### **LAWNSIDE & EVESHAM COURT APARTMENTS**

Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Acti

### 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. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the Federal agency that oversees that **LAWNSIDE & EVESHAM COURT APARTMENTS** 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 LAWNSIDE & EVESHAM COURT

APARTMENTS, 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 LAWNSIDE & EVESHAM COURT APARTMENTS, 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.

Form HUD-5380 (12/2016)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Housing providers cannot discriminate on the basis of any protected characteristic, including race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age. HUD-assisted and HUD-insured housing must be made available to all otherwise eligible individuals regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

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 LAWNSIDE & EVESHAM COURT APARTMENTS 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

HP 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 HP chooses to remove the abuser or perpetrator, HP 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, HP 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, HP must follow Federal, State, and local eviction procedures. In order to divide a lease, HP may, but is not required to, ask you for documentation or certification of the incidences of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

#### Moving to Another Unit

Upon your request, HP 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, HP 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 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.

HP 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.

HP's emergency transfer plan provides further information on emergency transfers, and HP 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

HP 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 HP must be in writing, and HP 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. HP may, but does not have to, extend the deadline for the submission of documentation upon your request.

You can provide one of the following to HP as documentation. It is your choice which of the following to submit if HP 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 HP 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 HP has agreed to accept.

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

If HP 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), HP 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 where there is conflicting evidence, HP does not have to provide you with the protections contained in this notice.

#### Confidentiality

HP 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.

HP must not allow any individual administering assistance or other services on behalf of HP (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.

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

- You give written permission to HP to release the information on a time limited basis.
- HP 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 HP or your landlord to release the information.

VAWA does not limit HP's 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, HP 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 HP 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.

If HP can demonstrate the above, HP 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 violations of these rights and seek additional assistance, if needed, by contacting or filing a complaint with [insert contact information for any intermediary, if applicable] or [insert HUD field office].

### For Additional Information

You may view a copy of HUD's final VAWA rule at [insert Federal Register link].

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

For questions regarding VAWA, please contact LAWNSIDE & EVESHAM COURT APARTMENTS, Jane Mulholland @ 856-547-8982.

For help regarding an abusive relationship, you may call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or, for persons with hearing impairments, 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

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.

For help regarding sexual assault, Victims of stalking and individuals affected by sexual violence please call the professionals that can provide assistance and referrals.

### NJ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

1-800-572-SAFE (7233)

24 hours a day - 7 days a week

This hotline serves domestic violence victims and others seeking information about domestic violence services.

# NJ COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT (NJCASA) HOTLINE

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Attachment: Certification form HUD-5382 [form approved for this program to be included]

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### **Evesham & Lawnside Court Apartments**

Model Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating
Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking

#### **Emergency Transfers**

Evesham & Lawnside Court Apartments is concerned about the safety of its tenants, and such concern extends to tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Management allows tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to request an emergency transfer from the tenant's current unit to another unit. The ability to request a transfer is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. The ability of Management to honor such request for tenants currently receiving assistance, however, may depend upon a preliminary determination that the tenant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and on whether Management has another dwelling unit that is available and is safe to offer the tenant for temporary or more permanent occupancy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Housing providers cannot discriminate on the basis of any protected characteristic, including race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age. HUD-assisted and HUD-insured housing must be made available to all otherwise eligible individuals regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.





Despite the name of this law, VAWA protection is available to all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

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This plan identifies tenants who are eligible for an emergency transfer, the documentation

needed to request an emergency transfer, confidentiality protections, how an emergency

transfer may occur, and guidance to tenants on safety and security. This plan is based on

a model emergency transfer plan published by the U.S. Department of Housing and

Urban Development (HUD), the Federal agency that oversees that Evesham &

Lawnside Court Apartments is in compliance with VAWA.

**Eligibility for Emergency Transfers** 

A tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or

stalking, as provided in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR part 5, subpart L is eligible for an

emergency transfer, if: the tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent

harm from further violence if the tenant remains within the same unit. If the tenant is a

victim of sexual assault, the tenant may also be eligible to transfer if the sexual assault

occurred on the premises within the 90-calendar-day period preceding a request for an

emergency transfer.

A tenant requesting an emergency transfer must expressly request the transfer in

accordance with the procedures described in this plan.

Tenants who are not in good standing may still request an emergency transfer if they

meet the eligibility requirements in this section.

Form HUD-5381 (06/2017) Evesham & Lawnside Court Apartments

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**Emergency Transfer Request Documentation** 

To request an emergency transfer, the tenant shall notify Management office at 109

Mouldy Road, Apt 1A, Lawnside NJ 08045 attention Jane Mulholland, Community

Manager and submit a written request for a transfer will provide reasonable

accommodations to this policy for individuals with disabilities. The tenant's written

request for an emergency transfer should include either:

1. A statement expressing that the tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of

imminent harm from further violence if the tenant were to remain in the same

dwelling unit assisted under Evesham & Lawnside Court Apartments; OR

2. A statement that the tenant was a sexual assault victim and that the sexual assault

occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period preceding the tenant's

request for an emergency transfer.

Confidentiality

Management will keep confidential any information that the tenant submits in requesting

an emergency transfer, and information about the emergency transfer, unless the tenant

gives Management written permission to release the information on a time limited basis,

or disclosure of the information is required by law or required for use in an eviction

proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance from the covered program.

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This includes keeping confidential the new location of the dwelling unit of the tenant, if one is provided, from the person(s) that committed an act(s) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against the tenant. See the Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act For All Tenants for more information about MANAGEMENT's responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of information related to incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

## **Emergency Transfer Timing and Availability**

Management cannot guarantee that a transfer request will be approved or how long it will take to process a transfer request. Management will, however, act as quickly as possible to move a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to another unit, subject to availability and safety of a unit. If a tenant reasonably believes a proposed transfer would not be safe, the tenant may request a transfer to a different unit. If a unit is available, the transferred tenant must agree to abide by the terms and conditions that govern occupancy in the unit to which the tenant has been transferred. Management may be unable to transfer a tenant to a particular unit if the tenant has not or cannot establish eligibility for that unit.

If Management has no safe and available units for which a tenant who needs an emergency is eligible, Management will assist the tenant in identifying other housing providers who may have safe and available units to which the tenant could move. At the tenant's request, Management will also assist tenants in contacting the local organizations





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offering assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or

stalking that are attached to this plan.

Safety and Security of Tenants

Pending processing of the transfer and the actual transfer, if it is approved and occurs, the

tenant is urged to take all reasonable precautions to be safe.

Tenants who are or have been victims of domestic violence are encouraged to contact the

National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233, or a local domestic violence

shelter, for assistance in creating a safety plan. For persons with hearing impairments,

that hotline can be accessed by calling 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

Tenants who have been victims of sexual assault may call the Rape, Abuse & Incest

National Network's National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-HOPE, or visit the

online hotline at https://ohl.rainn.org/online/.

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.

Attachment: Local organizations offering assistance to victims of domestic violence,

dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.



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#### **Hotlines and Helplines**

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, please call 1-877-294-4356 TTY to access any hotline.

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Purpose of Form: The Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA") protects applicants, tenants, and program participants in certain HUD programs from being evicted, denied housing assistance, or terminated from housing assistance based on acts of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against them. Despite the name of this law, VAWA protection is available to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Use of This Optional Form: If you are seeking VAWA protections from your housing provider, your housing provider may give you a written request that asks you to submit documentation about the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

In response to this request, you or someone on your behalf may complete this optional form and submit it to your housing provider, or you may submit one of the following types of third-party documentation:

- (1) A document signed by you and an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, or medical professional, or a mental health professional (collectively, "professional") from whom you have sought assistance relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or the effects of abuse. The document must specify, under penalty of perjury, that the professional believes the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking occurred and meet the definition of "domestic violence," "dating violence," "sexual assault," or "stalking" in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 5.2003.
- (2) A record of a Federal, State, tribal, territorial or local law enforcement agency, court, or administrative agency; or
- (3) At the discretion of the housing provider, a statement or other evidence provided by the applicant or tenant.

Submission of Documentation: The time period to submit documentation is 14 business days from the date that you receive a written request from your housing provider asking that you provide documentation of the occurrence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Your housing provider may, but is not required to, extend the time period to submit the documentation, if you request an extension of the time period. If the requested information is not received within 14 business days of when you received the request for the documentation, or any extension of the date provided by your housing provider, your housing provider does not need to grant you any of the VAWA protections. Distribution or issuance of this form does not serve as a written request for certification.

Confidentiality: All information provided to your housing provider concerning the incident(s) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking shall be kept confidential and such details shall not be entered into any shared database. Employees of your housing provider are not to have access to these details unless to grant or deny VAWA protections to you, and such employees may not disclose this information to any other entity or individual, except to the extent that disclosure is: (i) consented to by you in writing in a time-limited release; (ii) required for use in an eviction proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance; or (iii) otherwise required by applicable law.

# TO BE COMPLETED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING

1. Date the written reque	st is received by victim:
2. Name of victim:	
3. Your name (if differen	t from victim's):
4. Name(s) of other famil	y member(s) listed on the lease:
6. Name of the accused p	perpetrator (if known and can be safely disclosed):
8. Date(s) and times(s) o	cused perpetrator to the victim: f incident(s) (if known):
10. Location of incident	(s):
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This is to certify that the and recollection, and that dating violence, sexual jeopardize program eligit eviction.	information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge the individual named above in Item 2 is or has been a victim of domestic violence, assault, or stalking. I acknowledge that submission of false information could bility and could be the basis for denial of admission, termination of assistance, or
Signature	Signed on (Date)
	en. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to

Public Reporting Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response. This includes the time for collecting, reviewing, and reporting the data. The information provided is to be used by the housing provider to request certification that the applicant or tenant is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The information is subject to the confidentiality requirements of VAWA. 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 control number.

SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING

Purpose of Form: If you are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and you are seeking an emergency transfer, you may use this form to request an emergency transfer and certify that you meet the requirements of eligibility for an emergency transfer under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Although the statutory name references women, VAWA rights and protections apply to all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. Using this form does not necessarily mean that you will receive an emergency transfer. See your housing provider's emergency transfer plan for more information about the availability of emergency transfers.

### The requirements you must meet 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. In response, you may submit Form HUD-5382, or any one of the other types of documentation listed on that Form.
- (2) You expressly request the emergency transfer. Submission of this form confirms that you have expressly requested a transfer. Your housing provider may choose to require that you submit this form, or may accept another written or oral request. Please see your housing provider's emergency transfer plan for more details.
- (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 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 submit this form or otherwise expressly request the transfer.

Submission of Documentation: If you have third-party documentation that demonstrates why you are eligible for an emergency transfer, you should submit that documentation to your housing provider if it is safe for you to do so. Examples of third party documentation include, but are not limited to: a letter or other documentation from a victim service provider, social worker, legal assistance provider, pastoral counselor, mental health provider, or other professional from whom you have sought assistance; a current restraining order; a recent court order or other court records; a law enforcement report or records; communication records from the perpetrator of the violence or family members or friends of the perpetrator of the violence, including emails, voicemails, text messages, and social media posts.

Confidentiality: All information provided to your housing provider concerning the incident(s) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and concerning your request for an emergency transfer shall be kept confidential. Such details shall not be entered into any shared database. Employees of your housing provider are not to have access to these details unless to grant or deny VAWA protections or an emergency transfer to you. Such employees may not disclose this information to any other entity or individual, except to the extent that disclosure is: (i) consented to by you in writing in a time-limited release; (ii) required for use in an eviction proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance; or (iii) otherwise required by applicable law.

TO BE COMPLETED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE PERSON REQUESTING A TRANSFE	<u>R</u>
1. Name of victim requesting an emergency transfer:	···-
2. Your name (if different from victim's)	<u> </u>
3. Name(s) of other family member(s) listed on the lease:	
4. Name(s) of other family member(s) who would transfer with the victim:	
5. Address of location from which the victim seeks to transfer:	
6. Address or phone number for contacting the victim:	<u> </u>
7. Name of the accused perpetrator (if known and can be safely disclosed):	<u></u>
8. Relationship of the accused perpetrator to the victim:	
9. Date(s), Time(s) and location(s) of incident(s):	
10. Is the person requesting the transfer a victim of a sexual assault that occurred in the past days on the premises of the property from which the victim is seeking a transfer? If yes, skip question 11. If no, fill out question 11.	90
11. Describe why the victim believes they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if they remain in their current unit.	
12. If voluntarily provided, list any third-party documentation you are providing along with notice:  This is to certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my kno and that the individual named above in Item 1 meets the requirement laid out on this form for an em transfer. I acknowledge that submission of false information could jeopardize program eligibility are be the basis for denial of admission, termination of assistance, or eviction.	wledge, ergency ad could
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# LAWNSIDE & EVESHA COURT APARTMENTS REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments is committed to ensuring that its policies and procedures do not deny individuals with disabilities the opportunity to participate in, or benefit from, nor otherwise discriminate against individuals with disabilities, on the basis of disability, in connection with the operation of the Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartment's programs, services and activities. Therefore, if an individual with a disability requires an accommodation such as an accessible feature or modification to Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartment's policy, Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments will provide such accommodation unless doing so would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of the program; or an undue financial and administrative burden. In such case, Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments will attempt to make another accommodation that would not result in a financial or administrative burden.

A reasonable accommodation is a change, modification, alteration or adaptation in policy, procedure, practice, program, or facility that provides a qualified individual with a disability the opportunity to participate in, or benefit from, a program (housing or non-housing) or activity.

Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments will post a copy of this Reasonable Accommodation Policy and Procedures in the Central Administrative Offices located at Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments. In addition, individuals will receive a copy of this Reasonable Accommodation Policy and Procedures in their tenant move-in packet.

### LEGAL AUTHORITY

Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments is subject to Federal civil rights laws and regulations. This Reasonable Accommodation Policy is based on the following statutes or regulations.

See Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504)<sup>1</sup>; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)<sup>2</sup>; the Fair Housing Act of 1968, as amended (Fair Housing Act)<sup>3</sup>; the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968<sup>4</sup>, and the respective implementing regulations for each Act.

## MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

The Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartment's Section 504/ADA Coordinator is responsible for monitoring the Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartment's compliance with this Policy. Individuals who have questions regarding this policy, its interpretation or implementation should contact the Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartment's Section 504/ADA Coordinator in writing, by telephone, by facsimile, or by appointment, as follows: Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments, 109 Mouldy Rd, Apt 1A, Lawnside NJ 08045, 856-547-8982 fax: 856-547-8985.

<sup>129</sup> U.S.C. § 794; 24 C.F.R. Part 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et. seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 42 U.S.C §§3601-20; 24 C.F.R. Part 100.

<sup>4 42</sup> U.S.C. §§ 4151-4157.

### Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments

#### STAFF TRAINING

The Section 504/ADA Coordinator will ensure that all appropriate Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments staff receive annual training on the Reasonable Accommodation Policy and Procedures, including all applicable Federal, state and local requirements regarding reasonable accommodation.

### REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

A person with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation at any time during the application process, or residency at Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments name of complex]. The individual, Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartment's Section 504 Coordinator, or any person identified by the individual, must reduce all requests to writing.

Reasonable accommodation methods or actions that may be appropriate for a particular program and individual may be found to be inappropriate for another program or individual. The decision to approve or deny a request for a reasonable accommodation is made on a case-by-case basis and takes into consideration the disability and the needs of the individual as well as the nature of the program or activity in which the individual seeks to participate.

# APPLICATION OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION POLICY

The Reasonable Accommodation Policy applies to individuals with disabilities in the programs provided by Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments:

### PERSON WITH A DISABILITY

A person with a disability as defined by the Federal Fair Housing Act<sup>5</sup> is an individual who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. As used in this definition, the phrase "physical or mental impairment" includes:

- (a) Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems; Neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs; respiratory, including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive; digestive; genito-urinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin; and endocrine; or
- (b) Any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities. The term "physical or mental impairment", visual, speech, and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The definition of an individual with a disability is nearly identical under Section 504 and the ADA.

disease, diabetes, mental retardation, emotional illness, drug addiction and alcoholism.

"Major life activities" means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing and learning.

The definition of disability does not include any individual who is an alcoholic whose current use of alcohol prevents the individual from participating in the public housing program or activities; or whose participation, by reason of such current alcohol abuse, would constitute a direct threat to property or the safety of others. The definition does protect alcoholics who are being treated for their alcoholism .

# EXAMPLES OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS<sup>6</sup>

Examples of reasonable accommodations may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Making a unit, part of a unit or public and common use elements accessible for the head of household or a household member with a disability who is on the lease;
- (b) Permitting a family to have a service or emotional support animal necessary to assist a family member with a disability;
- (c) Allowing a live-in aid to reside in a tenant's unit;
- (d) Transferring a resident to a larger size unit to provide a separate bedroom for a person with a disability when the disability requires this;
- (e) Transferring a resident to a unit on a lower level or a unit that is completely on one level;
- (f) Making documents available in large type, computer disc or Braille;
- (g) Providing qualified sign language interpreters for applicants or residents meeting with Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments staff; or attending resident meetings/functions;
- (h) Installing strobe type flashing lights; and other such equipment for a family member with a hearing impairment; and
- (i) Permitting an outside agency or family member to assist a resident for an applicant meet screening criteria in order for a resident to meet the essential terms of the lease and/or Residents' rules.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> [Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments] will also provide, as an attachment to the Reasonable Accommodations Policy, its "Examples of Reasonable Accommodations", approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

# PROCESSING OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS

[Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments will provide the "Request for Reasonable Accommodation Form" ("Request Form"), attached hereto, to all applicants, residents or program beneficiaries. It will also be provided to all applicants, tenants or program beneficiaries upon request.

Individuals may submit their reasonable accommodation request(s) in writing, orally, or by any other equally effective means of communication. Submission of the Request Forms is not mandatory. However, Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments will ensure that all reasonable accommodation requests will be reduced to writing within 24 hours of receipt. If needed as a reasonable accommodation, Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments will assist the individual in completing the Request Form.

- (a) Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments will provide all applicants with the Request Form as an attachment to Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments application. The Request for Reasonable Accommodation Form must be provided in an alternative format, upon request.
- (b) Reasonable Accommodations will be made for applicants during the application process. All applications must be taken in an accessible location. Applications will be made available in accessible formats. Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments will provide applicants with appropriate auxiliary aids and services, including qualified sign language interpreters and readers, upon request.
- (c) [Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments will provide all residents that request one with the Request Form during the annual re-certification, and upon request at any other time. Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments will provide the Request Form in an alternate form, upon request.
- (d) Residents seeking accommodation(s) may contact Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments 856-547-8982 of the housing management office, including office of private management companies acting on behalf of Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments. In addition, residents may also contact the Section 504/ADA Coordinator's office directly to request the accommodation(s).
- (e) Within two (2) business days of receipt, the [Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments office or the private management company will forward the resident's reasonable accommodation request(s) to the Office of the Section 504/ADA Coordinator.
- (f) Within five (5) business days of receipt, the office of the Section 504/ADA Coordinator, or the resident's regional or management office will respond to Resident's Request.
- (g) If additional information or documentation is required, the Section 504/ADA

Coordinator's Office will notify the resident, in writing, of the need for the additional information or documentation. The Section 504/ADA Coordinator's Office will provide the resident with the "Request for Information or Verification Form", a copy of which is attached. The written notification should provide the resident with a reply date for submission of the outstanding information or documentation.

- (h) Within ten (10) business days of receipt of the request and, if necessary, all supporting documentation, Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments will provide written notification to the resident of its decision to approve or deny the resident's request(s). Upon request, the written notification will be provided in an alternate format. A copy of the "Letter Denying Request for Reasonable Accommodation(s)" and "Letter Approving Request for Reasonable Accommodations(s) are attached.
- (i) If the [Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments approves the accommodation request(s), the resident will be notified of the projected date for implementation.
- (j) If the accommodation is denied, the resident will be notified of the reasons for denial. In addition, the notification of the denial will also provide the resident with information regarding [Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartment's Grievance Procedures.
- (k) All recommendations that have been approved by the ADA/504 Coordinator will be forwarded to the appropriate housing manager for implementation. All requests for reasonable accommodation that are approved by the housing manager will promptly be implemented.

# VERIFICATION OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments may request documentation of the need for a Reasonable Accommodation as identified on the Request for Reasonable Accommodation Form. In addition, Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments may request that the individual provide suggested reasonable accommodations.

Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments may verify a person's disability only to the extent necessary to ensure that individuals who have requested a reasonable accommodation have a disability-based need for the requested accommodation.

The following may provide verification of a resident's disability and the need for the requested accommodation(s):

- (a) Physician;
- (b) Licensed health professional;
- (c) Professional representing a social service agency; or
- (d) Disability agency or clinic.

Upon receipt, the resident's Property Manager, including private management companies operating on behalf of [Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartment's, will forward the recommendation, including all supporting documentation, to the Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartment's Section 540/ADA Coordinator within five (5) days of receipt.

# DENIAL OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION REQUEST(S)

Requested accommodations will not be approved if one of the following would occur as a result:

- (a) A violation of State and/or Federal law;
- (b) A fundamental alteration in the nature of Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartment's housing program;
- (c) An undue financial and administrative burden on [Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments;
- (d) A structurally infeasible alteration; or
- (e) An alteration requiring the removal or alteration of a load-bearing structural member.

# TRANSFER AS REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments shall not require a resident with a disability to accept a transfer in lieu of providing a reasonable accommodation. However, if a housing resident with a disability requests dwelling unit modifications that involve structural changes, including but not limited to widening entrances, rooms, or hallways, and there is a vacant, comparable, appropriately sized UFAS-compliant unit in that resident's complex or an adjacent complex, Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments may offer to transfer the resident to the vacant unit in his/her complex or adjacent complex in lieu of providing structural modifications.

If the resident accepts the transfer, Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments will work with the resident to obtain moving expenses from social service agencies or other similar sources. If that effort to obtain moving expenses is unsuccessful within thirty (30) days of the assignment of the dwelling unit, Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments shall pay the reasonable moving expenses, including utilities fees and deposits. Nothing contained in this paragraph is intended to modify the terms of Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments Tenant and Assignment Plan and any resident's rights thereunder.

## SERVICE OR ASSISTANCE ANIMALS

Residents of Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments with disabilities are permitted to have assistance/emotional support animals, if such animals are necessary as a reasonable accommodation for their disabilities. Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartments residents or potential residents who need an assistance animal as a reasonable accommodation must request the accommodation in accordance with the reasonable accommodation policy. Assistance/emotional support animals are not subject to the requirements of Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartment's Pet Policy or pet deposit.

## RIGHT TO APPEAL/GRIEVANCE PROCESS

(1) The applicant or resident may file a complaint in accordance with Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartment's Grievance Procedure following a formal determination by the [Lawnside & Evesham Court Apartment's ADA/504 Coordinator.

(2) An applicant or resident may, at any time, file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Individuals may contact the local HUD office at:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity One Newark Center, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Newark, NJ 07102 Telephone: (973) 776-7307

Facsimile: (973) 776-7307 Facsimile: (973) 645-6423

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