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Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (Section 8)
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RENT INCREASE REQUEST

RE: Rent Increase Request

Dear Owner/Agent,

Thank you for your inquiry to the process of requesting a rent increase. Rent increases are allowed once annually. Preferably, effective on the anniversary of the participant's recertification. Please note that we must receive all required forms 60 days prior to the effective date. You can send your request in advance, to coincide with a new lease.

Return all the following forms either fax, scan and email, USPS first class mail, or drop off (after hours—lobby letter slot in the office door).

- 1. Landlord Rent Roll
- 2. Go Section 8 Rent Reasonable Request form
- 3. Copy of rent increase notice sent to the participant/tenant

If approved, this change will be effective on the first of the month after 60 days of receipt of completed documents. Thank you in advance. Feel free to contact the office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Pamela Caranfa

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Program Administrator

We thank you for providing safe, sanitary and affordable housing to low-income families, in partnership with the Housing Choice Voucher Program!

Enclosures GoSection8 Rent Reasonable form

Owner Rent Comparable form

Current Payment Standard & Utility Allowance Schedule—if missing please call the office.

File

You can request an increase every year—preferably to coincide with the annual recertification. You must notify both the tenant and make the request to this office 60+ days in advance. (We verify Rent Reasonableness with a third-party contractor and that does take a bit of time.) Example: a rent increase for Aug 1st would need to be received by May 31st.

The current payment standard December 2024 for a ONE-BEDROOM—low rise building is \$1,270 to include utilities. When utilities are not included, we use the Utility Allowance Schedule to calculate the additional cost for utilities that the tenants are responsible for, by adding them to the contract rent, which gives the "gross rent" amount. The participant/tenant would pay, the difference between the payment standard amount and the gross rent amount, in addition to their 30%.

Example #1 Contract rent \$1,130 + \$140 Utilities Allowance (electric stove, other electric, & a/c) = \$1,270 termed gross rent = \$1,270 payment standard the **Participants would pay 30% of income; which is what HUD wants to see**.

Example #2 Contract rent \$1,200 + \$140 Utilities Allowance = \$1,340 gross rent. Subtract the \$1,270 payment standard means the Participants would pay 35-40+% of their income (30% of their income, <u>plus</u> the additional cost over the payment standard of \$70.) This may not be affordable to the Participant, and they would have to look elsewhere for a unit to rent. We do not give landlords income information, but rather negotiate with the landlord to **keep participants in the range HUD prefers**.



Please email completed form to RROD@gosection8.com.
For immediate assistance call (561) 362-1099.
Fields with an * are required. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

TENANT INFORMAT	ION					
* First Name:		* [.ast Name: _			
Voucher # / Refe	erence #:		_ Housing	Authority Name:		
(STEP 1) PROPERTY I	LOCATION					
* Address:					Unit Number: _	
* City:		* State:		* Zip:	* County:	
(STEP 2) PROPERTY I	NFORMATION					
* Rent Amount:	* Bed(s):	_ Square Footage:		Quality and Condition:	O Unknown	O Poor
\$	* Bath(s):	_ Year Built:		O Fair O Average	O Above Average	O Excellent
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(STEP 3) AMENITIES	AND UTILITIES * Mus	t Complete for Adjustm	ent Accurac	у		
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Please complete the **Rent Roll** below for all units in the entire building at the complex / site where the subject unit is located; include both Market and Subsidized units. All rents listed below are subject to additional verification of leases.

If the unit is in abatement (HAP is held) due to failed inspection the request will automatically be denied.

If approved, the increase will go into effect the **first of the month following 60 days** once **all forms** have been completed and returned to this office (including the 60-day notice sent to tenant).

Property Addres	ss				
Has there has	a change in who	pays utility expens	os from the initi	Secol lei	□ Vos □ No
If yes, please ex		bays utility expens	es from the initi	al leaser	☐ Yes ☐ No
CURRENT		NEW		Effective	
Contract Rent		Rent		Date:	
			RENT ROLL		
Number of units	s in the entire bui	lding		Complex Name	
Number of Priva	ate Market Units				
Number of Subs	idized Units				
Apartment Unit Number	Number of Bedrooms	Current Rent	Lease Date	Private Market or Subsidized	Indicate if there are any of the subsidy types below on the property:
					☐ Section 202
					☐ Section 221
					☐ Tax Credit
					□ Home
					☐ Section 236
					Insured or uninsured
					☐ Section 515
					Rural Development
					☐ Other (Describe to include
					any state or local subsidy)
If the rent reque	ested for the apar	tment above is no	t comparable, p	lease explain:	
•		•	•	•	knowledge. I certify that the inits within the premises.
Owner / Agent	Signature			Date	

Warning: Section 1001 of Title 18, of the U.S. Code makes it a criminal offense to make willful false statements or misrepresentations to any Department of Agency of the U.S. as to any matter within its Jurisdiction.



EQUAL HOUSING

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Owner's Statement of Good Status

Complete one form for each property occupied by a participant in the housing choice voucher program. **MUST** submit copies of BOTH bills: ☐ Real Estate Tax ☐ Water/Sewer bills and I hereby state that the **property** located at: is not in foreclosure status and that the real estate taxes, water and sewer bills are paid up to date. Furthermore, I have not received any notices that such actions of foreclosure or tax lien(s) will be forthcoming in the near future. The HAP contract will be terminated if owner fails to maintain "good status". Additionally, I understand that the Athol Housing Authority must be notified prior to the sale, transfer, or foreclosure of the property. The following are excerpts of the HUD 52641 HAP Contract Parts B & C and is not all inclusive. (Please read HAP Contract in the entirety prior to signing.) "Unless the owner has complied with all provisions of the HAP contract, the owner does not have a right to receive housing assistance payments under the HAP contract." This includes failure to "pay State or local real estate taxes, fines or assessments."...Part B 14. f. (7) "The owner must maintain the contract unit and premises in accordance with the housing quality standards (HQS)." "Failure to maintain the contract unit in accordance with the HQS" (including utilities as stated) the PHA may exercise any available remedies."...Part C 7. b. (1)& (2) (a) "The owner may not assign the HAP contract to a new owner without the prior written consent of the PHA." "The owner shall supply any information as required by the PHA pertinent to the proposed assignment.""The PHA may deny approval to assign the HAP contract."...Part B 14. g. **Owner/Agent** – Print Name Phone # Cell or Landline Circle one **Owner/Agent** – Signature Date Owner/Agent Mailing Address (Include city, state & zip) Owner/Agent Email Address **Print clearly**

Warning: Title 18, Section 1001 of the United States Code states that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly making false or fraudulent statements to any department or agency of the United States.

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Examples of FRAUD

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigates cases of fraud by Public Housing Agencies (PHA's), their employees, owners/agents and tenants participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

AHA policy: "the term *error* refers to an unintentional error or omission. Program abuse or fraud refers to a single act or pattern of actions that constitute a false statement, omission, or concealment of a substantial fact, made with the intent to deceive or mislead."

In order to provide rental assistance to as many needy families as possible, all participants in HUD sponsored programs must help properly utilize Government funds and follow HUD regulations. Incidents of fraud, willful misrepresentation, or intent to deceive, with regard to participation in HUD sponsored programs, are criminal acts. If you are suspected of committing any fraudulent acts, we are required to refer the matter to the proper authority for investigation and appropriate action. This could lead to an investigation of the allegation and could result in prosecution. As a result, you could also be terminated from the program.

Below are some examples (not all inclusive):

- 1. Owners/agents collecting extra (side) payments more than the family's share of the rent for unauthorized occupants or requiring the family to perform extra ordinary services in lieu of payments. Any and all additional or side payments must be approved by the PHA;
- 2. Owners/agents collecting assistance payments for units not occupied by program participants;
- 3. Bribing PHA employees to certify substandard units as standard and other violations of Housing Quality Standards (HQS) which involve misrepresentation or deceit.
- 4. Applicants/Participants (Tenants) failing to report all income received by family members or changes to income (within 10 days of the change). Many people forget: new job, second job, overtime, under the table / cash, part-time work, child support, unemployment, bonuses, minor children working, etc.
- 5. Applicants/Participants (Tenants) failing to report changes in family composition: marriage, birth, adoption, other legal action; absent family members due to illness or moving out; and unauthorized occupants (family, friends, children, etc.) living in the unit without prior written approval from both Owners/agents and AHA.
- 6. Owner/agent and/or Applicant/Participant failure to disclose familial relationships (Owner of the unit is the parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, sister or brother of <u>any member of the family</u>.)
- 7. When in doubt, call this office.

We urge everyone to report any violations of the Housing Choice Voucher program regulations immediately to this office. All reports will be treated as confidential.

I have read and understand the statements above:

Signature OWNER/AGENT	Date		
Signature HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	Date	Signature SPOUSE / CO-HEAD / OTHER	R ADULT Date
Signature OTHER ADULT	Date	Signature OTHER ADULT	Date



November 2004

Things You Should Know

Don't risk your chances for Federally assisted housing by providing false, incomplete, or inaccurate information on your application forms.

Purpose	This is to inform you that there is certain information you must provide when applying for assisted housing. There are penalties that apply if you knowingly omit information or give false information.
Penalties for Committing Fraud	The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) places a high priority on preventing fraud. If your application or recertification forms contain false or incomplete information, you may be: Evicted from your apartment or house: Required to repay all overpaid rental assistance you received: Fined up to S 10,000: Imprisoned for up to 5 years; and/or Prohibited from receiving future assistance. Your State and local governments may have other laws and penalties as well.
Asking Questions	When you meet with the person who is to fill out your application, you should know what is expected of you. If you do not understand something, ask for clarification. That person can answer your question or find out what the answer is.
Completing The Application	When you answer application questions, you must include the following information:
Income	 All sources of money you or any member of your household receive (wages. welfare payments, alimony, social security, pension, etc.): Any money you receive on behalf of your children (child support, social security for children, etc.); Income from assets (interest from a savings account, credit union, or certificate of deposit: dividends from stock, etc.); Earnings from second job or part time job; Any anticipated income (such as a bonus or pay raise you expect to receive)
Assets	 All bank accounts, savings bonds, certificates of deposit, stocks, real estate, etc that are owned by you and any adult member of your family's household who will be living with you.

- Any business or asset you sold in the last 2 years for less than its full value, such as your home to your children.
- The names of all of the people (adults and children) who will actually be living with you, whether or not they are related to you.

Signing the Application

- Do not sign any form unless you have read it, understand it, and are sure everything is complete and accurate.
- When you sign the application and certification forms, you are claiming that they are complete to the best of your knowledge and belief. You are committing fraud if you sign a form knowing that it contains false or misleading information.
- Information you give on your application will be verified by your housing agency. In addition, HUD may do computer matches of the income you report with various Federal, State, or private agencies to verify that it is correct.

Recertifications

You must provide updated information at least once a year. Some programs require that you report any changes in income or family/household composition immediately. Be sure to ask when you must recertify. You must report on recertification forms:

- All income changes, such as increases of pay and/or benefits, change or loss of job and/or benefits, etc., for all household members.
- Any move in or out of a household member; and,
- All assets that you or your household members own and any assets that was sold in the last 2 years for less than its full value.

Beware of Fraud

You should be aware of the following fraud schemes:

- Do not pay any money to file an application;
- Do not pay any money to move up on the waiting list;
- Do not pay for anything not covered by your lease;
- Get a receipt for any money you pay; and,
- Get a written explanation if you are required to pay for anything other than rent (such as maintenance charges).

Reporting Abuse

If you are aware of anyone who has falsified an application, or if anyone tries to persuade you to make false statements, report them to the manager of your complex or your PHA. If that is not possible, then call the local HUD office or the HUD Office of Inspector General (OIG) Hotline at (800) 347-3735. You can also write to: HUD-OIG HOTLINE, (GFI) 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC. 20410.

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PAYMENT STANDARDS 2024

EFFECTIVE 12/1/2024

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0 BR	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR
\$1,047	\$1,155	\$1,462	\$2,049	\$2,455

SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PAYMENT STANDARDS FOR ATHOL, MA

(Figures subject to HUD's Rent Reasonableness Requirements)

0 BR	\$1,047	110%	\$1,151
1 BR	\$1,155	110%	\$1,270
2 BR	\$1,462	110%	\$1,608
3 BR	\$2,049	110%	\$2,253
4 BR	\$2,455	110%	\$2,700

Fmr payment standards

For Board Minutes: fair_mark_pay_stand



Summary Allowance for Tenant-Furnished Utilities and Other Services

Locality: Athol Housing Authori	ty - X873999			Natio	nal Grid		Dat	e : 07/01/2024
6831 AHDD	Monthly Dollar Allowances							
Unit Type	0 BR	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR	5 BR	6 BR	7 BR
Mobile Home (Manufactured Home)* a. Natural Gas						3 510	OBIC	7.5(
b. Electric	104	125	162	208	260			
c. Bottle Gas	114	138	178	229	286			
d. Oil	120	145	187	240	300			
High-Rise with Elevator a. Natural Gas								
b. Electric	94	116	141	174	216	252	289	327
Row House/Garden Apt (Rowhouse/I a. Natural Gas	ownhouse)*							<u> </u>
b. Electric	103	138	187	233	282	328	377	426
c. Bottle Gas	113	152	205	256	310	360	414	468
d. Oil	119	159	215	268	325	378	435	491
Two-Three Family/Duplex (Semi-Deta a. Natural Gas	ched)*			200	020	310	400	491
b. Electric	125	161	213	265	310	353	406	459
c. Bottle Gas	137	177	234	203	341		1	
d. Oil	144	186	246	305	358	388	446	505
Older Multi-Family (Low Rise)* a. Natural Gas	(4-7	100	240	303	356	407	468	529
b. Electric	112	147	195	242	201			
c. Bottle Gas	123	161	215	242	291	334	384	434
d. Oil	129	169	215	266	320	367	422	477
Older Home Converted (Semi Detach		109	225	279	335	385	443	500
a. Natural Gas	Ī							
b. Electric	119	153	205	254	303	339	390	441
c. Bottle Gas	131	168	225	279	333	373	429	485
đ. Oil	137	176	236	293	349	391	450	509
Single Family Detached a. Natural Gas								
b. Electric	136	185	221	279	315	366	421	476
c. Bottle Gas	150	203	243	307	347	403	463	524
đ. Oil	157	213	255	321	364	423	486	549
All Unit Types-Cooking a. Natural Gas								
b. Electric	21	27	37	45	56	61	70	79
c. Bottle Gas	16	20	27	33	41	44	51	58
All Unit Types-Electricity	73	94	126	156	193	208	240	271
All Unit Types-Water Heat a. Natural Gas								
b. Electric	26	33	44	55	68	73	84	95
c. Bottle Gas	19	25	33	41	51	55	63	71
d. Oil	21	26	35	44	54	59	68	76
Range (Tenant Owned)	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Refrigerator (Tenant Owned)	4	4	6	6	6	8	8	8
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Summary - Air Conditioning Allowance for Tenant-Furnished Utilities and Other Services

Locality : Athol Housing Authority - X873999		National Grid					07/01/202 4 06/30/2025	
6831 AHDD		Expires 06/30/202 Monthly Dollar Allowances						
Unit Type	0 BR	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR		5 BR	
Mobile Home (Manufactured Home)	24	30	41	50	60			
High-Rise with Elevator	15	19	25	32	38		42	
Row/House Garden Apt. (Rowhouse/Townhouse)*	16	21	28	35	41		46	
Two-Three Family Duplex (Semi- Detached)*	16	21	28	35	41		46	
Older Multi-Family (Low Rise)*	15	19	25	32	38		40	
Older Home Converted (Semi- Detached)*	16	21	28	35	36 41		42 46	
Single Family Detached	28	36	48	59	71		80	

IMPORTANT DOCUMENT

- English This is an important document, please contact the Athol Housing Authority at 978-249-4848 for language assistance. You have the right to an interpreter free of charge.
- Armenian Սա կարևոր փաստաթուղթ է, լեզվական օգնության համար խնդրում ենք կապվել Athol Housing Authority-ին 978-249-4848 հեռախոսահամարով։ Դուք անվճար թարգմանչի իրավունք ունեք։
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- Chinese 這是一份重要文件,請致電 978-249-4848 聯繫 Athol 房屋管理局以獲得語言幫助。您有權免費獲得口譯員。Zhè shì yī fèn zhòngyào wénjiàn, qǐng zhìdiàn 978-249-4848 liánxì Athol fángwū guǎnlǐ jú yǐ huòdé yǔyán bāngzhù. Nín yǒu quán miǎnfèi huòdé kǒuyì yuán.
- French Ceci est un document important, veuillez contacter la Athol Housing Authority au 978-249-4848 pour une assistance linguistique. Vous avez droit à un interprète gratuitement.
- Greek Αυτό είναι ένα σημαντικό έγγραφο, επικοινωνήστε με την Athol Housing Authority στο 978-249-4848 για γλωσσική βοήθεια. Έχετε το δικαίωμα σε διερμηνέα δωρεάν.

 Aftό eínai éna simantikó éngrafo, epikoinoníste me tin Athol Housing Authority sto 978-249-4848 gia glossikí voítheia. Échete to dikaíoma se dierminéa doreán.
- Haitian Sa a se yon dokiman enpòtan, tanpri kontakte Athol Housing Authority nan 978-249-4848 pou asistans nan lang. Ou gen dwa pou jwenn yon entèprèt gratis.
- Hindi यह एक महत्वपूर्ण दस्तावेज है, कृपया भाषा सहायता के लिए एथोल हाउसिंग अथॉरिटी से 978-249-4848 पर संपर्क करें। आपके पास नि:शुल्क दुभाषिया प्राप्त करने का अधिकार है।
- Italian Questo è un documento importante, si prega di contattare la Athol Housing Authority al numero 978-249-4848 per assistenza linguistica. Hai diritto a un interprete gratuito.
- Korean 이것은 중요한 문서입니다. 언어 지원을 받으려면 Athol 주택 당국에 978-249-4848로 연락하십시오. 귀하는 무료로 통역사를 이용할 권리가 있습니다.
- Polish Jest to ważny dokument, prosimy o kontakt z Athol Housing Authority pod numerem 978-249-4848 w celu uzyskania pomocy językowej. Masz prawo do bezpłatnego tłumacza.
- Portuguese Este é um documento importante, entre em contato com a Athol Housing Authority pelo telefone 978-249-4848 para obter assistência linguística. Tem direito a um intérprete gratuito.
- Russian Это важный документ. Пожалуйста, свяжитесь с жилищным управлением Athol по телефону 978-249-4848 для получения языковой помощи. Вы имеете право на бесплатного переводчика. Eto vazhnyy dokument. Pozhaluysta, svyazhites' s zhilishchnym upravleniyem Athol po telefonu 978-249-4848 dlya polucheniya yazykovoy pomoshchi. Vy imeyete pravo na besplatnogo perevodchika.
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- Vietnamese Đây là một tài liệu quan trọng, vui lòng liên hệ với Cơ quan Quản lý Nhà ở Athol theo số 978-249-4848 để được hỗ trợ về ngôn ngữ. Bạn có quyền có thông dịch viên miễn phí.



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NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

"If you or anyone in your family is a person with disabilities, and you require a specific accommodation in order to fully utilize our programs and services, please contact the housing authority."

Applicable federal and state law defines the term 'disability' means, with respect to an individual as:

- (a) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual;
- (b) a record of such impairment; or
- (c) being regarded as having such an impairment.

but such term does not include current, illegal drug use or addiction to a controlled substance. Major life activities are defined as functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working.

As an example for the federal **Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)** known as Section 8:

- A change in the rules or policies of how we do things that would make this program accessible to and usable by a person with disabilities or due to reasons beyond the family's control (extenuating circumstances).
- A change in the way we communicate with you or give you information.
- AHA Policy: "A family that requires a reasonable accommodation may request a higher payment standard at the time the Request for Tenancy Approval (RTA) is submitted. The family must document the need for the exception." Certain conditions apply. (AHA Admin Plan pg. 16-7.) Fair Housing Act (FHA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

As an example for the state programs: Chapter 667 elderly and disabled or Chapter 709 family:

- A **reasonable accommodation** is a change, exception, or adjustment to a rule, policy, practice, or service that will allow a person with a disability to have an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling, including public and common spaces.
- Massachusetts General Law c. 151B §§4 (6) and (7)

You may ask for this kind of change, which is called a **Reasonable Accommodation**. <u>We request that it be in writing using our form</u>. If you need help filling out a Reasonable Accommodation Request Form, or if you want to give us your request in some other way, please contact this office.

You **must** explain what type of accommodation is needed to provide the person with the disability to full access the program(s) we offer. If your request is reasonable (does not pose an "undue financial and administrate burden" or result in a "fundamental alteration" of the program), we will try to make the change you request. *In other words, what this legal phrase means*: if it is not too expensive or too difficult to arrange or change the program per state or federal laws or rules.

We will let you know if we need more information or verification from you or if possible, make suggestions of other ways that we could meet your needs.