

CHANGES TO THE ACOP FOR APRIL

This revises language in line with recent additions to Metro Council's revisions.

p. 12; Chapter 1 Fair Housing

No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, perceived or actual sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, national or ethnic origin, familial status, disability, **lawful source of income, conviction history or arrest history, prior military service, or homeless status¹** be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under the LMHA's programs.

This revision accounts for repeal of Excess Utility charges pending HUD approval of MTW activity

p. 67, Chapter 13.6 Utility Allowance

Families (regardless of whether they pay an income-based or flat rent) will not be charged for any excess utility charges above the utility allowance¹. ~~Families (regardless of whether they pay an income-based or flat rent) will be charged for any excess utility charges above the utility allowance. Such charges are billed to residents quarterly, and any excess utility charge of more than \$10 is automatically split into three equal monthly payments.~~

Utility allowance revisions based on rate changes shall be effective retroactively to the first day of the month following the month in which the last rate change took place. Revisions based on changes in consumption or other reasons shall become effective at each family's next annual reexamination.

Families with high utility costs are encouraged to contact the LMHA for an energy analysis. The analysis may identify problems with the dwelling unit that once corrected will reduce energy costs. The analysis can also assist the family in identifying ways they can reduce their costs.

~~Requests for relief from surcharges for excess consumption of LMHA purchased utilities or from payment of utility supplier billings in excess of the utility allowance for tenant-paid utility costs may be granted by the Housing Authority on reasonable grounds. Requests shall be granted to families that include an elderly member or a member with disabilities. Requests by the family shall be submitted under the Reasonable Accommodation Policy. Families shall be advised of their right to individual relief at admission to public housing and at time of utility allowance changes.~~

¹ Pending HUD approval of MTW Activity

The following are additions to the Glossary as a result of Metro Council Ordinance revisions

Lawful source of income: Income to include, but not be limited to, child support, alimony, foster care subsidies, income derived from social security, grants, pension, or any form of federal, state, or local public assistance or housing assistance including, but not limited to,

section 8 vouchers, or any other form of housing assistance payment or credit whether or not such income or credit is paid or attributed directly to a landlord, and any other forms of lawful income. (Louisville Metro Council Ordinance §92.02)

Conviction history: Information regarding one or more convictions or unresolved arrests, transmitted orally or in writing or by any other means, and obtained from any source, including but not limited to the individual to whom the information pertains or a background check report, or a record from any jurisdiction that includes information indicating that person has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, provided that the conviction is one for which the person has been placed on probation, fined, imprisoned, and/or paroled. (Louisville Metro Council Ordinance §92.02)

Arrest history: A record from any jurisdiction that does not result in a conviction and includes information indicating that a person has been questioned, apprehended, taken into custody or detained, or held for investigation by a law enforcement, police, or prosecutorial agency or charged with, indicted, or tried and acquitted for a felony, misdemeanor, or other criminal offense. (Louisville Metro Council Ordinance §92.02)

Prior military service: The performance of military duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service under competent authority and includes active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, and full-time National Guard duty. (Louisville Metro Council Ordinance §92.02)

Homeless status: An individual whose life position is without a regular, fixed, permanent place of nighttime residence. Also see **Homeless**. (Louisville Metro Council Ordinance §92.02)