

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2020-13

**RESOLUTION APPROVING TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2020-10 AND
AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDED COVID-19 STATUTORY
AND REGULATORY WAIVERS FROM NORMAL REQUIREMENTS WITHOUT
PRIOR HUD APPROVAL**

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) authorized all Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to implement certain waivers from its normal requirements without prior HUD approval (PIH Notice 2020-05, SUBJECT: COVID-19 Statutory and Regulatory Waivers for the Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, Indian Housing Block Grant and Indian Community Development Block Grant programs, Suspension of Public Housing Assessment System and Section Eight Management Assessment Program); and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 national emergency and based on the Housing Authority of the City of Stuart, Florida (SHA's) local situation, SHA found itself in need of implementing certain waivers to provide administrative flexibilities and relief; therefore, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2020-10; and

WHEREAS, since that time HUD has revised PIH Notice 2020-05 by publishing on July 2, 2020, PIH Notice 2020-13 (HA), REV 1, thus restating the waivers and alternative requirements established previously, as well as providing additional waivers and alternative requirements, extending the period of availability for previously established waivers and alternative requirements, and issuing technical amendments to several of the previously established waivers and alternative requirements, etc.; and

WHEREAS, SHA is in need of amending its Resolution 2020-10, as it is in the Agency's best interest to implement appropriate waivers, establish alternative requirements for numerous statutory and regulatory requirements, and to provide further administrative flexibilities, as amended by HUD in PIH Notice 2020-13 (HA), REV 1, etc.; and

WHEREAS, in the event SHA's Executive Director determines it is appropriate to nullify any waiver and end the modification of the procedures and/or policies, she shall have the express authority to do so; and

WHEREAS, upon the sole discretion of SHA's Executive Director, she may choose to not take advantage of any of these waivers and/or expiration deadline extensions; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT due to the COVID-19 national emergency and based on SHA's local situation, SHA's Board of Commissioners hereby approves amending Resolution 2020-10 as stated above and authorizes the Agency to implement the following waivers:

PUBLIC HOUSING AND HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS

➤ **PH and HCV-1: PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan Submission Dates: Significant Amendment Requirements**

SHA is hereby taking advantage of the waiver that waives the requirements of Public Hearing and providing alternative deadlines. While SHA has already complied with the requirement, it will exercise this option should the deadline be amended beyond the extended due date of October 18, 2020.

➤ **PH and HCV-2: Family Income and Composition: Delayed Annual Examinations**

SHA is hereby taking advantage of the waiver that delays annual reexaminations of Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing families. However, SHA will follow the requirement regarding an increase in the payment standard contained in HCV-7.

All annual recertifications due in calendar year 2020 will be completed by the extended due date of December 31, 2020. SHA will accept any future amendments to this waiver.

➤ **PH and HCV-3: Family Income and Composition: Annual Examination - Income Verification Requirements**

SHA will take advantage of the HUD waiver that allows the PHA to not follow the income hierarchy of PIH Notice 2018-18. SHA will consider resident and participant self-certification as the highest form of income verification for exams done prior to the extended due date of December 31, 2020. SHA will accept any future amendments to this waiver.

The self-certification may occur over the telephone extemporaneously documented by SHA's staff, or via email or regular mail.

If SHA later determines that there are material discrepancies in a self-certification, it will take the appropriate enforcement actions according to its policy.

➤ **PH and HCV-4: Family Income and Composition: Interim Examinations**

The requirements for annual examinations stated above in PH and HCV-3 also apply to interim examinations conducted before the extended date of December 31, 2020. SHA will accept any future amendments to this waiver.

