

# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF TIFTON

## RESOLUTION #01-0520

**WHEREAS:** The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) issued PIH Administrative Notice 20-05 on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020;

**WHEREAS:** The Notice covered a variety of waivers and administrative exceptions that HUD is willing to grant to all public housing agencies to address the requirements of social distancing for the duration of any federal, State, or local directives or Executive Orders that call for minimization of public contact and public interactions;

**WHEREAS:** The Notice contains language that applies to administrative activities related to applicants and existing program participants for the Public Housing Program. It covers verification of household eligibility and income data.

**WHEREAS:** The Notice requires a housing agency to opt in by July 31, 2020 to those waivers that it elects to implement. In addition, some waivers are deemed “short term” and terminate July 31, 2020 and some are deemed “long term” and terminate December 31, 2020;

**WHEREAS:** Most of the key administrative relief granted in the Notice is the ability of the Authority to rely on self-certifications where 3<sup>rd</sup> party or actual physical inspections or meeting were required. The Notice makes clear that all self-certifications are subject post-audit and enforcement for false certification. All housing agencies are also granted authority to be as expansive as need be in terms of specific language in the self-certification forms;

**WHEREAS AND FURTHERMORE:** Administrative flexibility is required to allow the Executive Office to respond to rapidly changing circumstances and make decisions on a situation-by situation basis; and

**NOW, THERE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:** that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Tifton hereby authorize the Executive Director to:

- 1) Implement any waiver or exception listed in PIH Administrative Notice 20-05, or not, based on a balancing of the best interest of the

- public, the THA employees, the program participants and program integrity and compliance requirements.
- 2) Design and implement all required self-certification forms that meet the HUD minimum requirements as well as THA needs in order to maintain program integrity and support a vigorous post-audit process on applicants and program participants.
  - 3) Maintain the information that HUD requires as to which waivers or exceptions are implemented and a list of the households that benefited from the waivers or program participant complaint about unit physical compliance that benefited from the waivers or exceptions.

Authority to implementation of all identified waivers is retroactive to April 13, 2020.

  
Chairman

5-15-2020  
Date

## **EXHIBIT A to RESOLUTION 200427C**

Below is a list of the topics subject to statutory and regulatory requirements waivers identified in HUD Notice PIH 2020-05.

### **Subject of Waivers that Apply to the Public Housing:**

1. PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan Submission Dates, Significant Amendment Requirements.
2. Family Income and Composition: Delayed Annual Examination
3. Family Income and Composition: Annual Examination-Income Verification Requirements
4. Family Income and Composition: Interim Examinations
5. Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) Monitoring
6. Waiting List: Opening and Closing; Public Notice
7. Uniform Financial Reporting Standard; Filing of Financial Reports; Reporting Compliance Dates
8. Waives the Requirement to Submit 50058 Forms within 60 Days
9. Extension of Deadlines for Capital Grant Funds Actual Modernization Cost Certificates
10. Allows for the Use of Force Account Labor for Modernization Activities
11. Changes to Approval Process for Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP)
12. Suspends the Community Services & Self-Sufficiency Requirement
13. Allows for the Delay in Due Dates of Energy Audits One Year Beyond 2020
14. Changes to Deadline for Implementation of Over-Income Families Rule

15. Provides for Delaying Updates to Utility Allowance Schedules to 12/31/2020
16. Advance Notifications to Tenants are Not Required Except for Polices Related to Tenant Charges
17. PHA to Retain Prior Year PHAS Score Unless Requests Otherwise
18. Provides a One-Year Extension for Reporting Operating and Capital Fund Expenditures