

RESOLUTION 2020-40

AMENDING THE SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN
AND
ADOPTING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY WAIVERS TO THE PLAN

Whereas, the Greenfield Housing Authority (MA-096) operates a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program in compliance with Federal Law and rules and regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and;

Whereas, the Authority has properly adopted, and HUD has accepted, an Administrative Plan for its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program, and;

Whereas, the Authority seeks to establish a means to amend its Administrative Plan to adopt, as needed, temporary emergency waiver rules and regulations promulgated by HUD to allow the GHA operate its program in response to unforeseen events and emergencies, and;

Whereas, the Authority seeks to provide safe and efficient means to operate its Section 8 program during the COVID-19 emergency declaration by implementing waivers and alternative procedures as authorized by PIH Notice 2020-05, now therefore;

Be It Resolved, that the Greenfield Housing Authority hereby amends its Section 8 Administrative Plan by inserting a new sub-section at the conclusion of Chapter 1 Section IIID, "Updating and Revising The Plan," as follows:

Emergency Temporary Waivers of Provisions of Administrative Plan

In the event of an emergency declaration by the state or Federal government, or by an unforeseen Congressional action, etc., and with HUD authorization, the Greenfield Housing Authority shall have the administrative flexibility to adopt emergency temporary waivers of, or revisions and alterations to, this Administrative Plan and its operating procedures. The Executive Director shall be empowered to implement such emergency measures as deemed necessary, subject to approval of the Board of Commissioners. Such approval by the Board shall occur as soon as practicable. Program participants and landlords shall be notified of any temporary changes to the Section 8 program made as a result of implementation of the powers authorized by this sub-section. All emergency powers granted to the Authority and exercised by the Executive Director under this sub-section shall expire on a date stated in the Board vote authorizing the action(s) or by HUD Notice, or by a Board vote rescinding the emergency powers authorized.

Further Be It Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners adopts the provisions of PIH Notice 2020-05, issued April 10, 2020, and identified in a memo dated April 27,

2020 from the Executive Director to the Board, and is included as part of the Minutes of this meeting. Notwithstanding provisions of the Administrative Plan to the contrary, the Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to take measures consistent with that Notice and this Resolution. The adoption of this Resolution authorizes the temporary waiver of sections of the Administrative Plan, and allows alternative steps to be taken to manage and operate the Section 8 program. The Board of Commissioners endorses the actions taken to date by Executive Director, as authorized by the Notice.

Further Be It Resolved, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.