

RESOLUTION 786

The following resolution was brought before the Board of Commissioners for consideration:

APPROVE 2022 AGENCY PLAN

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the Whatcom County Housing Authority to approve the Agency Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy to clarify and/or add language allowed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to comply with the Public Housing Program governed by 24 CFR 5; and

WHEREAS, the attached Exhibit A provides a summary of the proposed changes and additions to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan;

WHEREAS, a public hearing and resident advisory board meetings have been held for public comments and the comments have been considered; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Whatcom County Housing Authority that the Agency Plan and required attachments and policies are hereby approved as stated on the certification attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to submit the approved Agency Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

DATED this 21st day of September 2021.

Commissioner Austin moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted as introduced and read, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Gribbin, and upon roll call, the "ayes" and "nays" were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

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| Commissioner Austin | Commissioner Gribbin |
| Commissioner Finet | Commissioner Gockley |
| Commissioner Szabo | |

The Chair thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

BY: David W. Finet
Dave Finet, Chair

ATTEST: Brien Thane
Brien Thane, Secretary/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES
ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY
September 21, 2021

The following elements of the PHA Plan have been revised as follows:

Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy Plan – note the revisions noted below represent policy changes, significant revisions, or changes in practice only. Revisions to clarify/clean up language and update HUD sites and notice numbers have been completed but do not impact policy.

- Chapter 2, Fair Housing
 - P. 16: BWCHA Policy, clarified interpretation services for remote briefings.
- Chapter 3, Eligibility
 - P. 1: Added eligibility requirement regarding duplicative subsidy.
 - P. 17-18: Added section on EIV System Searches.
- Chapter 8, Leasing and Inspections
 - P.8: BWCHA Policy, revised NSF check fee.
- Chapter 14, Grievances
 - P. 3-5: Added new language on remote informal reviews.
 - P. 17, 20-23: Added new language on remote hearings.
 - P. 26: Revised definition of “Hearsay Evidence”.
- Chapter 16, Program Administration
 - P. 11: BWCHA Policy, revised policy on late or missed payments and offers of repayment agreements.

Civil Rights Certification
(Qualified PHAs)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing
OMB Approval No. 2577-0226
Expires 3/31/2024

Civil Rights Certification

Annual Certification and Board Resolution

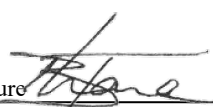
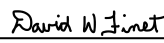
Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairperson or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the 5-Year PHA Plan, hereinafter referred to as "the Plan", of which this document is a part, and make the following certification and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 in which the PHA receives assistance under 42 U.S.C. 1437f and/or 1437g in connection with the mission, goals, and objectives of the public housing agency and implementation thereof:

The PHA certifies that it will carry out the public housing program of the agency in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d-2000d—4), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), and other applicable civil rights requirements and that it will affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of the program. In addition, if it administers a Housing Choice Voucher Program, the PHA certifies that it will administer the program in conformity with the Fair Housing Act, title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable civil rights requirements, and that it will affirmatively further fair housing in the administration of the program. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing, which means that it will take meaningful actions to further the goals identified in the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) conducted in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR § 5.150 through 5.180, that it will take no action that is materially inconsistent with its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing, and that it will address fair housing issues and contributing factors in its programs, in accordance with 24 CFR § 903.7(o)(3). The PHA will fulfill the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(o) and 24 CFR § 903.15(d). Until such time as the PHA is required to submit an AFH, the PHA will fulfill the requirements at 24 CFR § 903.7(o) promulgated prior to August 17, 2015, which means that it examines its programs or proposed programs; identifies any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; works with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction’s initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA’s involvement; and maintains records reflecting these analyses and actions.

Housing Authority of Whatcom County
PHA Name

WA041
PHA Number/HA Code

I hereby certify that all the statement above, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. **Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Name of Executive Director: Brien Thane	Name of Board Chairperson: Dave Finet, Chair
Signature  Date 9/22/2021	Signature  Date 9/21/2021

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to collect the information requested in this form by virtue of Title 12, U.S. Code, Section 1701 et seq., and regulations promulgated thereunder at Title 12, Code of Federal Regulations. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a benefit or to retain a benefit. The information requested does not lend itself to confidentiality. The information is collected to ensure that PHAs carry out applicable civil rights requirements.

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