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	Agenda Item No. MHGB2 Roll Call No. 09- Communication No. 09-310 Submitted by: Chris M. Johansen, Assistant City Manager	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving an amendment to the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency Section 8 Administrative Plan to delete language regarding verification of utility allowances.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Municipal Housing Governing Board approval to delete language from the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency Section 8 Administrative Plan regarding the verification of program participant’s utilities.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) currently verifies the date a participant in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program starts utility service with utility providers. As there is no HUD regulation requiring this, DMMHA proposes to delete the language from the Section 8 Administrative Plan regarding this and end this practice.

DMMHA has contacted all property owners currently participating in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and provided the property owners an opportunity to provide input into this prospective change. The majority of property owners indicated that the discontinuation of this practice has no impact on them. DMMHA also contacted four other Housing Authorities in Iowa and each of those agencies indicated they do not verify with utility providers that participants have started utility service.

The following language would be stricken from the Section 8 Administrative Plan, “Utility Allowances, as set forth on the Request for Tenancy Approval, will be verified as correct. The owner will then be briefed on his/her responsibility to the resident and to the program in general.”

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: January 26, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-050

Action: Approving an amendment to the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan to include the Code of Conduct and the Non-Elderly Disabled Person Fair Housing Addendum. (Board Communication No. 09-034) Moved by Mahaffey to approve. Motion Carried 5-3.

Date: July 28, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1282

Action: Approving amendment to City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan to revise the processing of unreported income. (Board Communication No. 08-454) Moved by Vlassis to approve. Motion Carried 7-1.

Date: June 9, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-946

Action: Approving an Amendment to the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan to include the Family Self-Sufficiency Program Fair Housing Addendum. (Board Communication No. 08-349) Moved by Vlassis to approve. Motion Carried 8-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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