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APPROVING SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT TO THE DES MOINES MUNICIPAL HOUSING AGENCY'S 2013 SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN; CHAPTER 5 TO CHANGE THE SUBSIDY STANDARDS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) is charged with providing decent, safe and affordable housing to residents within the City of Des Moines and Polk County; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a formal input public hearing process for any changes to a Public Housing Authorities Agency Plan known as a Significant Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the DMMHA is recommending revisions to the Agency's Section 8 Administrative Plan, specifically Chapter 5 to change the subsidy standards in conjunction with the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, the DMMHA provided 45 days of comment period and held two public meetings regarding these recommended changes on January 6 and 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Services Board held the Public Hearing at their regular Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Services Board voted to approve the Significant Amendment relating to the change in subsidy standards and recommend approval, as presented, to the Municipal Housing Governing Board; and

WHEREAS, by Roll Call No. 14-0098 of January 27, 2014, the Municipal Housing Governing Board, voted to continue this matter for possible consideration on February 10, 2014; and;

WHEREAS, by Roll Call No. 14-0184 of February 10, 2014, the Municipal Housing Governing Board, voted to continue this matter to a future Board meeting, to incorporate suggested changes to the plan and create a process for hardship exceptions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Housing Governing Board of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Municipal Housing Agency's Significant Amendment to the Section 8 Administrative Plan, Chapter 5, is hereby approved, as presented, including Section 5-II.B(c) to provide:

- A. One-bedroom subsidy standards will be assigned to the Head of Household (including a married couple or head of household with a significant other);
- B. An additional bedroom subsidy will be provided for up to two (2) additional household members thereafter. However, if the household only has one biological child that is less than

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six (6) years of age an additional bedroom subsidy shall not be granted. Once the child reaches six (6) years of age an additional bedroom subsidy shall be granted.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such change to Section 5-II.B(c) shall become effective June 1, 2014 for all Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program new entries and relocations and such change shall not apply to existing Program participants who shall remain eligible for the currently existing subsidy standards until such participants relocate from their rental unit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approved changes to the Section 8 Administrative Plan, Chapter 5, shall be further revised in the 2016 Administrative Plan to be approved by the Municipal Housing Governing Board to provide for full implementation of the change to Section 5-II.B(c) to all existing Program participants at their next annual reexamination occurring on or after July 1, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DMMHA staff is directed to submit the Significant Amendment and all related documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its review and approval.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Lawrence R. McDowell  
Deputy City Attorney

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**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City of Des Moines, Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

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City Clerk