

SECTION 8 LANDLORD CERTIFICATION

1. Ownership of Assisted Unit

In accordance with the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Housing Authority cannot approve a unit if the owner is related to the Tenant (parent, child, grandparent, sister, brother, etc.) unless the Housing Authority determines that approval of the unit would provide reasonable accommodation for an individual with disabilities. The rule requires certification of owner/Tenant relationship. Federal Statutes provide severe penalties for any fraud, intentional misrepresentation, or criminal connivance or conspiracy.

I certify that I am the legal owner or the legally designated agent for the above referenced unit and that the prospective tenant has no ownership interest in this dwelling unit whatsoever. I, further certify that I am of no relation (parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, sister, or brother, etc.) to the TENANT'S FAMILY.

2. Approved Tenants of Assisted Units

I understand that the family members listed on the dwelling lease agreement as approved by the Florence Housing Authority (FHA) are the only individuals permitted to reside in the unit. I also understand that I am not permitted to live in the unit while I am receiving housing assistance payments.

3. Housing Quality Standards

I understand my obligation in compliance with the Housing Assistance Payments Contract to perform necessary maintenance so the unit continues to comply with Housing Quality Standards.

4. Tenant Rent Payments

I understand that the tenant's portion of the contract rent is determined by FHA, and that it is illegal to charge any additional amounts for rent or any other item not specified in the lease nor specifically approved by FHA.

I understand that the HAP payment by FHA is deemed received by the owner upon direct deposit to the account appointed by the landlord. FHA shall not be obligated to pay any late penalty if it is determined that late payment by the FHA is due to factors beyond the Housing Authority's control.

5. Reporting Vacancies to the Housing Authority

I understand that should the assisted unit become vacant or if the tenant notifies me they will be absent from the unit for any period of time, I am responsible to notify the Housing Authority immediately in writing and, if appropriate, to return any portion of rent due the Housing Authority promptly.

6. Computer Matching Consent

I understand the Housing Assistance Payment Contract permits the Housing Authority or HUD to verify my compliance with the Contract. I consent for the Housing Authority or HUD to conduct computer matches to verify my compliance, as they deem necessary. The Housing Authority and HUD may release and exchange information regarding my participation in the Section 8 Program. I understand that knowingly supplying false, incomplete, or inaccurate information is punishable under Federal or State criminal law.

Address of Assisted Unit: _____

Certifying Signature of Landlord _____ Date _____

WARNING: Title 18 U.S. Code Section 1001 states that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly making false or fraudulent statements to any Department of Agency of the United States. State law may also provide penalties for false or fraudulent statements.