

ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST	§	BEFORE THE
WATERS AT SUNRISE, LP WITH RESPECT	§	TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
TO WATERS AT SUNRISE	§	HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
(HOME # 1002231 / HTC # 1002231 /	§	AFFAIRS
CMTS # 5046)	§	

AGREED FINAL ORDER

General Remarks and official action taken:

On this 13th day of June, 2024, the Governing Board (Board) of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA or Department) considered the matter of whether enforcement action should be taken against **WATERS AT SUNRISE, LP**, a Texas limited partnership (Respondent).

This Agreed Order is executed pursuant to the authority of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), Tex. Gov’t Code §2001.056, which authorizes the informal disposition of contested cases. In a desire to conclude this matter without further delay and expense, the Board and Respondent agree to resolve this matter by this Agreed Final Order. The Respondent agrees to this Order for the purpose of resolving this proceeding only and without admitting or denying the findings of fact and conclusions of law set out in this Order.

Upon recommendation of the Enforcement Committee, the Board makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law and enters this Order:

WAIVER

Respondent acknowledges the existence of their right to request a hearing as provided by Tex. Gov’t Code §2306.044, and to seek judicial review, in the District Court of Travis County, Texas, of any order as provided by Tex. Gov’t Code §2306.047. Pursuant to this compromise and settlement, the Respondent waives those rights and acknowledges the jurisdiction of the Board over Respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT (FOF)

Jurisdiction:

1. During 2014, Respondent received HOME funds and an allocation of Low Income Housing Tax Credits to build and operate Waters at Sunrise (“Property”) (HOME # 1002231 / HTC # 1002231 / CMTS # 5046).

2. Respondent signed two land use restriction agreements (collectively, the LURAs) regarding the Property:
 - a. In connection with the tax credit allocation, Respondent signed a Declaration of Land Use Restrictive Covenants Land Use Restriction Agreement for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (HTC LURA) regarding the Property. The HTC LURA was dated to be effective October 10, 2016, and filed of record at Document Number 2016117861 of the Official Public Records of Real Property of Williamson County, Texas (the Records); and
 - b. In connection with the HOME funding, Respondent signed a Land Use Restriction Agreement (Multifamily Properties) (HOME LURA) regarding the Property. The HOME LURA was effective May 6, 2015, and filed of record at Document Number 2015037310 of the Records.
3. Respondent is subject to the regulatory authority of TDHCA.

Compliance Violations¹:

4. Property has a history of violations and previously signed an Agreed Final Order on April 11, 2018, agreeing to pay a \$500.00 administrative penalty relating to failure to affirmatively market, which was to be fully forgivable if Respondent submitted acceptable evidence of correction within ninety days. Respondent complied with the requirements of that Order, and the administrative penalty was forgiven.
5. The Department conducted an on-site monitoring review on October 11, 2023, to determine whether Respondent was in compliance with LURA requirements to lease units to low-income households and maintain records demonstrating eligibility. TDHCA compliance monitors found violations of the LURA and TDHCA rules. The monitors sent notifications of noncompliance, setting a corrective action deadline of January 22, 2024. Respondent did not submit any corrective documentation, and the following violations were referred for an administrative penalty:
 - a. Respondent failed to implement required veterans statements in its application form, a violation of 10 TAC §10.612 (Tenant File Requirements), which requires the development to implement specific statements relating to veterans in its application form. This violation was corrected on April 17, 2024, after intervention by the Enforcement Committee.
 - b. Respondent failed to post a customized laminated copy of the Tenant Rights and Resources Guide in a common area of the leasing office, a violation of 10 TAC §10.613 (Lease Requirements), which requires owners to post a laminated copy

¹ Within this Agreed Final Order, all references to violations of TDHCA Compliance Monitoring rules at 10 TAC Chapter 10 refers to the versions of the code in effect at the time of the compliance monitoring reviews and/or inspections that resulted in recording each violation. All past violations remain violations under the current code and all interim amendments.

of the Guide in a common area of the leasing office and provide a copy to each household during the application process and upon any subsequent change to common amenities, unit amenities, or services. This violation remains unresolved. This violation was corrected on April 17, 2024, after intervention by the Enforcement Committee.

- c. Respondent failed to implement the 2023 utility allowance that was issued on December 14, 2022, a violation of 10 TAC §10.614 (Utility Allowances), which requires all developments to update utility allowances annually. This violation was corrected on April 17, 2024, after intervention by the Enforcement Committee.
- d. Respondent failed to submit rents to the TDHCA Asset Management Division on August 1, 2023, a violation of 10 TAC §10.403 (Review of Annual HOME, HOME-ARP, HOME Match, NSP, TCAP-RF, and National Housing Trust Fund Rents), which requires owners of the noted programs to submit documentation for annual Department review and approval. This violation was corrected on June 3, 2024, after intervention by the Enforcement Committee.
- e. Respondent failed provide complete a complete Tenant Income Certification and Documentation for unit 6305 at initial occupancy. The unit was designated as a HOME unit on the Unit Status Report and the Tenant Income Certification, however, Respondent failed to verify the households assets, including a checking account and a savings account, a violation of 10 TAC §10.612 (Tenant File Requirements) and Section 4.3 of the HOME LURA, which require HOME developments to verify income and assets. The violation remains unresolved.
- f. Respondent failed to maintain the specific required unit mix, a violation of additional rent and occupancy restrictions at Section 2.3(c) of the HOME LURA, which requires Respondent to set aside for the HOME program 35 floating units out of the 300 units at the Property. Those include: 11 one-bedroom units with a Net Rentable Area (NRA) of 658 square feet; 4 two-bedroom units with a NRA of 967 square feet; 12 two-bedroom units with a NRA of 968 square feet; 6 three-bedroom units with NRA of 1158 square feet; and two 4-bedroom units with NRA of 1330 square feet. At the time of the monitoring review, only 8 of the required 11 one-bedroom units were occupied by HOME households. The violation remains unresolved.
- g. Respondent failed to provide documentation that household income at initial occupancy was within prescribed limits for a HOME household at or below 80% AMI for unit 14105, a violation of Sections 2.3(b) and 2.4 of the HOME LURA, which requires Respondent to set aside for the HOME program not less than 28 floating units that do not exceed 80% AMI, and not less than 7 floating units that do not exceed 50% AMI. Per the Unit Status Report at the time of the monitoring review, only 26 units were set aside for HOME households that income qualified at or below 80% AMI. Additionally, an insufficient number of 1-bedroom units were provided for the HOME program, as described above. Accordingly, the next

available 1-bedroom unit needed to be occupied by a HOME household at or below 80% AMI. Instead, this unit was occupied by a Housing Tax Credit household on August 22, 2023. The violation remains unresolved.

- h. Respondent failed to provide documentation that household income was within prescribed limits upon initial occupancy for unit 16205, a violation of 10 TAC §10.611 (Determination, Documentation and Certification of Annual Income) and Section 4 of the HTC LURA, which require screening of tenants prior to occupancy to ensure qualification for the program. The application and income certification in the file for this HTC household indicated that the head of household is employed, however, Respondent failed to verify employment income. The violation remains unresolved.
6. The following violations remain outstanding at the time of this order:
- a. Annual rent submission violation described in FOF 5d;
 - b. Tenant Income Certification violation described in FOF 5e;
 - c. Unit mix violation described in FOF 5f; and
 - d. Household income violations described in FOF 5g and 5h.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Department has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §§2306.041-.0503 and 10 TAC Chapter 2.
2. Respondent is a "housing sponsor" as that term is defined in Tex. Gov't Code §2306.004(14).
3. Pursuant to IRC §42(m)(1)(B)(iii), housing credit agencies are required to monitor for noncompliance with all provisions of the IRC and to notify the Internal Revenue Service of such noncompliance.
4. Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 2306, Subchapter DD and Tex. Gov't Code §2306.185, TDHCA is authorized to make Housing Tax Credit Allocations for the State of Texas and is required to monitor to ensure compliance.
5. Respondent violated application requirements in 10 TAC §10.612 in 2023, by failing to implement specific statements relating to veterans in its application form.
6. Respondent violated leasing requirements in 10 TAC §10.613 in 2023, by failing to post a customized laminated copy of the Tenant Rights and Resources Guide in a common area of the leasing office.
7. Respondent violated 10 TAC §10.614 in 2023 by failing to implement an updated utility allowance.

8. Respondent violated 10 TAC §10.403 in 2023, by failing to submit HOME rents for annual review.
9. Respondent violated 10 TAC §10.612 and Section 4.3 of the HOME LURA in 2023, by failing to provide tenant income certification and documentation to ensure qualification for the HOME program.
10. Respondent violated additional rent and occupancy restrictions at Section 2.3(c) of the HOME LURA in 2023, by failing to provide the required unit mix.
11. Respondent violated Section 2.3(c) of the HOME LURA in 2023, by failing to provide documentation that household income was within prescribed limits upon initial occupancy for unit 14105.
12. Respondent violated 10 TAC §10.611 and Section 4 of the HTC LURA in 2023, by failing to provide documentation that household income was within prescribed limits upon initial occupancy for unit 16205.
13. Because Respondent is a housing sponsor with respect to the Property, and has violated TDHCA rules, the Board has personal and subject matter jurisdiction over Respondent pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2306.041 and §2306.267.
14. Because Respondent is a housing sponsor, TDHCA may order Respondent to perform or refrain from performing certain acts in order to comply with the law, TDHCA rules, or the terms of a contract or agreement to which Respondent and TDHCA are parties, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2306.267.
15. Because Respondent has violated rules promulgated pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2306.053 and has violated agreements with the Agency to which Respondent is a party, the Agency may impose an administrative penalty pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2306.041.
16. An administrative penalty of \$7,500.00 is an appropriate penalty in accordance with 10 TAC Chapter 2.

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, and an assessment of the factors set forth in Tex. Gov't Code §2306.042 to be considered in assessing such penalties as applied specifically to the facts and circumstances present in this case, the Governing Board of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs orders the following:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of \$7,500.00, subject to partial deferral as further ordered below.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall pay and is hereby directed to pay a \$3,750.00 portion of the assessed administrative penalty by check payable to the "Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs" on or before July 15, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall fully correct the file monitoring violations as indicated in the exhibits and submit full documentation of the corrections to TDHCA on or before July 15, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Respondent timely and fully complies with the terms and conditions of this Agreed Final Order, correcting all violations as required, the satisfactory performance under this order will be accepted in lieu of the remaining assessed administrative penalty and the remaining \$3,750.00 portion amount of the administrative penalty will be deferred and forgiven.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Respondent fails to satisfy any conditions or otherwise violates any provision of this order, or the property is sold before the terms and conditions of this Agreed Final Order have been fully satisfied, then the remaining administrative penalty in the amount of \$3,750.00 shall be immediately due and payable to the Department. Such payment shall be made by check payable to the “Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs” upon the earlier of: (1) within thirty days of the date the Department sends written notice to Respondent that it has violated a provision of this Order, or (2) the property closing date if sold before the terms and conditions of this Agreed Final Order have been fully satisfied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that corrective documentation must be uploaded to the Compliance Monitoring and Tracking System (CMTS) by following the instructions at this link: <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/sites/default/files/pmcdocs/CMTSUserGuide-AttachingDocs.pdf>. After the upload is complete, an email must be sent to Ysella Kaseman at ysella.kaseman@tdhca.texas.gov to inform her that the documentation is ready for review. If it comes due and payable, the penalty payment must be submitted to the following address:

If via overnight mail (FedEx, UPS):	If via USPS:
TDHCA Attn: Ysella Kaseman 221 E 11 th St Austin, Texas 78701	TDHCA Attn: Ysella Kaseman P.O. Box 13941 Austin, Texas 78711

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall follow the requirements of 10 TAC §10.406, a copy of which is included at Exhibit 3, and obtain approval from the Department prior to consummating a sale of the property, if contemplated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the terms of this Agreed Final Order shall be published on the TDHCA website.

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Approved by the Governing Board of TDHCA on _____, 2024.

By: _____

Name: Leo Vasquez

Title: Chair of the Board of TDHCA

By: _____

Name: James "Beau" Eccles

Title: Secretary of the Board of TDHCA

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

Before me, the undersigned notary public, on this 13th day of June, 2024, personally appeared Leo Vasquez, proved to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

(Seal)

Notary Public, State of Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

Before me, the undersigned notary public, on this 13th day of June, 2024, personally appeared James "Beau" Eccles, proved to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

(Seal)

Notary Public, State of Texas

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF _____ §

BEFORE ME, _____ (*notary name*), a notary public in and for the State of _____, on this day personally appeared Michael N. Nguyen (*person signing document*), known to me or proven to me through circle one: personally known / driver's license / passport to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that (he/she) executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, who being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

1. "My name is Michael N. Nguyen, I am of sound mind, capable of making this statement, and personally acquainted with the facts herein stated.
2. I hold the office of President and Director of the Governing Person for the General Partner of the Respondent. I am the authorized representative of Respondent, owner of the Property, which is subject to a Land Use Restriction Agreement monitored by the TDHCA in the State of Texas, and I am duly authorized by Respondent to execute this document.
3. The Taxpayer ID for Respondent is _____.
4. The mailing address for Respondent is _____.
5. Respondent knowingly and voluntarily enters into this Agreed Final Order, and agrees with and consents to the issuance and service of the foregoing Agreed Order by the Governing Board of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs."

RESPONDENT:

WATERS AT SUNRISE, LP, a Texas limited partnership

AHF-WATERS AT SUNRISE, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, its general partner

Housing Initiatives Corporation, a Texas limited liability company, its governing person

By: _____

Name: Michael N. Nguyen

Title: President and Director

Given under my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Signature of Notary Public

Printed Name of Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE OF _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Exhibit 1

File Monitoring Violation Resources and Instructions

Resources:

1. Refer to the following link for all references to the rules at 10 TAC §10 that are referenced in this Order:

[http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=10&pt=1&ch=10&sch=F&rl=Y](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=10&pt=1&ch=10&sch=F&rl=Y)

2. Refer to the following link for copies of forms that are referenced below:
<https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/compliance-forms>

3. Technical support and training presentations are available at the following links:

Presentations: <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/compliance-program-training-presentations>

Technical support guide: <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/sites/default/files/pmcdocs/24-TechSupport-AvoidAdminPenaltyRefs.pdf>

4. **All corrections must be submitted via CMTS:** See link for steps to upload documents
<https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/sites/default/files/pmcdocs/CMTSUserGuide-AttachingDocs.pdf>

5. **Important notes -**

- i. Do not backdate any documents listed below.
- ii. A transfer of a qualified household from another unit is not sufficient to correct any findings. If there is a tenant income certification or household income above limit violation, a transfer from another unit will simply cause the finding to transfer to that unit.

Instructions:

Any reference to a “full tenant file” below requires submission of the following:

- A. *Tenant application;*
- B. *Verifications of all sources of income and assets;*
- C. *Verification of student status;*
- D. *Tenant income certification;*
- E. *Lease and lease addenda; and*
- F. *Tenant Rights and Resources Guide Acknowledgment*

Remember that items A-D above must be dated within 120 days of one another.

- 1. Tenant Income Certification violation, Unit 6305:** Unit was designated as a HOME unit on the Unit Status Report and the Tenant Income Certification (TIC). However, the checking and savings accounts were not verified.

To correct: Respondent must either:

- a. Obtain the six month average checking account balance and a current savings account balance from the time of move-in for the household occupying the unit on 9/1/2022, and revise the TIC from the time of move-in to reflect the cash value of the assets and the actual income from the assets, if any; OR
 - b. If the information in "2a" above is not available, Respondent must certify the existing household under current circumstances, and submit the following to the Department via CMTS: new application, new verifications of income, assets, and student status, and a new TIC. All of those documents must be dated within 120 days of one another. If a new certification is performed for the existing household, Respondent must obtain first hand documentation, such as pay stubs and bank statements to document income and assets; OR
 - c. If the unit is now occupied by a new qualified household, Respondent must submit a full tenant file for that new household.
- 2. Unit mix violation:** During the monitoring review the monitor found that the required unit mix of 11 1-bedrooms with a square footage of 658 has not been met. The Unit Status Report (USR) indicates that only 8 of the required 11 one-bedroom units are occupied appropriately.

To correct: Respondent must update the Unit Status Report to designate 3 additional one-bedroom units as HOME units, and upload full tenant files for those households to CMTS. These three additional units cannot be units already designated as HOME on the USR that was submitted during the monitoring review.

- 3. Household income violation, unit 14105:** Per the USR at the time of the monitoring review, only 26 units were set aside for HOME households that income qualified at or below 80% AMI. Additionally, an insufficient number of 1-bedroom units were provided for the HOME program, as described above. Accordingly, the next available 1-bedroom unit needed to be occupied by a HOME household at or below 80% AMI. Instead, unit 14105 was occupied by a HTC household on August 22, 2023. *NOTE: HOME units float.*

To correct: Lease the next available 1-bedroom unit to an eligible HOME 80% AMI household. Submit the full tenant file for that new household.

- 4. Household income violation, unit 16205:** The application and income certification in the file for this HTC household indicated that the head of household is employed, however, Respondent failed to verify employment income.

To correct: Respondent must either:

- a. Verify the head of household's employment income from the time of move-in. update the TIC, if needed. Submit the income verification and the updated TIC for Department review; OR
 - b. If the information in "5a" above is not available, Respondent must certify the existing household under current circumstances, and submit the following to the Department via CMTS: new application, new verifications of income, assets, and student status, and a new Tenant Income Certification. All of those documents must be dated within 120 days of one another; OR
 - c. If the unit is now occupied by a new qualified household, Respondent must submit a full tenant file for that new household.
- 5. Update the Unit Status Report in CMTS to reflect the changes above.** Additionally, TDHCA compliance monitors found that the household in unit 7106 was designated as an 80% AMI HOME unit on the TIC in the tenant file, however, it was not designated as such on the USR.

Exhibit 2

Tenant File Guidelines

The following technical support does not represent a complete list of all file requirements and is intended only as basic technical support. TDHCA staff recommends that all onsite staff responsible for accepting and processing applications sign up for Income Determination Training in order to get a full overview of the process. Forms discussed below are available at: <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/compliance-forms>.

A suggested tenant file checklist is available at this link: <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/sites/default/files/pmcdocs/Suggested-File-Checklist.docx>.

**Important Note* The application, verifications, and Tenant Income Certification (1 – 5 below) must be signed within 120 days of one another. If one component is outside of that timeframe, you must recertify.*

1. **Intake Application:** Each adult household member must complete their own application in order to be properly screened at initial certification. A married couple can complete a joint application. The Department does not have a required form to screen households, but we make a sample form available for that purpose. All households must be screened for household composition, income and assets, and student status. Applicants must complete all blanks on the application and answer all questions. Any lines left intentionally blank should be marked with “none” or “n/a.” Applications must be signed and dated using the date that the form is actually completed. If you use the Texas Apartment Association (TAA) Rental Application, be aware that it does not include all requirements, but they have a “Supplemental Rental Application for Units Under Government Regulated Affordable Housing Programs” that includes the additional requirements. TDHCA also has an application form that you can use; using our form is not required for the application, but it does screen for all requirements.
2. **Release and Consent:** Have tenant sign TDHCA’s Release and Consent form so that verifications may be collected by the property.
3. **Verify Income:** Each source of income and asset must be documented for every adult household member based upon the information disclosed on the application. There are multiple methods:
 - a. **Income Verification for Households with Section 8 Certificates:** If you use this form, you do not need to verify income further, but you do need to collect all other components of the tenant file. The Public Housing Authority, verifying that the household is eligible at initial occupancy or at recertification, signs this form. Since the housing authority performed the necessary verifications. The form must include the following information: a certification date from the housing authority that is within 120 days of that effective date, either at initial move-in or at recertification, number of household members and the gross annual income before any adjustments. This form must also be dated within 120 days of the application and Income Certification that you collect. If the housing authority certification is outside of that period, you must verify income yourself.
 - b. **First hand verifications:** Paystubs or payroll printouts that show gross income. If you choose this method, ensure that you consistently collect a specified number of

consecutive check stubs as defined in your management plan (*at least two months' (60 days) worth of check stubs for MFDL² programs is required*);

- c. **Employment Verification Form:** Part 1 must be completed by you and signed by the tenant. Part 2 must be completed by the employer. To prevent fraud, you must submit the form directly to the employer and must not allow the tenant to handle it. You should ensure that the person completing the employer portion has authority to do so and has access to all applicable information in order to verify the employment income. If you receive the verification via mail, retain the envelope. If you receive it via fax, ensure that the fax stamp is on it. If received by email, ensure the email address is was received from is evidenced and from the employer;
 - d. **Verification of non-employment income:** You must obtain verifications for all other income sources, such as child support, social security, and/or unemployment benefits. Self-certification by the household is not acceptable. Examples: benefit verification letter(s) are acceptable for social security and/or unemployment benefits. Acceptable verifications for child support could include documents such as divorce decree(s), court order(s), or a written statement from the court or attorney general regarding the monthly awarded amount;
 - e. **Telephone Verifications:** These are acceptable *only* for clarifying discrepancies and cannot be used as primary form of verification. Include your name, the date, the name of the person with whom you spoke, and your signature. These are appropriate if there is an unusual circumstance relating to the tenant file;
 - f. **Certification of Zero Income:** If an adult household member does not report any sources of income on the application, this form can be used to document thorough screening and to document the source of funds used to pay for rent, utilities, and/or other necessities.
4. **Verify Assets:** Regardless of their balances, applicants must report all assets, including assets such as checking or savings accounts. Accounts are typically disclosed on the application form, but you must review all documentation from the tenant to ensure proper documentation of the household's income and assets. For instance, review the credit report (if you pull one), application, pay stubs, and other documents to ensure that all information is consistent. Examples of ways to find assets that are frequently overlooked: Review pay stubs for assets such as checking and retirement accounts that the household may have forgotten to include in the application. These accounts must also be verified. Format of verifications:
- a. **Under \$50,000 Asset Certification Form (HTC, Exchange, TCAP, THTF only):** If the total cash value of the assets owned by members of the household is less than \$50,000, as reported on the Intake Application, the TDHCA Under \$50,000 Asset Certification form may be used to verify assets. If applicable, follow the instructions to complete one form per household that includes everyone's assets, even minors, and have all adults sign and date using the date that the form is actually completed.
 - b. **First hand verifications,** such as bank statements to verify a checking account. If using this method, the most current statement will be needed for both checking and savings accounts. MFDL programs require two months of source documentation.
 - c. **3rd party verifications** using the TDHCA Asset Verification form. As with the "Employment Verification Form" discussed above, Part 1 must be completed

² *Multifamily Direct Loan Programs include HOME, National Housing Trust Fund, TCAP, TCAP RF, and NSP.*

by you and signed by the tenant. Part 2 must be completed by the financial institution. To prevent fraud, you must submit the form directly to the employer and must not allow the tenant to handle it. You should ensure that the person completing the financial institution's portion has authority to do so and has access to all applicable information in order to verify the asset(s). If you receive the verification via mail, retain the envelope. If you receive it via fax, ensure that the fax stamp is on it, If received by email, ensure the email address it was received from is evidenced and from the financial institution.

- d. *Note: HOME, National Housing Trust Fund, TCAP, TCAP RF, NSP, and Bond developments must fully verify assets at initial occupancy, using method b or c above.*
5. **Verify Student Status:** Must screen for student status; can be collected on the Annual Eligibility Certification, the Certification of Student Eligibility Form, or the income Certification Form. If the household indicates they are students, there are two forms that *must* be used: the Certification of Student Eligibility form must be completed by the household, and the Student Verification form is used to verify and document their student status.
 - a. **With the changes from HOTMA, student income from financial assistance must be evaluated for inclusion/exclusion. A detailed training on this topic is available online: <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/compliance-program-training-presentations>.**
6. **Verify Special Needs:** This form is generally optional, but is a great way to screen households for special needs. It is required if there is a Special Needs occupancy requirement under your LURA, unless there is another form of special needs verification in the file.
7. **Tenant Income Certification Form:** Upon verification of all income and asset sources disclosed on the application and any additional information found in the documentation submitted by the tenant, the next step is to annualize the sources on the Income Certification Form, add them together, and compare to the applicable income limit for household size which can be found at <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/income-and-rent-limits>. Be sure to include any income derived from assets. The form must include all household members, and be signed by each adult household member.
8. **Lease:** Must conform with your LURA and TDHCA requirements and indicate a rent below the maximum rent limits, which can be found at <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/income-and-rent-limits>. Generally speaking, when determining the rent for MFDL programs, you must ensure that the tenant-paid rent, plus the utility allowance, plus any housing subsidies, plus any mandatory fees, are below the maximum limit set by TDHCA. For HTC, BOND, TCEP and TCAP programs, the tenant-paid rent, plus the utility allowance, plus any mandatory fees, must be below the maximum limit set by TDHCA. [10 TAC §10.613\(a\)](#) prohibits the eviction or termination of tenancy of low income households for reasons other than good cause throughout the affordability period in accordance with Revenue Ruling 2004-82. In addition, [10 TAC §10.613\(e\)](#) prohibits HTC developments from locking out or threatening to lock out any development resident, or seizing or threatening to seize personal property of a resident, except by judicial process, for purposes of performing necessary repairs or construction work, or in case of emergency. The prohibitions must be included in the lease or lease addendum. Additionally, certain programs must include a Lead Warning Statement and the TDHCA VAWA lease addendum, per [10 TAC 10.613\(f\) and \(h\)](#). TAA has an affordable housing lease addendum that has incorporated this required language. If you are not a TAA member, you can draft a lease

addendum using the requirements outlined above. For Section 811 units, you must use the HUD Model Lease, HUD form 92236-PRA.

9. **Written Policies and Procedures / Tenant Selection Criteria:** Written policies and procedures requirements are at [10 TAC §10.802](#).
10. **Violence Against Women Act of 2013 (VAWA):** The property is required to provide all prospective tenants the VAWA forms 5380 and 5382 at the time of application, at the time they are approved, at the time of denial, and at the time the household is given a notice to vacate or non-renewal. Forms are available at the Forms link above.
11. **Tenant Rights and Resources Guide:** In accordance with [10 TAC §10.613\(l\)](#), you must customize the Guide for your property and post a laminated copy in a common area of the leasing office. Development must also provide a copy of the guide to each household during the application process and upon any subsequent changes to the items described at paragraph b) below. The guide includes:
 - a. Information about Fair Housing and tenant choice; and
 - b. Information regarding common amenities, unit amenities, and services.

Additionally, a representative of each household must receive a copy of the guide and sign an acknowledgment of receipt of the brochure prior to, but no more than 120 days prior to, the initial lease execution date. A copy of the signed acknowledgment must be maintained in the tenant file.

Exhibit 3:

Texas Administrative Code

TITLE 10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PART 1 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
CHAPTER 10 UNIFORM MULTIFAMILY RULES
SUBCHAPTER E POST AWARD AND ASSET MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS
RULE §10.406 Ownership Transfers (§2306.6713)

(a) Ownership Transfer Notification. All multifamily Development Owners must provide written notice and a completed Ownership Transfer packet, if applicable, to the Department at least 45 calendar days prior to any sale, transfer, or exchange of the Development or any portion of or Controlling interest in the Development. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Executive Director's prior written approval of any such transfer is required. The Executive Director may not unreasonably withhold approval of the transfer requested in compliance with this section.

(b) Exceptions. The exceptions to the ownership transfer process in this subsection are applicable.

(1) A Development Owner shall be required to notify the Department but shall not be required to obtain Executive Director approval when the transferee is an Affiliate of the Development Owner with no new Principals or the transferee is a Related Party who does not Control the Development and the transfer is being made for estate planning purposes.

(2) Transfers that are the result of an involuntary removal of the general partner by the investment limited partner do not require advance approval but must be reported to the Department as soon as possible due to the sensitive timing and nature of this decision. In the event the investment limited partner has proposed a new general partner or will permanently replace the general partner, a full Ownership Transfer packet must be submitted.

(3) Changes to the investment limited partner, non-Controlling limited partner, or other non-Controlling partners affiliated with the investment limited partner do not require Executive Director approval. A General Partner's acquisition of the interest of the investment limited partner does not require Executive Director approval, unless some other change in ownership is occurring as part of the same overall transaction.

(4) Changes resulting from foreclosure do not require advance approval but acquiring parties must notify the Department as soon as possible of the revised ownership structure and ownership contact information.

(5) Changes resulting from a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure do not require Executive Director approval. However, advance notification must be provided to both the Department and to the tenants at least 30 days prior to finalizing the transfer. This notification must include information regarding the applicable rent/income requirements post deed in lieu of foreclosure.

(c) General Requirements.

(1) Any new Principal in the ownership of a Development must be eligible under §11.202 of Subchapter C (relating to Ineligible Applicants and Applications). In addition, Persons and Principals will be reviewed in accordance with Chapter 1, Subchapter C of this title (relating to Previous Participation and Executive Award Review and Advisory Committee).

(2) Changes in Developers or Guarantors must be addressed as non-material amendments to the application under §10.405 of this Subchapter.

(3) To the extent an investment limited partner or its Affiliate assumes a Controlling interest in a Development Owner, such acquisition shall be subject to the Ownership Transfer requirements set forth herein. Principals of the investment limited partner or Affiliate will be considered new Principals and will be reviewed as stated under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(4) Simultaneous transfer or concurrent offering for sale of the General Partner's and Limited Partner's control and interest will be subject to the Ownership Transfer requirements set forth herein and will trigger a Right of First Refusal, if applicable.

(5) Any initial operating, capitalized operating, or replacement reserves funded with an allocation from the HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) and Special Reserves required by the Department must remain with the Development.

(d) Transfer Actions Warranting Debarment. If the Department determines that the transfer, involuntary removal, or replacement was due to a default by the General Partner under the Limited Partnership Agreement, or other detrimental action that put the Development at risk of failure or the Department at risk for financial exposure as a result of non-compliance, staff will refer the matter to the Enforcement Committee for debarment consideration pursuant to §2.401 of this title (relating to Enforcement, Debarment from Participation in Programs Administered by the Department). In addition, a record of transfer involving Principals in new proposed awards will be reported and may be taken into consideration in accordance with Chapter 1, Subchapter C of this title (relating to Previous Participation and Executive Award Review and Advisory Committee), prior to recommending any new financing or allocation of credits.

(e) Transfers Prior to 8609 Issuance or Construction Completion. Prior to the issuance of IRS Form(s) 8609 (for Housing Tax Credits) or the completion of construction (for all Developments funded through other Department programs), an Applicant may request an amendment to its ownership structure to add Principals. The party(ies) reflected in the Application as having Control must remain in the ownership structure and retain Control, unless approved otherwise by the Executive Director. A development sponsor, General Partner or Development Owner may not sell the Development in whole or voluntarily end their Control prior to the issuance of 8609s.

(f) Nonprofit Organizations. If the ownership transfer request is to replace a nonprofit organization within the Development ownership entity, the replacement nonprofit entity must adhere to the requirements in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection.

(1) If the LURA requires ownership or material participation in ownership by a Qualified Nonprofit Organization, and the Development received Tax Credits pursuant to §42(h)(5) of the Code, the transferee must be a Qualified Nonprofit Organization that meets the requirements of §42(h)(5) of the Code and Tex. Gov't Code §2306.6706, if applicable, and can demonstrate planned participation in the operation of the Development on a regular, continuous, and substantial basis.

(2) If the LURA requires ownership or material participation in ownership by a nonprofit organization or CHDO, the Development Owner must show that the transferee is a nonprofit organization or CHDO, as applicable, that complies with the LURA. If the transferee has been certified as a CHDO by TDHCA prior to 2016 or has not previously been certified as a CHDO by TDHCA, a new CHDO certification package must be submitted for review. If the transferee was certified as a CHDO by TDHCA after 2016, provided no new federal guidance or rules concerning CHDO have been released and the proposed ownership structure at the time of review meets the requirements in 24 CFR Part 92, the CHDO may instead submit a CHDO Self-Certification form with the Ownership Transfer package.

(3) Exceptions to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection may be made on a case by case basis if the Development (for MFDL) is past its Federal Affordability Period or (for HTC Developments) is past its Compliance Period, was not reported to the IRS as part of the Department's Nonprofit Set Aside in any HTC Award year, and follows the procedures outlined in §10.405(b)(1) - (5) of this subchapter. The Board must find that:

(A) The selling nonprofit is acting of its own volition or is being removed as the result of a default under the organizational documents of the Development Owner;

(B) The participation by the nonprofit was substantive and meaningful during the full term of the Compliance Period but is no longer substantive or meaningful to the operations of the Development; and

(C) The proposed purchaser is an affiliate of the current Owner or otherwise meets the Department's standards for ownership transfers.

(g) Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Organizations. If a HUB is the general partner or special limited partner of a Development Owner and it determines to sell its ownership interest, after the issuance of IRS Form(s) 8609, the purchaser of that partnership interest or the general or special limited partner is not required to be a HUB as long as the LURA does not require it or the procedure described in §10.405(b)(1) of

this chapter (relating to Non-Material LURA Amendments) has been followed and approved. The removal of a HUB requirement prior to filing of IRS Form(s) 8609 is subject to the procedure described in §10.405(b)(2) of this Chapter (relating to Material LURA Amendments).

(h) Documentation Required. A Development Owner must submit documentation requested by the Department to enable the Department to understand fully the facts and circumstances pertaining to the transfer and the effects of approval or denial. Documentation must be submitted as directed in the Post Award Activities Manual, which includes but is not limited to:

- (1) A written explanation outlining the reason for the request;
- (2) Ownership transfer information, including but not limited to the type of sale, terms of any new financing introduced as a result of the transfer, amount of Development reserves to transfer in the event of a property sale, and the prospective closing date;
- (3) Pre and post transfer organizational charts with TINs of each organization down to the level of natural persons in the ownership structure as described in §11.204(13)(B) of Subchapter C of this title (relating to Required Documentation for Application Submission);
- (4) A list of the names and contact information for transferees and Related Parties;
- (5) Previous Participation information for any new Principal as described in §11.204(13)(C) of this title (relating to Required Documentation for Application Submission);
- (6) Agreements among parties associated with the transfer;
- (7) Owners Certifications with regard to materials submitted as further described in the Post Award Activities Manual;
- (8) Detailed information describing the organizational structure, experience, and financial capacity of any party holding a controlling interest in any Principal or Controlling entity of the prospective Development Owner;
- (9) Evidence and certification that the tenants in the Development have been notified in writing of the proposed transfer at least 30 calendar days prior to the date the transfer is approved by the Department. The ownership transfer approval letter will not be issued until this 30-day period has expired; and
- (10) Any required exhibits and the list of exhibits related to specific circumstances of transfer or Ownership as detailed in the Post Award Activities Manual.

(i) Once the Department receives all necessary information under this section and as required under the Post Award Activities Manual, staff shall initiate a qualifications review of a transferee, in accordance with Chapter 1, Subchapter C of this title (relating to Previous Participation and Executive Award Review and Advisory Committee), to determine the transferee's past compliance with all aspects of the Department's programs, LURAs and eligibility under this chapter and §11.202 of this title (relating to Ineligible Applicants and Applications).

(j) Credit Limitation. As it relates to the Housing Tax Credit amount further described in §11.4(a) of this title (relating to Tax Credit Request and Award Limits), the credit amount will not be applied in circumstances described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection:

- (1) In cases of transfers in which the syndicator, investor or limited partner is taking over ownership of the Development and not merely replacing the general partner; or
- (2) In cases where the general partner is being replaced if the award of credits was made at least five years prior to the transfer request date.

(k) Penalties, Past Due Fees and Underfunded Reserves. The Development Owner must comply with any additional documentation requirements as stated in Subchapter F of this chapter (relating to Compliance Monitoring) and Subchapter G of this chapter (relating to Affirmative Marketing Requirements and Written Policies and Procedures). The Development Owner on record with the Department will be liable for any penalties or fees imposed by the Department (even if such penalty can be attributable to the new Development Owner) unless an ownership transfer has been approved by the Department. In the event a transferring Development has a history of uncorrected UPCS violations, ongoing issues related to keeping housing sanitary, safe, and decent, an account balance below the annual reserve deposit amount as specified in §10.404(a) (relating to Replacement Reserve Accounts), or that appears insufficient to meet capital

expenditure needs as indicated by the number or cost of repairs included in a PNA or SCR, the prospective Development Owner may be required to establish and maintain a replacement reserve account or increase the amount of regular deposits to the replacement reserve account by entering into a Reserve Agreement with the Department. The Department may also request a plan and timeline relating to needed repairs or renovations that will be completed by the departing and/or incoming Owner as a condition to approving the Transfer. A PNA or SCR may be requested if one has not already been received under §10.404 of this section (relating to Reserve Accounts).

(I) Ownership Transfer Processing Fee. The ownership transfer request must be accompanied by the corresponding ownership transfer fee as outlined in §11.901 of this title (relating to Fee Schedule).

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