

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD  
RESOLUTION No. 2020- 11 -HB**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING SANTA FE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY'S  
ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN FOR THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE  
VOUCHER PROGRAM UPDATING THE POLICY FOR THE WORKING  
FAMILY PREFERENCE IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2012, the Santa Fe County Housing Authority Board ("Board") adopted Board Resolution 2012-18-HB, a Resolution Approving the Santa Fe County Housing Authority's ("Housing Authority") Administrative Plan for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program ("Admin Plan"); and

**WHEREAS**, 24 CFR 982.207 (b)(2) allows Public Housing Authorities to adopt a preference for working families for admission into the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4.III.C of the Admin Plan establishes the Housing Authority's policy for local preferences, providing preferences for working families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Admin Plan further defines "working family" as those where an adult member is working twenty-four (24) hours per week or more; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4.III.C of the Admin Plan allows applicant households where the head of household, spouse or sole member is disabled or over the age of sixty-two (62) to receive the working family preference in accordance with 24 CFR 982.207(b)(2); and

**WHEREAS**, many applicants on the Housing Authority's waitlist for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program no longer meet the definition of "working family" and have lost the working family preference due to a reduction in working hours or furlough related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, staff have determined there is a need to extend the Housing Authority's working family preference to applicant households already on the list where an adult is currently working less than twenty-four (24) hours per week, or has been furloughed, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure that these applicants can immediately obtain housing assistance upon being selected from the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Waitlist.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Santa Fe County Housing Authority Board ("Board") that:

Section 4.III.C (*Selection Method, Local Preferences, Santa Fe County Housing Authority Policy*) of the Admin Plan is hereby amended to add the following sentence:



"Families will retain the benefit of the working family preference if they received the working family preference at the time they were placed on the waitlist, and remain eligible for that preference, but at the time of their selection from the waitlist are verified to be either working less than 24 hours per week or to have been furloughed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic."

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July 2020.

SANTA FE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

By: [Signature]  
Henry P. Roybal, Chair

ATTEST:

[Signature] Date: August 26, 2020  
Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature] for  
Gregory S. Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney

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