



FLAT RENT RATE OPTION

Residents in public housing have the option to pay rent based upon their income or based upon the FLAT RENT RATE for their unit. Participation in FLAT RENT reduces the reporting and paperwork requirements and minimizes rent fluctuations.

Rent payments are typically based on a percentage of your household income. Under the Flat Rent option your monthly rent burden is a firm, fixed payment which is not affected by changes in your actual monthly income. Increases or decreases in a household's income wouldn't be "cause" for re-calculating your rent.

Increases in income will not affect your future rent while participating in the flat rent option. Further, residents that choose the Flat Rent/Ceiling Rent will not have to be re-certified every year, though certain annual forms will need to be signed. Once you are re-certified via a Flat Rent/Ceiling Rent you will only have to go through the complete re-certification process **once every three years**.

Flat rent is AUTOMATICALLY applied when the following conditions are present:

- A. Resident chooses to participate in Flat Rent
- B. Income amount produces a rent that exceeds the Flat Rent Rate
- C. Resident fails to complete lease renewal but remains in the home. Most often this is the result of missing/canceling lease renewal appointments or failing to provide needed renewal paperwork.
- D. Resident fails to provide mandatory and necessary documentation to enable the Housing Authority to determine an income-based rent. This may include failure to report income, assets, or household composition, as well as other mandatory reporting.

Residents wishing to prevent and/or end involuntary participation in flat rent should contact their manager promptly to determine what steps are necessary to return to income-based rent. Generally, processing requires 2-4 weeks for processing, so you will want to plan accordingly in the event that you are responsible for paying flat rent. Flat Rent Rates are updated annually.

Flat Rent Rates (2020): 2-Bdrm \$650, 3-Bdrm \$850, 4-Bdrm \$1050, 5-Bdrm \$1225.

Select Our household **would like to participate** in Flat Rent
One:

Our household does **NOT** want to participate in Flat Rent

Resident Signature: _____ Date: _____

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