



**BLAINE COUNTY  
HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA MEMO**

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**RESOLUTION No. 2023-05**

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE BLAINE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY  
BLAINE COUNTY, IDAHO

A RESOLUTION OF THE BLAINE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AUTHORIZING THE RECORDING OF THE BLAINE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMUNITY HOUSING  
ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the BCHA administrative staff have developed a set of BCHA Community Housing Guidelines;  
and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the BCHA Community Housing Guidelines is to define and describe the process of renting, purchasing, or selling Community Homes within Blaine County; assisting government staff, the development community, applicants, and the public in understanding the priorities for and processes governing Community Housing development and administration in Blaine County; supporting the attainment of BCHA goals and supplementing land use and building codes used by the County and Cities; and assisting in the review of land use applications, establishment of affordable rental rates and sales prices, establishment of criteria for admission and occupancy, and development and prioritization of current and long-range community housing programs; and

WHEREAS, the BCHA administrative staff prepared and presented to the BCHA Board for its review and approval an updated version of BCHA Community Housing Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the BCHA Board reviewed the updated guidelines and adopted the guidelines as BCHA's exclusive community housing guidelines on June 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, BCHA administrative staff have determined, and sought confirmation of said determination by legal counsel, that recording the updated BCHA Community Housing Guidelines is a necessary and beneficial action warranting the approval and authorization of the BCHA Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Blaine County Housing Authority, Blaine County, Idaho, as follows:

Section 1. The Blaine County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners approves and authorizes the request to record the BCHA Community Housing Guidelines as adopted by this Board on June 14, 2023, set forth in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated herein, and directs the Executive Director to proceed with the recording of the BCHA Community Housing Guidelines as set forth in this Resolution.

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DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

ATTEST:

BLAINE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**BLAINE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**Community Housing  
Administrative Guidelines  
Adopted June 14, 2023**

# 2023 Community Housing Administrative

## Guidelines

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## Section 1. Introduction

### A. Mission Statement

The Blaine County Housing Authority’s mission is to advocate for, promote, plan, and preserve the long-term supply of desirable and affordable housing choices in all areas of Blaine County to maintain an economically diverse, vibrant, and sustainable community.

### B. Purpose of Guidelines

1. The purpose of these Guidelines is to define and describe the process of renting, purchasing, or selling Community Homes within Blaine County. They are intended to assist government staff, the development community, applicants, and the public in understanding the priorities for and processes governing Community Housing development and administration in Blaine County. The Guidelines do not replace professional guidance available from the Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA) staff.
2. These Guidelines are intended to support the attainment of BCHA goals and to supplement land use and building codes used by the County and Cities. The Guidelines should be used to review land use applications, to establish affordable rental rates and sales prices, to establish criteria for admission and occupancy, and to develop and prioritize current and long-range community housing programs.
3. These Guidelines may be reviewed and updated from time to time.
4. In the event of any conflict between guidelines and the deed covenant, the deed covenant will prevail.

### C. Role of The Blaine County Housing Authority

The role of BCHA, as determined by BCHA’s Creating Resolution, are to:

1. Qualify Applicants for Community Housing using the criteria set forth in these Guidelines and maintaining an Applicant Database of those persons eligible to rent or purchase Community Homes.
2. Match qualified Applicants with available Community Homes.

3. Monitor compliance with and enforcement of these Guidelines and deed covenants.
4. Develop the criteria by which Community Housing is located, designed, developed, and price of Community Housing.
5. Review and provide recommendations on proposed Community Housing in Blaine County and its municipalities in accordance with these Guidelines and BCHA adopted criteria.

**D. Authority of the Blaine County Housing Authority**

1. BCHA is an independent public body, corporate and politic created by Blaine County and has all the powers and authority bestowed upon a housing authority pursuant to Title 31, Chapter 42 and Title 50, Chapter 19, Idaho Code.

**E. Income Category Chart**

**Household Income Categories by Area Median Income (AMI).**

Income Category	Percentage of Area Median Income
1	Less than 50%
2	50% to 60%
3	60% to 80%
4	80% to 100%
5	100% to 120%
6	120% to 140%
L	No Income Limit but must be a full-time resident of Blaine County.

\*For Income Categories greater than 6, the household may be classified as “Category L” which is housing that may be offered to the full-time residents and employees of Blaine County.

**F. Definitions**

1. **Administration Fee** – The fee charged by BCHA in connection with a completed purchase and sale transaction or a rental lease transaction as compensation for the creation of and monitoring compliance with the deed covenants of Community Housing.
2. **Applicant/Applicant Household** – Persons or households that have completed the BCHA application process to obtain, either through purchase or rental, a Community Home or other housing administered or managed by BCHA.



3. **Applicant Database** – The official BCHA record of persons who have completed the BCHA application process for the rental or purchase of housing subject to a deed covenant (or other housing managed or administered by BCHA).
4. **Applicant Pool** – Applicants selected from the Applicant Database and matched to a specific property for consideration to either rent or purchase that property.
5. **Appreciation** - proceeds to the selling Owner after deducting the following from the Actual Sales Price: (i) the purchase price paid by the selling Owner; (ii) reasonable and customary escrow and closing costs (including taxes and assessments); (iii) a reasonable real estate sales commission not to exceed six percent (6%) of the Actual Sales Price, (iv) the administrative fee due to BCHA pursuant to Section 4 below, and (v) the cost of Approved Capital Improvements.
6. **Assets** - Anything owned by an individual that has commercial or exchange value. Assets consist of specific property or claims against others, in contrast to obligations due others.
7. **Capital Improvements** - Unless otherwise defined in the Deed Covenants on the Community Housing unit, any fixture erected as a permanent improvement to real property that enhances the value of the property, excluding repair, replacement, maintenance costs, and standard depreciation when applicable.
8. **Community Housing/Home** - Dwelling units, for sale or rent, restricted typically via deed covenant for households meeting assets, income and/or minimum occupancy guidelines approved by BCHA.
9. **Deed Covenant** - A legally enforceable provision in a deed restricting use, occupancy, alienation, and other attributes of real property ownership or imposing affirmative obligations on the owner or renter of the real property.
10. **Disabled Person/Dependent** - A person who meets the definition of "individual with a disability" contained in 29 U.S.C. Section 706(8), and/or as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
11. **Employee Housing** - Housing which is required to be developed in conjunction with an organization and is intended for rental by the employees of the enterprise.
12. **Full Time Employee** - A person who is employed by one or more Blaine County Employers and physically working in Blaine County for a minimum of 1,500 hours worked per calendar year. Breaks in employment which do not disqualify applicants include temporary physical or mental disability, acting as primary caretaker of ill relative, extended vacation not to exceed six months every six years, and full-time education or training.
13. **Fixture** - Personal property which has been attached to or installed on land or a structure thereon in such a way as to become a part of the real property.
14. **Grievance** - Any dispute that an applicant, purchaser, seller, or tenant may have with BCHA with respect to action or failure to act in accordance with the complainant's rights, duties, welfare, or status under these Guidelines.

15. **Gross Income** - The total income derived from a business, trust, employment, and income-producing property, before deductions for expenses, depreciation, taxes, and similar allowances. Gross Income must also include alimony, child support, retirement pension, and social security benefits.
16. **Gross Rental Rate** - The total cost (including but not limited to utilities, management fees, taxes, dues, snow removal, HOA fees, etc.) charged to a qualified renter of a community home.
17. **Household** - All individuals who are or may intend to occupy the Community Home.
18. **Household Income** – The total Gross Income of all individuals who are or may be occupying the Community Home. Gross income of self-employed households is the gross business income less IRS approved business expenses.
19. **Income Category** – The classification of annual income based upon household size as a percentage of the Area Median Income determined by BCHA.
20. **Joint Tenancy** – ownership of real property by two (2) or more persons, each of whom has an equal undivided interest in the property with the right of survivorship.
21. **Liabilities** - Monetary obligations and debts owed to someone by an individual.
22. **Livable Square Footage** - The interior area of a building measured interior wall to interior wall (i.e., “paint-to-paint”), including all interior partitions, habitable basements, interior storage areas, closets, and laundry area, and excluding uninhabitable basements, mechanical areas, exterior storage areas, stairwells, garages (either attached or detached), patios, decks, and porches.
23. **Local** – As it relates to Community Housing, is an individual, employed, retired, or disabled, who resides within Blaine County.
24. **Local Employer** - A business whose business activity is located within Blaine County and whose business employs persons within Blaine County.
25. **Maintenance and Repair** – Work done that keeps your property in a normal efficient operating condition.
26. **Maximum Sale Price** – The allowable sale price of a Community Home as provided to owners by BCHA or subsequent sales, as set forth in the applicable Deed Covenant.
27. **Net Worth/Household Net Worth** - Combined net worth (all assets minus all liabilities) of all individuals who may be occupying the Community Home. Retirement accounts may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether they must be included in the net worth calculation.
28. **Primary Residence** - The sole and exclusive place of residence.
29. **Retired Person** – A person who
  1. has (i) resided in or (ii) was either self-employed full-time or was a Full- Time Employee in Blaine County, Idaho, for not less than ten (10) out of the twenty-five

- (25) years prior to the date of qualification.
2. Must not have a Net Worth (as such term is defined in Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) in excess of the maximum allowed by the annual HUD Net Worth allowance as found on the BCHA website; and
  3. does not own any other developed residential real property or dwelling units in Blaine County, Idaho, or anywhere else in the United States of America.
30. **Retirement Age** – 62 years of age.
31. **Special Applicant Pool** – A waiting list for a development that intends to house a specific population (i.e., Employees)
32. **Special Review for Exceptions** - A review of a petition to waive the provision of these Guidelines due to special circumstances.
33. **Tenant** - A person who is leasing or has leased a Community Home that is subject to these Guidelines, and any qualifying potential lessee or past lessee of any such home, but only with respect to any issue arising under these Guidelines.
34. **Workforce Housing** – Units that are deed restricted and owned by specific employers.

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## Section 2. Qualifying to Rent or Purchase Community Housing

### A. Basic Qualifications for the Rental or Purchase of Community Housing with an Income Category Deed Covenant

To qualify to rent or purchase an Income-restricted Community Home, the Applicant/Applicant Household must meet the criteria as stated below:

1. At least one non-dependent member of the Applicant Household must meet one of the following criteria:
  - (a) Be a Full-Time Employee working in Blaine County; or
  - (b) Be a Retired Person who was a Full-Time Employee in Blaine County immediately prior to his/her retirement and who currently lives in Blaine County as his/her Primary Residence and is 62 years of age or older; or
  - (c) Be a Disabled Person residing in Blaine County who was a Full-Time Employee in Blaine County immediately prior to his/her disability and who currently lives in Blaine County as his/her Primary Residence, and
  - (d) The Applicant/Applicant Household states his/her intent to occupy the Community Home as his/her Primary Residence.
2. No member of the Household may own developed residential real estate or a mobile home.
3. The total Gross Income of all members of the Household must not exceed the maximum Household Income specified, which is calculated using the chart in Section 1. The actual dollar amount changes annually and is listed as Income Limits published by BCHA on its website for the Income Category and Household Size; and
4. The Household Net Worth (the total net worth of all members of the Household) must not exceed the Allowable Net Worth specified for the Income Category.

## B. Applying for Rental or Purchase of a Community Home

### 1. General Application

- (a) All persons wishing to rent or purchase a Community Home must submit a completed General Application for Community Housing Form to BCHA (the current application can be found on BCHA's website). The application to rent is a single step process (General Application form only); the application to purchase is a two-step process (General Application and Purchase Requirements). A General Application may be certified by BCHA as complete only when the necessary steps have been completed.
- (b) The General Application Form is provided by BCHA.
- (c) Upon receipt of the completed General Application, BCHA may provide the Applicant with a Letter of Eligibility specifying the Income Category. The Letter of Eligibility is based only on information supplied by the Applicant and, as such, is unverified; verification is explained further in Section 2(C), below.

## C. Verifying Application Information

1. BCHA may request additional documentation such as proof of residency, income, assets, and employment. All information and documentation submitted must be held confidential by BCHA and must not be subject to Open Records Requests by the public. Such documentation is used to determine that an Applicant meets the criteria set forth in Section 2.A and/or to verify the information provided in the application under 2(B). All or some of the following may be requested:

- (a) Federal income tax returns for the most recent year.
- (b) A current income statement and a current financial statement, in a form acceptable to BCHA, verified by Applicant to be true and correct; or other financial documentation acceptable to BCHA. When current income is twenty percent (20%) more or less than income reported on tax returns, the Applicant's income may be averaged based upon current income and the previous year's tax returns to establish an Income Category for the purpose of purchasing a Community Home.
- (c) Verification of employment in Blaine County.
- (d) Copy of valid Driver's License or State Identification Card.
- (e) If the Applicant receives court-ordered alimony, spousal support, and/or child support, a certified copy of the court order must be provided, including all exhibits, supplements, and modifications to the decree.
- (f) Any other documentation that BCHA deems necessary to determine eligibility.

2. Upon receipt of the completed General Application and requested verification forms,

the Applicant's name and all information for individuals, households, and/or local employers may be retained in the Applicant Database. On an annual basis, as part of the annual purge process, the applicant must confirm or update the information to remain in the Applicant Database. All information may be re-verified at the time an applicant is selected to rent or purchase a Community Home. If information is not updated upon request, the applicant will be removed from the Applicant Database.

#### D. Process for Matching Applicants to Available Community Housing

In general, the matching process occurs as follows:

1. When a Community Home becomes available, the home size, type, Income Category, and location of that Home are checked against the Applicant Database. All Applicants matching the qualifications for a given Community Home are then grouped into the "Applicant Pool" for that Home.
2. Households are prioritized by date and time of application on the list for the Income Category for which they qualify.
3. While household size may not be a determining factor in prioritization for ownership or rental of housing, it should be noted that the purchase price or rental amount may be determined on basis of an assumed household size in accordance with the Area Median Income (AMI).
4. If an Applicant has previously qualified and the Applicant's Household composition subsequently changes (due to marriage, divorce, separation, an increase, or reduction in the number of dependents, etc.), the Applicant may still be eligible for purchase or rental of Community Housing, provided that the Household continues to qualify under the Income Category and other considerations. It is the Applicant's responsibility to continuously update Household information with BCHA prior to being placed into an Applicant Pool.
5. When an Applicant purchases a Community Home, the Applicant's application is extinguished and may not be used to qualify for another Community Home. If an owner of a Community Home wishes to purchase another Community Home, he or she must file a new application and begin the process again.
6. When an Applicant rents a Community Home, the Applicant's application is retained and is used as a basis for subsequent recertification and may be used to qualify for future purchase of a Community Home.

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### Section 3. Renting Community Housing

All Applicants interested in renting Community Housing must submit a General Application for Community Housing to BCHA (See Section 2, “Qualifying to Rent or Purchase Community Housing”). BCHA is the “qualifying agent” charged with providing landlords of Community Housing with a list of qualified potential renters and with facilitating the rental of a Community Home. An administrative fee, as set by the Board, may be charged to the landlord/owner for these services.

#### A. Procedures for the Rental of an Income-restricted Deed Restricted Community Home

1. Each Community Home is designated for occupancy by residents within a certain Income Category. Thus, only those Applicants with incomes at or below the Income Category of the available rental may be eligible.
2. Once BCHA has received a Notice of Intent to Rent from the owner of rental Community Housing, BCHA may identify the top three (3) qualified applicants and present them to the owner for his or her selection for tenancy. (NOTE: In matching an Applicant to a specific Community Home, BCHA may present a “candidate” pool to the landlord or landlord’s agent, based upon Income Category, affordability in relation to income and household size, length of time in the BCHA database, and location preference as given by the applicant.)
3. The final determination and offer of tenancy to one of the three (3) qualified applicants is the decision of the owner, not BCHA. It is, however, expected that the owner will follow all Fair Housing Laws in their selection of the tenant. Candidates who are not selected will not lose their position within the BCHA Database.
4. An Applicant who is selected to rent a Community Home, but who is unable to take the Home, may not lose their position within the BCHA Database for future available Community Housing unless an Applicant has been previously selected to rent a Community Home and has rejected an offer to rent two (2) times. After the third refusal to rent, the Applicant’s initial application date may be adjusted to be effective as of the date of the third refusal to rent.

## B. Ongoing Obligations/Requirements for Renting Community Housing

Once an Applicant secures a rental Community Home through BCHA, the landlord must file a copy of the executed lease with BCHA. The lease must contain the following provisions:

1. Beginning and end dates of the lease.
2. Names of all unit occupants.
3. Security deposit amount and fees.
4. Rent amount and how/where to be paid.
5. Owner's right of entry.
6. Repairs and Maintenance.
7. What utilities are paid by the tenant.
8. What appliances are provided by the landlord.
9. Tenant Requirements.
10. If the Tenant accepts permanent employment outside of Blaine County or resides in the Home fewer than nine (9) out of any twelve (12) months, the Tenant must be deemed to have ceased to use the Home as a Primary Residence and must be required to relinquish the Community Home.
11. A disclosure that Tenants must be re-certified for each year of the lease term.
12. An Acknowledgement and Acceptance of BCHA terms and conditions governing the rental of Community Housing executed by the Tenant.
13. The Tenant must use the Home as their Primary Residence.
14. All leases must be for a 12-month period.

## C. Annual Re-Certification to Rent Community Housing

1. The eligibility of Tenants to lease and occupy Community Housing must be reviewed and verified annually (i.e., re-certified) to ensure that they meet minimum residency and income category requirements under BCHA Guidelines that are in force at the time of the review. BCHA may charge the landlord an annual renewal fee as set by the Board.
2. To assist in this re-certification process, BCHA may send a Rental Renewal Approval Notice to Tenants with instructions for re-certification.
3. The Tenant must, within 10 business days of receipt, submit to the BCHA:
  - (a) The completed Form with updated information
  - (b) A copy of the Tenant's previous 2 months paystubs
  - (c) A copy of the Tenant's most recent tax return
4. Concurrently with the Notice to the Tenants, the BCHA may send a Rental Renewal Notice to the landlord to verify rent, utilities, and lease dates. The landlord must submit the requested information and a copy of the new lease, to the BCHA within 10 business days of receipt of the Rental Renewal Notice. The renewed lease must be for an additional 12 months. Month to month leases are not allowed.



5. Should the landlord pursue a just cause non-renewal, documentation must be provided to BCHA.

#### D. Exceeding Income Limits at Re-Certification

If, upon review and re-certification, BCHA determines that the Tenant no longer meets the minimum Income Category requirements (up to a maximum of 2 income categories over deed restriction category), the Tenant may continue to rent and occupy the Community Home. With an income increase at 1 category higher than their original income, the tenant will pay the same rent rate. When the tenant achieves an income increase that is 2 categories above their income at intake, the tenant may remain in place for up to twelve (12) additional months at the rent rate increased to their new income category. The original rent amount will be paid to the landlord and the difference between the categories will be paid to the BCHA Housing Fund. During these twelve (12) months' times, the BCHA team may work with the tenant to identify alternate housing.

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## Section 4. Purchasing Community Housing

All persons interested in purchasing either Income Category or Workforce Housing must submit the appropriate Application to BCHA, provide proof of completion of the Homebuyer Education Course, and receive as applicable, a Letter of Eligibility or a Letter of Qualification.

### A. Procedures for the Purchase of a Deed Covenant Community Home (including Workforce Market Deed Restricted Homes) subject to an Income Category

- 1) Some Community Homes are designated for occupancy by residents within a certain Income Category. Only those Applicants with incomes within the specified Income Category may be eligible for those homes. In matching an Applicant to a specific Home, BCHA may employ the system creating an Applicant Pool in accordance with the steps outlined in Section 2(C) of these Guidelines.
- 2) In all cases, BCHA is the qualifying agent charged with providing a list of potential qualified purchasers of Community Housing to the Seller.
- 3) BCHA may notify each qualifying applicant within the applicant pool, in order of application date and time, to determine their interest in the available Home. The order of date and time may also be followed in applicant selection. The applicant may be asked to provide a loan pre-approval letter as well as a statement of income. This information may all be verified and accepted by BCHA. Once the selection criteria are met, the Applicant(s) may have opportunity to accept or deny the offer. If the Applicant denies, the BCHA team may contact the next qualified applicant in the pool. This process may continue until an applicant accepts the offer. When an Applicant is matched to a Community Home, the Applicant may be required to sign documents necessary to permit BCHA to obtain a copy of the completed loan application, including analysis of income, assets, and debt, submitted to the lender.
- 4) If an Applicant fails to secure financing for that Home in the time allowed (as determined by the purchaser and the lender), that Applicant may be eliminated from consideration for purchase of that Community Home but may not lose their position on the waiting list and consideration for future available Homes.
- 5) An Applicant may, but is not required to, engage the services of a licensed Real

Estate Broker in the transaction. Any fees charged by the Real Estate Broker must be the responsibility of the Applicant.

- 6) Any co-ownership interest other than Joint Tenancy or Tenancy in Common must be approved by BCHA. Co-signers may be approved for ownership of the Community Home but may not jointly occupy the Community Home unless qualified by BCHA. No person may own more than one home either as a sole owner or as a Joint Tenant or Tenant In Common. Co-signed loans may not be allowed.
- 7) Each purchaser is required to sign an acknowledgment and acceptance of the Deed Covenant or the Workforce Market Deed Covenant.

#### B. Reserving a Newly Constructed Community Home

BCHA may use all reasonable efforts to show newly constructed Community Housing to Applicants prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy. A qualified Applicant who is successfully matched with a Community Home may be given the opportunity to enter into a Reservation Agreement for that Community Home. Upon the filing of the final plat the Reservation Agreement may be converted to a Purchase and Sale Agreement in accordance with the terms of the Reservation Agreement.

#### C. Special Applicant Pool for a Particular Community Housing Development

- 1) Some Community Homes are constructed by or made available by a government agency or by a private developer for a particular group of employees (e.g. Blaine County School District). In those instances, a Special Applicant Pool may be established for that development. When a Community Home in such a development becomes available for sale or re-sale, BCHA may first use the Special Applicant Pool for that development to find qualified buyers.
- 2) BCHA may employ the system creating an Applicant Pool in accordance with the steps outlined in Section 2(D) of these Guidelines with special prioritization as may be requested by the developer and approved by BCHA. Special prioritization may include the current employees of an employer, a local employee preference, among other things.
- 3) Special prioritization must not be given based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran status, except as allowed when participating in a federal program that prioritizes senior citizens, disabled persons, or veterans in its housing programs. This Special Applicant Pool may also be open to people moving into the area, as determined by the development.
- 4) The procedure for qualifying an applicant from a special applicant pool must follow the same procedures as outlined in Section 4(A) with the addition prioritizations, as described in Section 4(C)(1)-(3) (above).
- 5) Should the Special Applicant Pool for Community Housing in a Particular Development be exhausted, without a Community Home being sold, it may be offered to a general Applicant Pool as outlined in Section 4(A).

#### D. Ongoing Obligations/Requirements for Community Home Ownership

Once an Applicant successfully purchases a Community Home through BCHA, a copy of the executed Purchase and Sale Agreement and closing documents must be filed with BCHA. The Applicant/Applicant Household must use the Community Home as their Primary Residence, comply with all provisions of the applicable Deed Covenant, and must adhere to the following additional requirements.

- 1) The owner must complete and submit to BCHA the annual compliance monitoring form. The owner must provide the list of capital improvements, along with receipts, to BCHA at each annual compliance. If these improvements are not reported by the annual compliance monitoring each year, the owner will not be given credit for the improvement.
- 2) The owner must cooperate with BCHA on regular review of property condition and maintenance issues to ensure compliance with provisions of the Deed Covenant. This may require a tour of the property by BCHA staff and an inspector, should staff desire. Deferred maintenance may result in the inability to realize the maximum sale price allowable by the Deed Covenant.
- 3) The owner must not offer any portion of the home as a short-term or vacation rental.
- 4) The owner and household members must not acquire new residential real estate (excluding shared inheritance).
- 5) The Homeowner's Exemption must be utilized on the community home.
- 6) The owner may not offer any portion of the home as a long-term rental without the prior approval of BCHA, as outlined in Section 4(E)(below).

#### E. Long-Term Rental Options for Owners of Community Housing

- 1) If an owner of a Community Home desires to rent the Home during an absence, the owner must provide a letter to BCHA detailing the need for the request (illness, education, etc.) and requesting permission to rent the home at least thirty (30) days prior to leaving.
- 2) The leave of absence may be for up to one year.
- 3) The Rental Rate charged must be approved by BCHA and must be within the published monthly affordability for the Income Category enumerated on the Deed Covenant and in no event may exceed the published Affordability of Income Category 6.
  - (a) The Community Home must be rented in accordance with the Guidelines during the authorized period so long as other Deed Covenants covering the home permit the rental. Any prospective Tenant must be qualified by BCHA *prior* to execution of a lease. A lease must contain the following provisions:
    - (b) Should the owner decide to re-occupy the home again as the owner's primary residence, then the owner must give the Tenant a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice prior to the conclusion of any lease.
    - (c) No initial lease term may be for fewer than 90 days and no more than 1 year. The lease

is non-renewable.

- 4) A copy of the executed lease must be furnished by the owner or tenant to BCHA.
- 5) The owner must provide the tenant with the HOA rules. The owner is responsible for enforcement of the HOA rules.
- 6) If the Community Home has income restrictions, the rent rate is determined by the Income Category rent rate. If there is no income restriction present, the rent rate is determined by Category L guidelines.

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## Section 5. Selling Community Housing

Every sale of a Community Home must comply with the deed covenant. BCHA may identify qualified purchasers but does not guarantee the sale of the home.

### A. Deed Covenants

Each purchaser must execute, in a form provided by BCHA and for recording with the Clerk’s Office of Blaine County, concurrent with the closing of the sale, a document acknowledging the purchaser’s agreement to be bound by the recorded deed covenant covering the Community Home and these Guidelines.

### B. Fees

#### 1) Income -restricted Community Homes:

Unless otherwise instructed by BCHA staff, the seller must pay a non- refundable prepayment of \$500.00 to BCHA at the time the owner delivers the signed Notice of Intent to Sell to BCHA. This amount may be deducted from the total Administration Fee due to BCHA at closing. This fee may offset costs of radon testing and a home inspection. The home inspection may be critical in calculating the maximum sale price of the home.

At the closing of the sale of the income restricted home, the seller must pay BCHA an Administration Fee equal to three percent (3%) of the sale price or the amount stated in the Deed Covenant if it is less than three percent (3%). The requirement to pay this fee is contained in the Deed Covenant. BCHA may instruct the title company to pay this fee to BCHA out of the funds held for the seller at the closing. However, if the home is sold in less than five (5) years of purchase, the percentage may be greater than 3%. The Fee amount is identified in the deed.

#### 2) Workforce Market Community Homes:

At closing of the sale, the seller must pay BCHA a fee as set forth in the deed covenant in the Notice of Intent to Sell.

## C. Procedure

The staff members and board of Commissioners of BCHA are not acting as licensed brokers or real estate agents representing any party to the transaction, but solely as representatives of BCHA and its interests. BCHA may treat every purchaser and seller of Community Housing with fairness in accordance with these Community Housing Guidelines and will prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran status on the part of the purchaser, seller, or the agents of any party to any transaction.

### 1) Prior to Selling Notifying BCHA of Intent to Sell

- a) A Community Homeowner interested in selling their Community Home must:
  - i. meet with BCHA staff and review the Deed Covenant to determine the maximum sales price permitted and other applicable provisions concerning a sale. A home inspection will be conducted to determine the good upkeep of the home. The sale price may not include carryover for improvements completed by the previous owner. The Deed Covenant, Home Inspection, and Section 7 of these Guidelines are used to determine the pricing of “for-sale” Community Housing. Owners should contact BCHA early in the process so that BCHA can properly determine the interest level of Applicants; and
  - ii. Execute and deliver to BCHA a “Notice of Intent to Sell” in the form provided on BCHA’s website (or requested by email). The selection of the purchaser and terms of the transaction may be as described in the Community Housing Guidelines in effect on the date BCHA receives the Notice of Intent to Sell.
- b) The selection of the purchaser, approval of the sale price, and the terms of the purchase and sale must be monitored and must be approved by BCHA.
- c) If BCHA receives a “Notice of Intent to Sell” from the owner, and the owner later fails to consummate a sale transaction, the owner must reimburse BCHA in accordance with Section 5(B)(above).
- d) If a real estate broker is used, the broker must, **prior to the execution of the listing agreement for the Community Home**, sign an acknowledgement and agreement with BCHA that the sale may be conducted in accordance with the terms of the Deed Covenant on the Community Home and these Community Housing Guidelines.
- e) If the seller consults with legal counsel, licensed real estate brokers, or such related services, the fees may be at the seller’s own expense. BCHA Administration Fees and other fees are to be paid regardless of any expenses incurred by the seller or

purchaser in connection with the sales transaction.

## 2) Selection of Purchaser and Solicitation of Offers

- a) After BCHA receives the “Notice of Intent to Sell” from the owner, BCHA may create an Applicant Pool for each Community Home to be offered, as outlined in Section 4(A).
- b) BCHA may notify each of the qualifying Applicants, beginning with the longest tenured Applicant, to determine their interest in the available Home. BCHA may coordinate with the Seller, Applicant, or their agents (if applicable) times for viewing the Community Home. Should no eligible applicant be found in the database, all applicants may be notified of the community home availability and its income category. If a waiting list applicant believes they now qualify for the income category indicated, they may contact BCHA for review of income.
- c) Once an Applicant has viewed the Home and is interested in purchasing the Home,
  1. The Applicant must ensure that all application information is updated and verified to the satisfaction of BCHA.
  2. If the selection criteria are met, the Applicant(s) may be given the opportunity to purchase the Home.  
The Applicant must ensure that all application information is current on an ongoing basis.
  3. Neither BCHA nor the Seller is obliged to delay the sale of a Community Home for more than five (5) business days to allow an Applicant to update his or her application information.
- d) An Applicant, selected under this procedure, will have five (5) business days from the date of being notified by BCHA to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Community Home.
  1. If the Applicant does not execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement within that time, the Applicant must forfeit their position in the Applicant Pool, and
  2. The next person in line in the Applicant Pool may be notified and so on, until the Community Home is under contract for purchase.
- e) If the Owner and Applicant cannot reach an agreement, the steps outlined in C (above) may be repeated with the next eligible applicant.



#### D. Additional Information Related to the Sale of Community Housing by a Community Homeowner.

- 1) BCHA, its staff and Board of Commissioners, do not act as licensed brokers or real estate agents representing any party to the transaction, but solely as representatives of BCHA and its interests in administering the Deed Covenant.
- 2) The Owner of a Community Home is responsible for the sale of the Community Home throughout the process.
- 3) Both the Owner and Purchaser are solely responsible for fees charged by their respective agents during and at the conclusion of the Community Home Sale Process.
- 4) Other Fees not charged by BCHA and not contemplated by this Section of the Community Housing Guidelines must not be incorporated into the Initial Purchase Price unless the total of those fees when added to the Purchase Price is less than the Maximum Resale Price listed in the Notice of Intent to Sell.
- 5) BCHA does not guarantee that a Community Homeowner may realize the maximum calculated resale price of the Community Home.
- 6) Not more than one Home may be owned by the same person (Applicant), either as a sole owner or as a Joint Tenant or Tenant-in- Common, nor may another member of an Applicant's Household own another Home.
- 7) If a Notice of Intent to Sell has been given to BCHA and the owner must relocate to another area before the Community Home has been sold, the home may, upon approval of BCHA, be rented to a qualified individual, in accordance with these Guidelines (See Sections 3 and 7) for a maximum period of two (2) years. Notice of the owner's intent to rent the Community Home should also be provided to any applicable homeowners' association at the time the rental request to BCHA is made. A letter requesting permission from BCHA to rent the Community Home until it is sold must be sent to BCHA before the home can be rented.
- 8) If an Owner wishes to lease the Community Home during the Community Home Sales Process, all Tenants must be qualified by BCHA and the Community Home must be leased pursuant to the terms set forth in the Deed Covenant on the Community Home or, if there are no such provisions in the Deed Covenant, upon terms approved by BCHA.
- 9) Each Tenant is entitled to a minimum six (6) month written lease that includes a move out clause with a sixty (60) day notification to the Tenant that the Community Home has been sold. A copy of the executed lease must be furnished by the owner to BCHA.

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## Section 7. Applicant Categories and Pricing

Income Categories are used by BCHA to determine the appropriateness of Community Housing development proposals in each location and to determine which Applicants must be considered for particular Community Homes. These Income Categories determined by BCHA are based on percentages of the Area Median Income (AMI) on an annual basis. A Household may purchase or rent a Community Home in a higher Income Category, but not in a lower Income Category. The Household Net Worth must not exceed the published allowable net worth specified for the Income Category. Current income limits and allowable net worth are available on BCHA’s website or by request.

**Table 7.1 Household Income Categories by Area Median Income (AMI).**

<b>Applicant Category</b>	<b>Percentage of Area Median Income</b>
1	Less than 50%
2	50% to 60%
3	60% to 80%
4	80% to 100%
5	100% to 120%
6	120% to 140%
Category Local	No Income Limit but must be a full-time resident of Blaine County

\*For Income Categories greater than 6, BCHA may recommend that proposed housing be classified as “Category L” which is housing that may be offered to the full-time residents and employees of Blaine County.

#### A. Calculation of Sales Prices for Existing Community Housing For Categories 1-6

- 1) Maximum sales prices are determined by BCHA based upon CPI and capital improvements, as defined by the deed covenant, made to the home. The price is calculated based upon the federal affordability calculation allowing thirty percent (30%) of Household Income to be allocated to monthly housing cost. The sales price for newly constructed/available Community Housing varies according to the Area Median Income in any given year and according to the calculation of the “maximum monthly housing cost.” “Maximum monthly housing cost” includes the following monthly payments:
  - a) Principal, interest, and mortgage insurance payment (if any) on first mortgage
  - b) Escrow payment of property taxes and property insurance
  - c) Land lease payments if any
  - d) Homeowners/condominium association fees if any
  - e) Utility costs

#### B. Calculation of Maximum Sales Price for Newly Constructed Community Homes

- 1) The maximum sales price is based on the minimum income of an Income Category to ensure that the price of a Community Home is affordable to every purchaser within that Income Category.
- 2) The amount is determined when BCHA performs a calculation utilizing a Community Housing Pricing Calculator

#### C. Maximum Monthly Gross Rental Rates for Community Housing

- 1) The maximum monthly gross rental rates for Community Housing are published by BCHA.
- 2) The latest maximum monthly gross rental rates can be found on BCHA’s website. These monthly Gross Rental Rates must be in effect for the term of the initial lease (twelve (12) month minimum). Thereafter, the maximum monthly gross rental rate can be adjusted in accordance with the published maximum monthly gross rental rates at the time of renewal.
- 3) The maximum monthly gross rental rates are based on an amount equal to or less than thirty percent (30%) of the Household Income per month. This gross rental rate figure includes utilities. Essential utilities include electricity, gas, water, sewer, trash and internet.
- 4) Please contact BCHA for a Utility Allowance Analysis based on each unit’s size, appliances, and heat source to get a net rental rate figure. The maximum Net Monthly Rent may be less than the published Monthly Gross Rental Rates.

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## Section 8. Procedures for Exceptions and Grievances

Situations may arise where a special review is appropriate to allow for exceptions to the application of these Policies, or to address grievances against BCHA for its actions or failure to act in accordance with these Policies. These two processes are described below:

### A. Request for an Exception

- 1) Exceptions to any provision of these Policies may be granted by the BCHA Board when, because of unique circumstances, the strict application of the policy places an undue hardship or burden on a particular Applicant, Tenant, or owner. An undue hardship or burden is not merely an inconvenience or issue of preference but must be burdensome or restrictive enough to create a significant difficulty or expense for the Applicant, Tenant, or Owner.
- 2) Any Applicant, Tenant, or Owner may file a request for an Exception with BCHA, in writing stating:
  - a) The Specific BCHA Policy or Policies which the Applicant, Tenant, or Owner is requesting waiver of or alteration to;
  - b) The circumstances constituting an undue hardship or burden which are the basis for the Exception request;
  - c) The action requested to resolve the undue hardship or burden (i.e., partial waiver, complete waiver, or modification of the Policy or Policies); and,
  - d) The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the request and his or her representative, if any.
- 3) Upon receipt of a request for Exception, the BCHA staff shall:
  - a) Review, investigate, and prepare for the BCHA Board a report analyzing and making a recommendation on the requested Exception;
  - b) Shall forward the report to the Board and all parties involved to hear and make a decision on the request, but in no event shall such meeting take place more than thirty (30) days after receipt by BCHA staff of the request for Exception.
- 4) At the meeting, the Board shall review the request and any additional information and evidence presented by the person making the request and any other person present at the meeting. Prior to making a decision on the request, the Board may continue the meeting as it deems necessary to obtain additional information or for

further deliberations, but in no event shall the Board delay a decision by more than thirty (30) days absent exigent circumstances.

The Board may approve, approve with conditions or alterations, or deny a request for an Exception. and such decision shall be issued in writing, and delivered to all parties involved. The decision of the Board shall be supported by written explanation and findings. A decision to approve a request for an Exception shall be based on the following findings:

5) Based on the request for Exception and any supplemental documents or information considered, the strict application of the BCHA Community Housing Administrative Policies to the Applicant, Tenant, or Owner causes an undue hardship or burden, and not merely an inconvenience or issue of preference, which is unique to the person and circumstances for which the request is made;

The strict application of the BCHA Community Housing Administrative Policies to the Applicant, Tenant, Owner is the primary cause of the undue hardship or burden, such that the remedy of any other contributing factors would not relieve the Applicant, Tenant, or Owner of the undue hardship or burden.

- a) Approval of the request is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the Policies;
- b) Approval of the request will not give the person requesting the Exception an undue or unfair advantage over another person, but will merely relieve them of the undue hardship or burden;
- c) Approval of the request will not conflict with any provisions of the BCHA Deed Covenant on the property subject to the request; and
- d) Approval of the request of Exception is the only reasonably available remedy to the undue hardship or burden, and the exception is not overly broad in its scope.

The Board will provide the person making the request with its written decision and findings. The Board will make every effort to render a decision within sixty (60) days after the filing of the request and all requested information. Applicants to whom a request for Exception is denied may appeal the decision by submitting a formal Grievance in accordance with the procedure described below.

## B. Grievance Procedure

- 1) A Grievance may be filed by any Applicant, Tenant, or Owner based on an alleged violation by BCHA of one or more provision of this Policy, or as a means of appealing a denied request for Exception.
- 2) Any Applicant, Tenant, or Owner may file a general Grievance with BCHA, in writing, stating:
  - a) The specific provision of this Policy which the Applicant, Tenant, or Owner alleges BCHA to be in violation of;
  - b) The specific BCHA action or omission which the Applicant, Tenant, or Owner alleges to be the violation;
  - c) The action requested to cure the violation; and
  - d) The name, address, telephone number, and email of the grievant and his or her representative, if any.
- 3) Any Applicant, Tenant, or Owner may appeal the denial of a request for Exception by filing a Grievance with BCHA, in writing, stating:
  - a) Which request for Exception is being appealed;
  - b) Evidence demonstrating that the findings necessary to approve a request for Exception, as described in 8.A.5, are present, and that denial was therefore improper;
  - c) The action requested to cure the allegedly improper denial; and
  - d) The name, address, telephone number, and email of the grievant and his or her representative, if any.
- 4) An appeal of the denied request for Exception shall be heard in the same manner described in 8.A.3. If the request is again denied on appeal, the grievant may submit a final appeal to the Blaine County Board of Commissioners, in writing, within thirty (30) days after the date the decision is rendered.

## C. Grievance Hearing

The Grievance Hearing must be conducted by BCHA as follows:

- 1) Upon receipt of a written Grievance, a public hearing before the BCHA Board of Commissioners must be scheduled. The grievant must be afforded a fair hearing providing the basic safeguards of due process, including notice and an opportunity to be heard in a timely, reasonable manner, and to present evidence.
- 2) Notice of the public hearing shall be provided to the Board, the grievant, and any other

parties involved, to be held as soon as practicable and convenient to the Board and the grievant, but in no event shall such hearing take place more than thirty (30) days after receipt by BCHA staff of the grievance.

- 3) Within no less than seven (7) days prior to the hearing, and at the expense of the grievant, the grievant and BCHA must have the opportunity to examine and to copy all documents, records, and regulations of BCHA and the grievant that are relevant to the hearing.
- 4) If, after written request for production of such, any document, record, or regulation is not made available by BCHA or the grievant in the aforementioned manner, said document may not be relied upon at the hearing.
- 5) If any of the above requirements cannot be reasonably fulfilled by the originally scheduled date of the public hearing, the matter may be continued, with or without request by the grievant, and at the discretion of BCHA. Any decisions to continue the hearing shall be provided, in writing, to the grievant as soon as reasonably practicable. Any continued hearing shall be rescheduled for a date no later than thirty (30) days after the originally scheduled hearing.
- 6) At the public hearing, the grievant shall present their argument and the evidence in support of it before the Board.
  - a) The grievant has the right to be represented by counsel.
  - b) Oral or documentary evidence may be received without strict compliance with the rules of evidence applicable to judicial proceedings.
  - c) The opportunity to cross-examine may be afforded or denied at the discretion of BCHA, and, if afforded, may be regulated by BCHA as it deems necessary for a fair hearing.
- 7) Following the conclusion of the public hearing and based on the records of proceedings, BCHA will provide a written decision and include therein the reasons for its determination. Prior to making the decision, the Board may continue the meeting as it deems necessary to obtain additional information or for further deliberations. However, every attempt must be made to settle a Grievance with BCHA within six months after the date the Grievance is filed, and any decision shall be issued within six months after the date the Grievance is filed.
- 8) BCHA will make its determination on the basis of these Community Housing, BCHA Policies, and relevant BCHA-drafted Deed Covenants attached to the land.
- 9) If the complainant fails to appear at the scheduled hearing, BCHA may make a determination to continue the hearing, dismiss the grievance, or make a



determination based upon the written documentation and the evidence submitted.

- 10) The decision of BCHA will be binding on all parties involved, and BCHA and/or the grievant shall take all actions necessary to carry out the decision following its issuance as soon as reasonably practical. If the grievant disagrees with the decision issued by BCHA, they may appeal the decision to the Blaine County Board of Commissioners, in writing, within thirty (30) days after the date the decision is rendered.
- 11) BCHA must have the authority to enforce its determinations, as provided by law and put forth in these Community Housing , BCHA Policies and BCHA-drafted Deed Covenants attached to the land.

#### D. Alternative mechanisms for hearing and resolution

- 1) In the event that the aforementioned grievance procedure is not an appropriate or reasonably achievable means of resolving the matter, any of the following alternative methods for dispute resolution may be utilized:
  - a) Use of a certified mediator in Blaine County, or as nearby as reasonably practical;
  - b) Through the Idaho Human Rights Commission;
  - c) Through a civil court proceeding;. The grievant may be eligible for pro bono legal assistance through Idaho Legal Aid; or,
  - d) If a Fair Housing violation is suspected, the local jurisdiction may be contacted to conduct an investigation. If the grievant disagrees with the findings of that investigation, they may appeal to the Idaho Human Right's Commission.

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## Section 9. Program Non-Compliance and Enforcement

### A. Renter Non-Compliance and Enforcement

- 1) Renters are required to abide by all terms of the lease completely. Should it be determined that a tenant was justly evicted from a Community Housing Unit, the tenant will also be terminated from the BCHA Community Housing Program. The tenant will not be eligible to reapply for a period of 5 years.

### B. Homeowner Non-Compliance and Enforcement

- 1) Should the owner deny each of the applicants provided by BCHA, the owner will be reminded of fair housing law and be required to provide written justification for each denial.
- 2) Homeowners who do not comply with the terms of the home deed and/or program expectations, as described within these guidelines, the homeowner may be required to sell the home.

### C. Landlord Non-Compliance and Enforcement

- 1) Should the landlord deny each of the applicants provided by BCHA, the landlord will be reminded of fair housing law and be required to provide written justification for each denial.
- 2) The landlord will work in partnership with BCHA on all compliance matters. Should a renter fall out of compliance for any reason, the landlord may begin the eviction process of the renter.
- 3) A copy of any eviction notice must be provided to BCHA.
- 4) Should the owner decide to sell the Housing unit during the lease period, the owner must notify BCHA immediately. The lease must remain intact after the sale. An executed agreement between the buyer and seller must describe the new Property Owner's obligations under this program, plus the following:
  - a) The obligation to abide by the lease terms, or
  - b) If the new owner desires to pursue breaking the lease, they must provide a 30-day notice to the household and to BCHA. Furthermore, the new owner must pay the household the amount equal to the monthly rent times the number of

remaining months, rounded up. In this case, Landing Locals would work to place the tenants into another property.

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