RESOLUTION 15-14

TO ADOPT FINAL REGULATIONS INCREASING THE PAYMENT STANDARD UP TO 130% OF THE FAIR MARKET RENT

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) currently administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program and other programs which provide rental assistance to eligible low to extremely low income families; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with HUD regulations found at 24 C.F.R. § 982.503 and 14 DCMR § 8300, DCHA is required to adopt a payment standard schedule for administering the Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, DCHA must establish the Housing Choice Voucher Programs Payment Standard amounts for each unit size pursuant to Fair Market Rents (FMR) set by the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 2014, HUD published FMRs at the 40th percentile for the DCHA Housing Choice Voucher Program for FY2015; and

WHEREAS, the payment schedule was effective March 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the amounts on DCHA's Payment Standard Schedule are used to calculate the monthly housing assistance payment for families participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Program for certifications and recertifications effective April 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in order to maximize housing assistance payments and increase affordable housing in low poverty and minority concentration areas, DCHA must increase its payment standard up to 130% of the FMR; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the DCHA Moving to Work Authority the Payment Standard Schedule for Fiscal Year 2015 will be set up to 130% of the published FMR for each unit size; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2015, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 15-07 adopting the 2015 Payment Standard Schedule and Emergency Regulations and authorized the publication of Proposed Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Regulations were published in the D.C. Register on March 20, 2015 and DCHA did not receive any comments during the 30-day public comment period; and

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RESOLUTION 15-14

To Adopt Final Regulations Increasing The Payment Standard Up To 130% Of The Fair Market Rent

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts amendments to Chapter 83 of Title 14 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority and signed in authentication of its passage, the 13th day of May 2015.

ATTEST:

Adrianne Todman

Executive Director/Secretary

ARPROVAL

Chairman

APPROVED FOR FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Kenneth Slaughter General Counsel

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING

The Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) hereby gives notice, pursuant to the District of Columbia Housing Authority Act of 1999, effective May 9, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-105; D.C. Official Code § 6-203 (2012 Repl.)), hereby gives notice of the adoption of the Amended Chapter 83 (Payment Standards) of Title 14 (Housing) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

The proposed rulemaking was published in the *D.C. Register* on March 20, 2015, at 61 DCR _____. This rulemaking was adopted as final at the Board of Commissioners regular meeting on May 13, 2015. The final rules will become effective upon publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

The amended provisions of Chapter 83, PAYMENT STANDARDS, of Title 14, HOUSING, of the DCMR is proposed as follows:

Section 8300.2(e) is amended to read as follows:

(e) The Payment Standard is up to 130% of the Fair Market Rents for all size units in all areas of the District of Columbia. Any change to the Payment Standard shall be implemented by regulatory action of the Commission and shall apply to all vouchers issued after the date of the adoption of any regulation modifying the Payment Standard.

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