

February 20, 2023

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC, RESIDENTS, AND RESIDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

**PUBLIC, RESIDENT, AND RESIDENT ORGANIZATION COMMENTS FOR AMENDED PROPOSED CHANGES/AMENDMENTS TO THE AREA HOUSING COMMISSION PUBLIC HOUSING DWELLING LEASE AGREEMENT**

The Area Housing Commission (“AHC”) is in the process of implementing a conversion from master metered electrical utilities (PHA furnished) to individually metered (Resident paid) electrical utilities for individual AHC Public Housing dwelling units.

Before implementing any such modifications to AHC’s utility service arrangement with AHC Residents, AHC proposes to make requisite changes or amendments to its Public Housing Dwelling Lease to reflect such modifications, in accordance with 24 CFR part 966.

The amended proposed Lease changes/amendments will require AHC Residents who are the primary lease holders to establish individual accounts in their name with Florida Power and Lights, the local electrical utility service provider/supplier, and be solely responsible for directly paying this local utility service provider/supplier for their household’s electricity consumption/use. Residents will also be required to pay all charges and deposits necessary to secure and maintain uninterrupted electrical utility service to their dwelling units. AHC will also establish allowances for electrical utilities purchased directly by Residents from the local utility service provider/supplier, appropriate for each size and type of dwelling unit.

A copy of AHC’s amended proposed Lease changes/amendments and copies of the documentation that AHC staff has submitted to the AHC Board of Commissioners in support of this individually metered electrical utility conversion will be made available for public examination and copying at AHC’s central office located at 1920 West Garden Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502, during normal business hours.

This Notice provides the public, Residents, and Resident organizations an opportunity to comment on the above-stated proposed amended Lease changes/amendments to AHC’s Public Dwelling Lease, as permitted by 24 CFR §966.3.

**Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed amended Lease changes/amendments may do so by submitting written comments to Area Housing Commission, 1920 West Garden Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502.** All comments must include the name and address of the person submitting the comments. Resident representatives, advocates, or organizations may assist Residents with preparing and submitting comments. All comments must be submitted by **5:00 pm on March 24, 2023.**

This Notice provides 30-days written notice to the public, all AHC Residents, and Resident organizations setting forth amended proposed changes/amendments in AHC’s Public Housing Dwelling Lease. All comments submitted shall be considered by AHC before formal adoption by the AHC Board of Commissioners of the above-stated amended proposed Lease changes/amendments.