Chehalis Tribal HOUSING AUTHORITY

Resolution No. 2023-____06-07

Of the Chehalis Tribal Housing Authority ("CTHA")

RE: Approving the revised Occupant and Resident Drug Policy.

Whereas: CTHA is an independent entity under NAHASDA tasked with providing HUD / IHBG housing on the Chehalis Reservation; and

Whereas: CTHA is governed by a Board of Commissioners with day-to-day operations vested in the Executive Director, all in compliance with HUD regulations; and

Whereas: CTHA wishes to have Board approval for the proposed Occupant and Resident Drug Policy (a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof) for the purposes of;

- Consistency with past & current procedures and practices of CTHA Operations
- Allowable retention and second chance agreements under CTHA programs
- Insertion of due process for program participants

Now Therefore Let It Be Resolved: That the Board of CTHA does hereby approve the Occupant and Resident Drug Policy attached hereto.

Certification: This Resolution, Number 2023- $\frac{06-07}{2}$, was duly considered and approved at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of CTHA held on June 13, 2023, at which a quorum was present. The vote being $\frac{3}{2}$ For, $\frac{0}{2}$ Against, with $\frac{0}{2}$ Abstentions.

Signed:

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OCCUPANCY AND RESIDENT

DRUG POLICY Updated June 13, 2023, by Resolution: 2023-_____06-01_____

Previously "Zero Tolerance" Drug Policy

Adopted by Board Action on December 11, 2014 Updated July 31, 2020

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Purpose

- The purpose of this drug and alcohol policy is to ensure a drug free environment for all CTHA residents.
- It is the intent of this policy to provide for the retention, eviction, or termination of any and all tenants and homebuyers who engage in drug-related criminal activity, whether on or off CTHA premises and to any and all persons who are inebriated on CTHA premises or who sell or distribute alcohol to a minor on CTHA premises.
- This policy is incorporated by reference into all CTHA leases and homebuyer agreements.

Applicability

This policy applies to all CTHA premises, whether rental units or homebuyer units, wherever situated.

Definitions

"BOC" means the governing authority of the Board of Commission of the Chehalis Tribal Housing Authority

"CTHA" means the Chehalis Tribal Housing Authority

"Drug-related criminal activity" also means the illegal manufacture, sale, distribution, use or possession of a controlled substance by a visitor or guest on CTHA premises or such an individual being under the influence of a controlled substance while on CTHA premises.

"Controlled substance" has the same meaning as defined in Title 21 of the United States Code.

"Minor" shall mean any person under the age of 18 years.

"NAHASDA" means Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act.

"CTHA premises" includes all housing units, whether rental or homebuyer, all common areas, all administrative areas and all lands and buildings included in any lease of property to the CTHA.

"Date of application for admission" shall mean the date for **which** application is made for an available rental unit or homebuyer unit.

Ineligibility for admission

Prior Alcohol or Drug-Related Incidents

- Persons evicted by any Tribally Designated Indian Housing Authority, any Indian Housing Authority, public housing, or any Section 8 program or whose homebuyer agreement with any Tribally Designated Housing Authority or any Indian Housing Authority has been terminated because of drug-related criminal activity are ineligible for admission to any CTHA program for a 3-year period beginning on the date of such eviction or termination.
 - Exceptions shall only be considered when a program participant has provided the following documentation that shows the previous deficiency has been corrected:
 - Proof of successful completion of an accredited program
 - Proof that any arrears from the previous eviction has been paid in full.
- Persons evicted by the CTHA or whose homebuyer agreement with the Housing Authority has been terminated because of alcohol inebriation or the selling or distribution to a minor are ineligible for admission to any CTHA program for a 3-year period beginning on the date of such eviction or termination.
- Persons who were found to be involved in substance abuse-related criminal activity are ineligible for admission to any CTHA housing unit.

Other Requirements

- Any applicant for CTHA housing and any other prospective residence shall be required to sign such release forms and to provide such information, including a background check, as required by the CTHA to assure compliance with this section.
- Persons evicted by the CTHA or whose homebuyer agreement with the Housing Authority has been terminated under a retention agreement because of:
 - o alcohol inebriation
 - the selling or distribution to a minor
 - criminal related drug offenses

are ineligible for admission to any CTHA program for a 10-year period beginning on the date of such eviction or termination of a retention agreement.

Should a prospective resident have repeated termination(s) BOC written approval shall be required prior to processing the application.

In the event that the BOC has approved the acceptance of an application the Executive Director shall take necessary steps to add the prospective resident to the CTHA waiting list.

Waiver of ineligibility

- The Executive Director of the CTHA may waive the ineligibility of any family/person who is ineligible for admission to a CTHA program if:
 - The family demonstrates successful completion of a supervised drug or alcohol rehabilitation program approved by the CTHA, or
 - The family **can provide documentation indicating that they** have otherwise been rehabilitated successfully, or
 - The circumstances leading to the ineligibility no longer exist.
 - For example, the individual involved in drugs or alcohol use is no longer an occupant of the unit or a member of the household.
 - \circ The family agrees to random drug testing at the family's expense.
- Any person desiring to have his or her ineligibility waived shall have the burden of showing that the requirements for waiver have been met.
- Nothing in this section shall require a waiver of ineligibility under any circumstances.
- The Executive Director shall seek additional approval by the CTHA Board of Commission prior to moving forward.

Eviction or termination

Eviction of Rental Unit

- Any tenant who has engaged in drug-related criminal activity during the term of the tenancy, whether on or off CTHA premises, or who has a resident of his or her household who has engaged in such activity on or off CTHA premises, or who has had a visitor or guest who has engaged in such activity on CTHA premises or who has been under the influence of a controlled substance while on CTHA premises, shall be subject to eviction.
- Any tenant who has been inebriated on CTHA premises during the term of the tenancy or has sold or distributed alcohol to a minor on CTHA premises, or who has a resident of his household or had a visitor or guest who has been inebriated or sold or distributed alcohol to a minor on CTHA premises shall be subject to eviction.

Termination of Homeowner Program

- The homebuyer agreement of any person who has engaged in drug-related criminal activity during the term of the agreement, whether on or off CTHA premises, or who has a resident of his or her household who has engaged in such activity on or off CTHA premises, or who has been under the influence of a controlled substance while on Housing Authority premises, shall be subject to termination and the resident evicted.
- The homebuyer agreement of any person who has been inebriated on CTHA premises or has sold or distributed alcohol to a minor on CTHA premises or who has a resident of his or her household or has had a visitor or guest who has been inebriated or sold or distributed alcohol to a minor on CTHA premises shall be subject to termination and eviction.

Procedure upon Violation

• In the event of a violation hereof, tenant or homebuyer shall receive a written notice from the Executive Director of the CTHA to immediately vacate the premises. Said notice will provide that should the tenant or homebuyer fail to execute and deliver the compliance agreement or vacate the premises, the CTHA will seek their forcible eviction by Chehalis Tribal Law Enforcement for such failure through the Chehalis Tribal Court.

Removal of Resident, Visitor or Guest

In the case of a household resident or visitor or guest, no tenant shall be evicted, and no homebuyer agreement shall be terminated if the tenant or homebuyer has promptly secured the removal, other than the temporary removal, of the offending resident, visitor, or guest from the premises. The CTHA may randomly inspect the unit to ensure program and policy compliance.

Retention or forbearance regarding eviction or termination

The CTHA may forbear the eviction of any person or the termination of any agreement under this policy. The Executive Director will have sole discretion to develop a compliance plan if there are mitigating circumstances and it is in the best interests of the CTHA. Any compliance plan must include the following:

- Corrective Action on the part of the Tenant to include;
 - Enrollment in services that would assist with the health and safety of the family and CTHA Residences
- Compliance with all terms of the lease agreement and its Retention Agreement
- Immediate eviction in the event of a breach of any terms of the lease or the compliance plan.

Due process

CTHA gives access to all residents and tenants of CTHA Programs to the Grievance Process to mediate and compromise of any conflict that may arise during the participation of CTHA programs.

All Appeal rights must be exercised through the Chehalis Tribal Court for eviction and termination of the programs.

Miscellaneous provisions

Criminal History

Any criminal record received to administer this policy must be maintained confidentially and in compliance with requirements set forth the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act.

Criminal Records should be requested in the geographical area(s) of previous primary residence.

Use of Criminal Background Information

The CTHA shall use criminal background information only for applicant screening, lease enforcement and eviction actions. The information may be disclosed only to any person who has a job-related need for the information and who is an authorized officer, employee, or representative of the CTHA.

Copy of Criminal Conviction or Civil Penalty Record

A certified copy of a criminal conviction record or of a civil penalty record shall be conclusive proof of the drug-related criminal activity identified in the record or of the alcohol-related offense specified in the record;

- provided that before any adverse action based on such a record can be taken, the person must be provided with a copy of the record and an opportunity to dispute the accuracy or relevancy of the record.
- In the case of an eviction or termination for which no opportunity for a hearing is required prior to the court hearing, a copy of the record shall be filed with the court and served on tenant or homebuyer with the Summons and Complaint.

Maintenance of Criminal Conviction Records

- The recipient will keep all the criminal conviction record information it receives from the official law enforcement agencies listed in Sec. 1000.150 in files separate from all other housing records.
- These criminal conviction records will be kept under lock and key and be under the custody and control of the CTHA Executive Director and/or his designee for such records.
- These criminal conviction records may only be accessed with the written permission of the CTHA's Executive Director and/or his designee and are only to be used for the purposes stated in section 208 of NAHASDA and these regulations.

No Requirement for Criminal Conviction or Civil Penalty

In no instance shall a criminal conviction be required to have been entered or a civil penalty be required to have been assessed for a person to be ineligible for admission to CTHA programs or be subject to eviction or termination from a CTHA rental or homebuyer unit.

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