



# HOUSING AUTHORITY *of* JOLIET

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE FAMILY

Participants in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program must be aware of and understand their obligations as an assisted family. Obligations of the family are established in federal regulation and updated from time to time.

24 CFR 982.551 – Obligations of the Family: Once the family’s unit is approved and the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contract is executed, the family must comply with the obligations listed below in order to continue participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

### **1. Supplying Required Information**

The family must supply any information that the Housing Authority of Joliet (HAJ) or HUD determines to be necessary in the administration of the program, including evidence of citizenship or eligible immigration status. Information includes any requested certification, release, or other documentation.

- a. Information requested for regularly scheduled recertifications or interim reexaminations;
- b. Disclosure and verification of Social Security numbers;
- c. Reporting changes in household income or family composition within ten (10) calendar days;
- d. All information supplied by the family must be true and complete.

### **2. NSPIRE Breach Caused by Family**

The family is responsible for a breach of National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) caused by the family, household members, or guests, as described in 24 CFR 982.404(b).

### **3. Allowing PHA Inspection**

The family must allow HAJ to inspect the unit at reasonable times after reasonable notice. Reasonable notice is forty-eight (48) hours except for emergencies. HAJ will make a minimum of two (2) inspection attempts. Failure to allow access may result in abatement or termination of assistance.

### **4. Violation of Lease**

The family must not commit any serious or repeated violation of the lease, including unauthorized occupants, non-payment of rent, tenant-responsible utilities being turned off, and tenant-caused damage.

### **5. Family Notice of Move or Lease Termination**

The family must notify HAJ and the owner in writing before moving out of the unit or terminating the lease.

### **6. Owner Eviction Notice**

The family must provide HAJ with a copy of any owner eviction notice within ten (10) calendar days.

### **7. Use and Occupancy of the Unit**

The family must use the assisted unit as the only residence for the family. Composition of the family

must be approved by HAJ. Family must report any requested changes of family composition within ten (10) calendar days. If HAJ has given approval, a foster child or live-in aide may reside in the unit. HAJ has discretion to adopt reasonable policies concerning their residence and defining when consent may be given or denied. The family must not sublease the unit. Absences of thirty (30) days or more must be reported within ten (10) calendar days.

**8. Interest in the Unit**

The family must not own or have any interest in the assisted unit.

**9. Fraud and Other Program Violations**

No member of the family may commit fraud, bribery, or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with the Housing Program.

**10. Crime by Household Members**

Household members must not engage in drug-related, violent criminal activity, or other criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of other residents.

VAWA Protection: Criminal activity directly related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking shall not be cause for termination of assistance to a victim (24 CFR 5.2005(b)(2)).

**11. Alcohol Abuse by Household Members**

Household members must not abuse alcohol in a way that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of other residents.

**12. Other Housing Assistance**

An assisted family or household member may not receive tenant-based Section 8 assistance while receiving another housing subsidy for the same unit or for a different unit.

**GROUNDNS FOR DENIAL OR TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE-24 CFR 982.552(b):**

**HAJ may deny or terminate assistance at any time for violation of family obligations, eviction from federally assisted housing, drug-related or violent criminal activity, fraud, amounts owed, breach of agreements, or abusive or violent behavior toward HAJ personnel.**

I/we, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided here is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and recollection. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or knowingly makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to five years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties (18 U.S.C. 287, 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3279, 3802).

Printed Name	Signature	Date
Head of Household		
Spouse / Co-Head		
Other Adult		
Other Adult		
Other Adult		