

## **SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER WAITING LIST PREFERENCE DEFINITIONS**

### **1. INVOLUNTARILY DISPLACED BY FEDERAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION**

To qualify for this preference, the applicant is or will be involuntarily displaced if the applicant has vacated or will vacate his/her housing unit as a result of one or more of the following actions:

- Activity carried on by an agency of the United States or by any State or local Governmental body or agency in connection with code enforcement; **or**
- a public improvement or development program; **or**
- due to uninhabitability as a result of a natural disaster such as a fire or flood.

Verification of Involuntary Displacement will be verified by Certification from a unit or agency of government that you have been or will be displaced by government action, or due to uninhabitability due to a natural disaster (i.e., fire or flood).

**PREFERENCE POINTS:** **200**

### **2. HOMELESS IN THE CITY OF TEMPE**

To qualify for this preference, the applicant must lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence; and have primary night time residency that must meet one of the following criteria:

- a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations; or
- an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
- a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings,
- a transitional project that is designed to provide housing and appropriate support services to homeless persons to facilitate movement to independent living within 24 months.

Homeless in Tempe: Residency in Tempe prior to becoming homeless will be verified with the shelter and/or transitional living program the individual and/or family is staying.

**PREFERENCE POINTS:** **150**

### **3. RESIDE IN THE CITY OF TEMPE**

To qualify for this preference, applicant must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Lessee (tenant); must have a current lease with the legal owner/landlord of the rental property; or
- Household member; must be listed on a current lease as legally living in the rental property as a member of the Lessee's household; or
- Lessee (tenant); must be legally responsible for rent payments to the legal owner/landlord of the rental property.

Residency will be verified with the legal owner/landlord of the rental property.

**OR**

### **4. WORKING, OR HIRED TO WORK, IN THE CITY OF TEMPE**

To qualify for this preference, the Head of Household and/or Spouse or Co-Head or Sole Member must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- be physically employed in the city limits of Tempe; or
- have been notified that they are hired to work in the city limits of Tempe; or
- employed in the city limits of Tempe through an internship or other training program designed to prepare individuals for the job market may qualify for this preference.

Employment will be verified with the employer. An applicant shall be given the benefit of the working family preference if the Head of Household and/or Spouse or Co-Head or Sole Member is age 62 or older, or is a person with disabilities and is homeless and/or resides in the City of Tempe.

**PREFERENCE POINTS:** **100**

**MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE:** **450**

