

Proposed Revisions to  
HOC's Administrative Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program

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Please note: Existing language is in **BLACK** and proposed changes are in **RED**.

Chapter 4: Establishing Preferences and Maintaining the Waiting List

**F. LOCAL PREFERENCES** [24 CFR 5.410]

The PHA will offer public notice when changing its preference system and the notice will be publicized using the same guidelines as those for opening and closing the waiting list.

The PHA uses the following Local Preference system:

**First Local Preference** – Displacement: Families who are displaced as a result of a State or County redevelopment project, or a change in the nature of a project that is part of the County plan for maintaining affordable housing, and who are referred by the County Executive's Office. A signed certification from the County Executive's office is required for the family to qualify for this preference. [Two Points]

**Second Local Preference** – Residency preference for families who live, work, or have a bona fide offer to work in Montgomery County. To qualify for this preference, evidence is required either at the time of application or at the time of selection from the waiting list. HOC will treat graduates of, or active participants in, education or training programs in Montgomery County as residents of Montgomery County if the education or training program is designed to prepare individuals for the job market. To qualify and satisfy this preference, graduates must have graduated after the initial application for housing. [One Point]

**Third Local Preference** – HUD funded 2006 Main Stream Disabled (MSD) program; 15 units. [Two Points]

**Fourth Local Preference** – Veterans: Preference is given for ten (10) veterans and their families. The applicant must be at least 18 years old and a veteran.

HOC will verify the preference with a list of homeless veterans and their families provided by the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). [Three Points]

**Fifth Local Preference** – Families with Histories of Homelessness: Preference is given for ten (10) families with histories of homelessness who are currently housed within the Montgomery County Homeless Continuum of Care. The applicant must be at least 18 years old and have at least one minor child (under the age of 18) within the household.

**HOC will verify the preference by receiving direct referrals from the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). [Three Points]**

### **Treatment of Single Applicants**

Single applicants will be treated as any other eligible family on the waiting list for the tenant-based and project-based voucher waiting lists.