# **HOUSING ELIGIBILITY**

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1 ALL ROOMS NEED			Needs Repairs		
A. Are there at least two working outlets or one working outlet and one light fixture? (Kitchen					
	and bathroom must have permanent light fixture.)				
	<ul><li>B. Is there any exposed wiring (other than low voltage doorbell, etc)?</li><li>C. Do each outlet and light switch have a cover plate and work properly?</li></ul>				
	D. Do all windows open or close properly?				
	E. Do any windows need putty? Are doors leading to exterior properly weather stripped?				
	F. Do all windows have strong doors?				
	G. Is the ceiling structurally sound?				
	H. Are there any leaks in ceiling, walls, or windows?				
	I. Are there any holes in ceiling or walls?				
	J. Is there crumbling plaster or peeling paint on window and door frames, walls, or ceilings?				
	K. Is there peeling paint between interior an exterior windows?				
	L. Are the floors structurally sound?				
	M. Do the floors have any tripping hazards, such as torn linoleum or carpeting?	<u> </u>			
2 KITCHEN	N. Are all closet doors hung properly so that they do not fall?				
	A. Does the stove have all knobs intact, and do all burners and the oven operate properly?				
	B. Is the refrigerator large enough from the family size?				
	C. Do the refrigerator and freezer cool properly?				
	D. Is there adequate space to store and prepare food?				
	E. Does the sink provide hot and cold running eater?	<u> </u>			
	Are there any leaks? Does the water drain properly?	·			
3 BATHROOM					
_	A. Do the toilet operate properly?				
	Are there any leaks?				
	B. Does the sink provide hot and cold running water?				
	Is there enough water pressure?				
	Are there any leaks?				
	Does the water drain properly?	<u> </u>			
	C. Does the tub or shower provide hot and cold running water? Are there any leaks?				
	D. Is there ventilation provide by a window located on an exterior wall or an exhaust fame?				
4 BEDROOM	···· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
	A. Does it have a window located on an exterior wall?				
5 HEATING EC	UIPMENT				
	A. Is the heating equipment capable of providing adequate heat to all room used for living?				
	B. Is the unit free from unvented fuel-burning space heaters or any other unsafe heating condition?				
	C. If the furnace is n a closet, are the doors vented?				

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#### **6 HOT WATER HEATER**

	A. Does the hot water heater or pipes h	nave leaks?		
	B. Does the pressure release valve disch	narge pipe extend to approximately 6 inches?		
7 ADDITIONAL	REQUIREMENTS			
	A. Are all entrances and exit doors mad			
	B. Is there a working smoke detector on each level of the dwelling? C. Is the unit free of rodents and insects?			
	D. Is the unit free from heavy accumula			
	E. Are there adequate covered facilities for the disposal of garbage?			
	F. Where there are four or more stairs i			
	G. Is the unit free from air pollutants? (	I. Are the stairs free from loose, broken or missing steps? II. Are the stairs in the unit and the common areas free from tripping hazards? (Torn carpeting, etc) Mold, sewer, gas, etc.)		
	H. Is the neighborhood free from hazards, which would seriously endanger the health And safety of residents? (Abandoned and exposed building nearby, etc)			
	I. PORCHES:			
		<ul> <li>I. Are enclosed process free form exposed wiring?</li> <li>II. Do the windows lock?</li> <li>III. Are the floors and walls structurally safe?</li> </ul>		
	J. Have the elevators been inspected or K. EXTERIOR OF UNIT:	IV. Are there any holes, leaks, and chipping paint? V. Is there crumbling cement? n a regular basis?		
	N. EATERIOR OF UNIT:	<ul> <li>I. Is there any peeling paint on the outside of the unit within the reach of a child?</li> <li>II. Is the foundation sound and free of hazard?</li> <li>III. Are there any holes in the exterior?</li> <li>IV. Are the sidewalks free fro tripping hazards?</li> </ul>		