

Public Notice

Proposed Changes to Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan (ACOP)

The Housing Authority of the Hagerstown Housing Authority (HHA) has reviewed and made changes to its Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan (ACOP). These policies govern the initial and continued occupancy of residents of our Affordable Housing. The changes made to these policies are to ensure compliance with federal regulations and state and local laws, as well as to allow HHA to adopt or change management practices and policies.

List of Changes:

20.4 Energy Conservation

The ACOP has antiquated language regarding Energy Conservation that fails to take into consideration of newer units with independent thermostats and also limitations of boiler heat levels in Senior High-rises.

Residents of or applicants for Public Housing, HCV, and any member of the Public may submit comments on the Proposed ACOP changes during the public comment period. The 30-day comment period begins January 28, 2026 and ends February 28, 2026 (4:30 p.m.). All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on February 28, 2026 to be considered and must be in writing. The proposed changes will be posted for review on HHA's website at www.hagerstownha.com

Mail comments to: Hagerstown Housing Authority
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Subject: Amended ACOP

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(301) 733-7298
Attention: Amended ACOP

ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY PLAN

- **20.4 ENERGY CONSERVATION**

- A. ~~The thermostats in all family units are limited to 68 degrees and elderly units to 75 degrees. Tenants shall not tamper with thermostats.~~ use thermostats for intended purposes only. Do not tamper with thermostats to bypass limiters.
- B. Turn off exhaust fans when not needed.
- C. Keep doors and windows closed in cold weather.
- D. Electric and kerosene heaters are prohibited.
- E. Range and ovens are not to be used as space heaters.