

# OWNER CERTIFICATION

The Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8 Rental Assistance) Program, through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), requires public housing authorities to verify several areas in relation to Landlords/Owners participating in the program.

**Please complete the following by initialing each item, that you have read and understand the requirement.**

\_\_\_\_\_ The owner/landlord (including a principal or other interested party) is not a family member, which is defined as the spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, sister, or brother, of any member of a family residing in a contract unit.

\_\_\_\_\_ The landlord/owner is not required to register as a sexual or violent offender.

\_\_\_\_\_ The landlord/owner has not engaged in any drug-related or violent criminal activity.

\_\_\_\_\_ The landlord/owner does not live, and will not live in, nor will the owner use the address as their legal/mailed address, while it is assisted.

\_\_\_\_\_ The landlord/owner is the legal owner of the property or the authorized agent of the legal owner and is not subleasing it.

\_\_\_\_\_ The landlord/owner will not establish "side deals" with the tenant, such as paying the owner additional rent above and beyond what the Housing Assistance Payment Contract provides as the contract rent; the tenant paying the landlord for utilities that should be paid directly to the utility supplier if the tenant is required to pay for utilities; the owner has the utilities in their name, but requires the tenant pay the owner for utilities; the tenant working off portions of the rent or utilities.

\_\_\_\_\_ The landlord/owner does not have any interest, direct or indirect, with any employee of the Montana Department of Commerce (MDOC), MDOC's field agencies, contractors, subcontractors or agent of MDOC who formulates policy or who influences decisions for the program.

\_\_\_\_\_ The landlord/owner will require the tenant to pay their tenant portion of the rent, monthly, according to the Housing Assistance Payment Contract.

\_\_\_\_\_ The landlord/owner will notify MDOC or its authorized field agent of any lease violations by providing a copy of the notice sent to tenant to MDOC or its authorized field agent.

\_\_\_\_\_ The landlord/owner has not been disbarred, suspended, or subject to a limited denial of participation from any federal program.

\_\_\_\_\_ The landlord/owner does not have any unpaid state or local real estate taxes, fines, or assessments.

This form was completed by:  Owner  Property Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landlord/Owner (Please Print)

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Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

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Mailing Address

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City State Zip

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