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Name of Head of Household

**MRVP STATEMENT OF FAMILY OBLIGATIONS**

In order to become eligible and maintain eligibility for the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (hereafter MRVP), it is necessary that a participant family fulfill the obligations established by the Department of Housing and Community Development (hereafter DHCD). If a family violates any of these obligations, then the family can be terminated from the program. The obligations of the program are as follows:

**The family shall:**

1. Supply any certification, release, information, or documentation which the Metro Housing |Boston or DHCD determines to be necessary in the administration of the program, including use by Metro Housing |Boston for a regularly scheduled recertification or interim reexamination of the family's household income and composition in accordance with MRVP regulations;
2. Comply with all terms of the lease and MRVP lease addendum;
3. Notify Metro Housing|Boston and the owner in writing before moving out of the unit or terminating the lease; 60 days' notice is required prior to lease renewal date unless mutual consent is submitted;
4. Request Metro Housing|Boston's written approval to add any additional family members as an occupant of the unit;
5. Take all steps necessary to ensure that the unit continues to comply with Article II of the State Sanitary Code and any other local health ordinances, and is kept in a decent, safe, and sanitary condition. You should immediately notify the Owner or, if necessary, the local Board of Health when the unit is in need of repair or is in a condition which is not decent, safe, or sanitary.
6. Use the unit solely for residence by the family, and as the family's sole residence;
7. **Report changes in household income and/or household composition to Berkshire Housing within 30 days of the change. An addition of a household member**, other than through birth, adoption, or court ordered custody, must have prior approval.

**The family shall not:**

1. Own or have any financial interest in the unit occupied under MRVP;
2. Be absent from the unit, with all other Household members, for more than 30 days consecutively or collectively (in any 12 month period) or the unit will be considered abandoned;
3. Allow a guest to stay in the unit for more than 30 days during any 12 month period;
4. Commit fraud or knowingly make false statements in connection with MRVP;
5. Engage in violent criminal activity or other criminal acts which would interfere with the health, safety, security, or peaceful enjoyment of other tenants or have adversely affected the physical environment of the other tenants, including drug related crimes;
6. Terminate the lease prior to the lease expiration date without cause or mutual consent;
7. Sublease or transfer the unit or assign the lease;
8. Receive another housing subsidy for the same unit or for a different unit under any other federal, state, or local housing assistance program;
9. Pay a rental amount other than that amount agreed to and specified in the executed lease and subsequent amendments;
10. Commit a serious or repeated violation of the lease; be evicted by the Owner for cause or for breach of the terms of the lease
11. Engage in behavior that is considered threatening, abusive, and/or violent towards Berkshire Housing staff.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I UNDERSTAND THE FAMILY OBLIGATIONS OF THE MRVP AND THAT A VIOLATION OF THESE OBLIGATIONS MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION FROM THE PROGRAM.**

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Signature of Head of Household

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Date