



**RESOLUTION NO. 23-12**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 UTILITY ALLOWANCE SCHEDULES USED BY HARRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY IN ADMINISTERING THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Harris County Housing Authority (HCHA) administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV Program) funded and regulated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

**WHEREAS**, in connection the administration of the HCV Program, HUD's regulation 24 CFR Section 982.517 requires that HCHA maintain utility allowance schedules for all tenant-paid utilities, tenant-supplied refrigerators and ranges, and other tenant-paid housing services; and

**WHEREAS**, that same regulation requires that HCHA annually review its utility allowance schedules and must revise its allowance for a utility category if there has been a change of 10 percent or more in the utility rate since the last time the utility allowance schedule was revised; and

**WHEREAS**, The Nelrod Company, the vendor retained by HCHA to conduct the review of HCHA's utility allowance schedules, recently determined that the Harris County area's utilities have increased in the last 12 months and, under HUD regulations, must be revised; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with this determination, HCHA has updated its utility allowance schedules to be effective May 1, 2023, copies of which updated 2023 Utility Allowance Schedules are attached to this resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by HCHA's Board of Commissioners, that the 2023 Utility Allowance Schedules attached to this resolution are approved and adopted and Melissa Quijano, HCHA's Acting Executive Director, is authorized to take all other actions necessary or convenient to carry out this resolution.

**PASSED**, by the Board of Commissioners this 15th day of March 2023.

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

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Acting Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment: 2023 Utility Allowance Schedules