



**SONOMA CREEKSIDE HOMES**  
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## **RESIDENT SELECTION PLAN**

Sonoma Creekside Homes, a 43 unit affordable housing community in Santa Rosa, CA, provides housing for low income individuals and families, without regard to race, color, sex, creed, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability status, familial status, age, ancestry, marital status, source of income, sexual orientation or any other arbitrary personal characteristics. Sonoma Creekside Homes will make reasonable accommodations to individuals whose disability so require. Reasonable Accommodation Request forms are available upon request from management. Sonoma Creekside Homes is an Equal Opportunity Housing Facility, admitting people in accordance with local, state and federal Fair Housing laws, and in accordance with the State of California's Tax Credit Allocation Committee program regulations.

### **INCOME LIMITS**

To qualify for a unit, the household's gross income may not exceed the maximum income limit per household size and may not be lower than the income minimum\* per household size. The income maximums and minimums are attached and will be posted in the Sonoma Creekside Homes Office.

*\*If annual household income does not meet or exceed the minimum level shown for appropriate household and apartment size, but is not more than 10 percent (10%) less than the minimum, the apartment may be rented if proof is obtained indicating satisfactory and timely rental payment history for the past twelve (12) months in the amount equal to or greater than the rent charged for that unit size.*

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Applications will only be distributed when the Waiting List is open. Applications will not be distributed when the Waiting List is closed.

Applications will be available in the office during normal business hours or by requesting an application by telephone. Application fees are \$25.00 per each household member 18 years of age and older. The maximum charge per household is \$75.00.

Each applicant must complete an application and be willing to submit to a credit history, rental history, and criminal background inquiry, as well as income and asset verifications.

All application entries are to be made in ink or typed. Corrections or changes are to be made by lining through the original entry and entering the correct data. Such changes must be dated and initialed by the person making the change.

Signed and dated applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. The application must be completed and signed by the head of household and all household members 18 years of age and older before an applicant can be placed on the waiting list. If an application is not completely answered, the date of it being fully completed will be the date that the application is considered accepted for rental purposes.

### **PREFERENCES**

Every applicant must meet the Property's Resident Selection Plan standards for acceptance as a resident.

For units designed as accessible for persons with mobility, visual or hearing impairments, households containing at least one person with such impairment will have first priority for those units.

### **UNIT TRANSFER POLICY**

A Unit Transfer List is maintained for those residents who have been approved for transfer. Assignments of apartments will alternate between residents on the unit transfer list and applicants from the

waiting list. With exception that transfers for medical reasons will take priority over applicants and units with features for the disabled will be offered first to those that need these features.

**OCCUPANCY STANDARDS**

Occupancy standards are the criteria established for matching a household with the most appropriate size and type of apartment. “Two plus one” occupancy guidelines will be followed to avoid under or over utilization of the units as follows:

<b>Bedroom</b>	<b>Household Minimum</b>	<b>Household Maximum</b>
2	2	5
3	3	7
4	4	9

To determine the proper bedroom size for which a household may qualify, the following household members are to be included:

1. All full-time members of the household, and
2. Live-in attendants.
3. Foster children
4. Unborn children
5. Children in the process of adoption.

**GROUND S FOR REJECTION**

1. Total family income exceeds the applicable income limits published by HUD or does not meet the minimum income limit.
2. Household cannot pay the full security deposit at move-in.
3. Household refuses to accept the second offer of an apartment.
4. Household fails to respond to interview letters or otherwise fails to cooperate with the certification process. Failure to sign consent forms.
5. ANY adult household member fails to attend eligibility interview.

6. Household is composed entirely of full time students and does not meet the exception outlined in Section 42 of the IRC.
7. Applicant has failed to provide adequate verification of income or we are unable to adequately verify income and/or income sources.
8. Providing or submitting false or untrue information on your application or failure to cooperate in any way with the verification process.
9. Unit assignment will NOT be the family’s sole place of residency.
10. Family members, age 6+ failed to provide proof of a social security number or refused to certify that they have never been assigned a number.

**LANDLORD REFERENCE**

11. Negative landlord references that indicate lease violation, disturbing the peace, harassment, poor housekeeping, improper conduct or other negative references against the household.
12. Evictions reported in the last 5 years.
13. History of late payment of rent that demonstrates more than 2 late payments of rent in a six-month period for the past two years. More than 1 NSF in a one-year period.
14. Any evidence of illegal activity including but not limited to drugs, gang, etc.
15. Inappropriate household size for the unit available (see Occupancy Standards).

**CREDIT**

16. Less than 75% of credit lines positive (i.e., if four (4) lines of credit, only one can be negative). Does not include medical bills or student loans.

- 17. Unpaid Collections and grossly delinquent due balances exceed \$200.
- 18. Filing of a bankruptcy within the past year.
- 19. Record of any uncleared or non-discharged bankruptcy.
- 20. Any amount showing owed to a landlord or property management company.

**CRIMINAL**

- 21. Conviction of any adult household member of a felony.
- 22. Conviction of any household member of more than one (1) misdemeanor in the past three (3) years.

**GRIEVANCE/APPEAL PROCESS**

Failure to meet one or more of the foregoing screening criteria may be grounds for rejection, however, each application is considered as a whole and the above-factors are considered as part of a weighted formula. Should the applicants fail to meet the screening criteria, they will receive a notice in writing indicating that they have the right to appeal the decision. This notice must indicate that the applicant has 14 days to dispute the decision.

An appeal meeting with the Property Supervisor or the Compliance staff will be held within 10 business days of receipt of the applicant's request.

Within five days of the appeal meeting, the property will advise the applicant in writing of the final decision regarding eligibility.

Apartments will not be held for those applicants in the appeal process.

**ADMINISTRATION OF WAITING LIST**

The property is required to maintain a Waiting List of all eligible applicants. Applicants must be placed on the Waiting List and selected from the Waiting List even in situations where there are vacancies and the application is processed upon receipt. This

procedure is necessary to assure the complete and accurate processing of all documentation for all applicants.

The property has one Waiting List that is established and maintained in chronological order based on the date and time of receipt of the Preliminary Application. The Waiting List contains the following information for each applicant:

1. Applicant Name
2. Address and/or Contact Information
3. Phone Number(s)
4. Unit Type/Size
5. Household Composition
6. Preference/Accessibility requirements
7. Income level
8. Date/ Time of Application

Applicants must report changes in writing to any of the information immediately.

Applicants will have the opportunity to decline the first apartment offered and retain their place on the waiting list. Should the applicant decline the offer of the next available unit, they will be removed from the waiting list.

**PURGING THE WAITING LIST**

The Waiting List will be purged periodically. Each applicant will receive a letter from the property, which will request updated information and ask about their continued interest. This letter must be returned within the specified time or their application will be removed from the Waiting List. It is the responsibility of the applicant to maintain a current address with the office in order to receive waitlist correspondence. Any correspondence returned undeliverable will result in application being removed from the waitlist.

**OPENING/ CLOSING OF WAITING LIST**

The methods of advertising used to announce opening and closing of the Waiting List is contained in our Marketing Plan.

## **AVAILABILITY OF RESIDENT SELECTION PLAN**

The Resident Selection Plan shall be posted in a conspicuous and public area at the site. Changes to the Plan will be sent via U.S. mail to all persons on the active Waiting List. When the Waiting List opens, the Resident Selection Plan will be distributed with applications and are available by request from management.

## **ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

All residents must recertify annually. Proposed changes of household composition and student status must be reported to Management immediately.

## **PETS**

No pets of any description are allowed on the property.

SERVICE or ASSISTANCE animals required by a resident are not classified as “pets” and therefore are not included in the “Pet Policy”. Please notify Management if you require a Service or Assistance animals.

## **PROJECT BASED SECTION 8 UNIT ASSIGNMENT**

Sonoma Creekside has a HAP contract for 21 Section 8 units. Sonoma Creekside maintains an internal waiting list of current residents to fill Section 8 vacancies. The property fills Section 8 vacancies first from the internal resident waiting list and in the case that no existing resident qualifies for or is interested in the Section 8 program, secondly, fills the Section 8 vacancies from the applicant waiting list. Residents of Sonoma Creekside who are interested in the Section 8 program must write a request letter to the office and request placement on the waiting list. The internal resident section 8 waiting list will be operated in a first-request first-served basis.

Section 8 vacancies; whether from the internal or external waiting list will be filled in accordance with the preferences section of the Section 8 Resident Selection Plan. Residents on the internal waiting list must meet the eligibility criteria for the Section 8 program at the time of the initial interview to determine eligibility.

A separate Resident Selection Plan exists for determining selection of residents for the Section 8 slots.

## **EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY**

Sonoma Creekside does not discriminate on the basis of disability status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs and activities.



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