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Dear Resident:

During their meeting on March 26, 2015, the Athens Housing Authority (AHA) Board of Commissioners approved the revision of the AHA's current Lease. The Lease is the legal contract between you and the Athens Housing Authority regarding your rental of the apartment. The provisions of your Lease, as well as the policies of the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy, apply to your continued residency with the AHA.

The Lease was rewritten to reduce repetitive or redundant language in order to make the document easier to read. Some changes reflect a change in HUD regulation and AHA policy. However, there are very few changes to this document that materially impact your rental of the apartment. The bulleted list on the reverse side of this letter, though not all inclusive of the changes, highlights revisions that fall into this category.

A draft of the new Lease Agreement will be posted on the AHA's website. In addition, copies are posted and available for your review in the administrative offices of the AHA located at 300 S. Rocksprings Street. Finally, printed copies will be located at the reception desk and your property offices. We encourage you to read the entire Lease.

You are invited to submit written comments regarding the revised Lease agreement by Thursday, April 30, 2015. Comments should be mailed to the Director of Operations, Athens Housing Authority, P.O. Box 1469, Athens, Georgia 30603-1469 or hand-delivered to the Director of Operations, at the administrative offices located at 300 S. Rocksprings Street. All comments received will be reviewed and maintained on file. Unless significant comments are received by the above date, this Lease revision will be effective May 1, 2015. Soon thereafter, you will receive further information from us regarding the process for your family's execution of the new Lease which must be completed by July 1, 2015.

If you have questions regarding these changes, you may contact the Director of Operations at 706.425.5300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Richard Parker, II". The signature is written in a cursive style and includes a small flourish at the end.

J. Richard Parker, II  
Executive Director

## **LEASE AGREEMENT SIGNIFICANT REVISIONS**

**We encourage you to read the entire draft Lease either on-line or through a posted, printed copy. A draft of the new Lease Agreement will be posted on the AHA's website. In addition, copies are posted and available for your review in the administrative offices of the AHA located at 300 S. Rocksprings Street. Copies will be located at the reception desk and your property offices.**

**If you are a person with disabilities and need a reasonable accommodation to review this Lease, please contact our office at 706.425.5300.**

The Lease may look very different to you because it is rewritten to reduce repetitive or redundant language in order to make the document easier to read. However, there are very few changes to this document that materially impact your rental of the apartment. The following list, though not all inclusive of the changes, highlights revisions that fall into this category. Note that several of these revisions are made in compliance with a change in HUD regulations.

- Amended Lease removes information regarding the resident's gender, social security number, and age/date of birth from the front of the Lease.
- Amended Lease removes the language that the lease may be terminated if the Resident is delinquent three (3) times in paying rent or other assessed charges within a twelve (12) month period.
- Amended Lease states that other charges are due 14 days after the AHA provides notice of the charges in compliance with Federal Regulations.
- Amended Lease adds the payment options of debit or credit card.
- Amended Lease removes the requirement for the resident family to report an increase in income between annual reexaminations.
- Amended Lease reflects the reduction of instances where a resident's rent could increase between Annual Reexaminations.
- Amended Lease adds language regarding lease protections to victims of domestic violence in accordance with Federal Regulations.
- Amended Lease clarifies the number of nights that a person who is not on the lease may stay overnight in your apartment.