

Notice of Intent to Dispose of a Housing Project August 15, 2022

In accordance with Title 36-7.2 of the Code of Virginia, this serves as a written notice that the **Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority** (CRHA) intends to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to dispose of **Peaceful Village Apartments**.

CRHA is exploring financing options to make renovations to the Peaceful Village community, including the possible conversion of the apartments from the Low-Income Public Housing (LIPH) program to the Project-Based Voucher (PBV) program, under HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. While there are no plans to demolish any Peaceful Village units, the conversion of the community under the RAD program would require that Peaceful Village be "disposed of" to a new entity that would continue to be operated by CRHA.

Any housing authority is required to serve a notice of intent to demolish, liquidate, or otherwise dispose of such housing project at least six (6) months prior to any application submission date to HUD. Notification must be sent to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, any agency that would be responsible for administering tenant-based rental assistance to persons who would otherwise be displaced from the housing project, and each tenant residing in the housing project.

The anticipated date of application submitted to HUD:

Date: March 1, 2023

Local Legal Aid Society:

Name: Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia

Address: 125 St. Paul's Blvd.

Suite 400

Norfolk, VA 23510

www.laseva.org

Phone Number: 757.627.5423

Email: info@laseva.org

To request more information on the application process, timeline, and how this may impact residents, please contact:

Name: Nancy Tarkenton, Deputy Executive Director

Phone Number: 757.233.6411

Email: nancy_tarkenton@crhava.org

Website: www.crhava.org

To submit comments in writing regarding the demolition, liquidation, or disposal of Peaceful Village, please provide them via email to:

Name: Delisha Lamb, Director of Housing

Phone Number: 757.233.6803

Email: delisha_lamb@crhava.org or leave comments in-person at the Peaceful Village Management Office,

located at 3001 Welcome Road, Chesapeake, Virginia



As a supplement to this notice, Section 36-7.2 of the Code of Virginia, Notice of Intent to Demolish, Liquidate, or Otherwise Dispose of Housing Projects, As Amended, is reproduced below in its entirety

- § 36-7.2. Notice of intent to demolish, liquidate, or otherwise dispose of housing projects.
- A. Any housing authority required to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to demolish, liquidate, or otherwise dispose of a housing project shall serve a notice of intent to demolish, liquidate, or otherwise dispose of such housing project containing the requirements listed in subsection C at least six (6) months prior to any application submission date to (i) the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and (ii) each tenant residing in the housing project.
- **B**. The authority shall also provide notice containing the requirements listed in subsection C to any prospective tenant who is offered a rental agreement at the covered housing project subsequent to the initial notice sent pursuant to subsection A prior to the prospective tenant signing the rental agreement or paying any deposit.
- C. Notice of intent to demolish, liquidate, or otherwise dispose of a housing project shall include:
- 1. The anticipated date upon which an application to demolish, liquidate, or otherwise dispose of the housing project will be submitted to HUD;
- 2. The name, address, and phone number of the local legal aid society;
- 3. Instructions for requesting more information pertaining to the application process, timeline, and implications for the tenant; and
- 4. Instructions for submitting written comment to the housing authority regarding the demolition, liquidation, or disposal of the housing project.
- D. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the housing authority shall not require any tenant currently residing in such housing project to surrender possession of his unit until at least 12 months after serving the notice required by subsection A except as otherwise provided by law.
- E. During the 12-month period subsequent to the provision of the notice required by subsection A, the housing authority shall not (i) increase rent for any tenant above the amount authorized by any federal assistance program applicable to the housing project; (ii) change the terms of the rental agreement for any tenant, except as permitted under the existing rental agreement; (iii) evict a tenant or demand possession of any dwelling unit in the housing project, except for a lease violation, including the tenant's failure to pay rent or other charges required by the lease, or violation of law that threatens the health and safety of the building residents; or (iv) take any action to demolish, liquidate, or otherwise dispose of the public housing project or a portion of the public housing project.
- F. Any party that is entitled to receive notice under this section may bring a civil action to enjoin action by the housing authority or recover actual damages for any violation of this section, including any court costs and reasonable attorney fees.