

Proposed Public Housing Waiting Lists and Preferences

PMHA will take applicants from its waiting list for possible placement in a public housing unit by ranking applicants according to a point system, described below, with applicants ranked from most points to least. Once ranked by points, applicants will be ranked within each point amount by date and time of application, first-come, first-served.:

1. **Former Federal Preference**- Involuntary Displacement due to natural disasters, with proper documentation from disaster relief agencies such as Federal, State or local Emergency Management Agencies. For ranking preferences, families meeting the Involuntary Displacement definition receive 5 points.

2. **Local Residency Preference** - local residents are those who:

- (a) the head of household, spouse or co-head lives in Portage County
- (b) the head of household, spouse or co-head lives outside of Portage County but are employed in Portage County or
 - a. the head of household, spouse or co-head is notified that they are hired to work in Portage County.

For ranking preferences, families meeting the Local Residency definition receive 3 points.

3. **Household Preference** - this preference will be met if:

- (a) the household is a homeless family who is a referral from PATH for Community Estates and/or Renaissance Place.
- (b) the head of household, spouse or co-head is employed (20 hours or more per week) at time of admission
- (c) the head of household, spouse or co-head is in a recognized job training program or post-secondary education
- (d) the head of household, spouse or co-head is elderly (or near elderly as defined in the PMHA's Occupancy Plan)
- (e) the household has a disabled family member (as defined in the PMHA's Occupancy Plan)

For the purposes of issuing a household preference to those who are employed, the applicant income must be at least at the rate of minimum wage multiplied by 20 hours per week. For those who are self-employed (construction, babysitting, Tupperware sales etc.) the applicant must still receive an income that totals more than the minimum wage rate multiplied by 20 hours per week.

For ranking preferences, families meeting the Household Preference definition receive 1 point.

4. **Veterans Preference:** The household has an adult member who is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, documented by a DD-214 as honorably discharged.

For ranking preferences, families meeting the Veterans Preference definition receive 1 point.