



Housing Authority of the County of Merced

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July 31, 2018

Public Notice is hereby given that the Housing Authority of the County of Merced (“Authority”) is updating the Utility Allowances for all Public Housing units. The *Proposed Utility Allowances* are attached to this Public Notice listing the specific utility allowances for all unit types. The proposed allowances will take effect on October 1, 2018.

In accordance with regulation 24 CFR Part 965.502, the Authority establishes a monthly utility allowance that reflect a reasonable consumption of utilities consistent with the requirements of a safe, sanitary, and healthy living environment for the specific bedroom size and type of unit occupied by an energy-conscious household.

The new utility allowance study shows that due to the utility provider's rate changes most of the units' utility allowances have decreased. When the utility allowances decrease, tenants' monthly rent portions may reflect an increase.

Basis of determination:

- The Authority has dwelling units where residents pay electric and natural gas utilities. An engineering-based methodology was utilized which took into consideration structure type, unit size and equipment. Some of the developments have energy efficient windows and water saving appliances. These allowances are based upon a reasonable consumption of an energy conservative family of modest circumstances and to provide for the basic essentials needed for a living environment that is safe, sanitary and healthful.

The Authority maintains a record that documents the basis on which allowances are established and revised. The *Utility Allowance Survey and Study* is available at our central administrative office located at: 405 U Street, Merced, CA 95341.

The lobby hours are:

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| Monday – Thursday | 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
| Alternating Fridays | 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |

The *Proposed Utility Allowances* may also be viewed by visiting our website: www.merced-pha.com. Click on the “Public Notices” link for viewing.



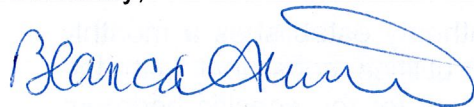
All Public Housing residents of the Authority have an opportunity to submit written comments no later than **September 30, 2018** to:

Housing Authority of the County of Merced
Maria Alvarado
405 U Street
Merced, CA 95341

Or via email to: mariaa@merced-pha.com

All written comments will be retained by the Authority and shall be available for inspection by residents.

Sincerely,



Blanca Arrate
Director of Housing Programs