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Southlawn Apartments Resident Relocation Fact Sheet

- Why am I being asked to relocate?

The Houston Housing Authority prioritizes the safety and health of our clients. The Southlawn Apartment units have continually not met the Housing Quality Standards the HHA requires to provide safe, decent, and sanitary housing to residents. Due to the ongoing failed inspections and non-compliance, the HHA followed protocol to end the partnership contract with Southlawn Apartments and assist all residents in relocating to alternative suitable housing.

- How is HHA assisting clients who currently live at Southlawn to relocate?

The HHA has a dedicated liaison team that will assist all residents in finding alternative available housing within a reasonable proximity of Southlawn Apartments. Relocation assistance includes guidance from HHA staff to find suitable housing, complimentary packing supplies, and professional moving services. Clients can email Southlawn@housingforhouston.com or call (713) 260-0316 for direct assistance.

- Can I still live at Southlawn Apartments if my unit failed inspection?

We are aware that some households may not be interested in relinquishing tenancy at Southlawn. If a unit passes inspection, the HHA will issue a Housing Choice Voucher and enter into an individual contract with the client and Southlawn Apartments to maintain residency. If a unit fails inspection and the client willingly chooses to remain living there, the HHA will respect their right to decline HHA's rental assistance and will support these households' decision to assume full responsibility for honoring their rent payments in order to continue their residency at Southlawn Apartments.

- What if a client is concerned they won't qualify to live at another apartment?

The Houston Housing Authority has public housing units that clients may qualify for. Additionally, HHA will continue to work through mitigating barriers in their background with our landlord and client liaisons to assist in the process.

- What happens if my landlord is trying to evict me?

The landlord has no legal right to evict you. You have the RIGHT TO REMAIN. HUD guidance (24 CFR 88) indicates your ability to remain at the property even after a contract in Mod-Rehab has been terminated. Please present this information with your landlord. Should you continue to be issued an eviction notice, please report this to your local Fair Housing Office and the local HUD field office further assist you in protecting your rights.