

Ann Sewill, General Manager
Tricia Keane, Executive Officer

City of Los Angeles



LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT
1910 Sunset Blvd, Ste 300
Los Angeles, CA 90026
Tel: 213.808.8808

Daniel Huynh, Assistant General Manager
Anna E. Ortega, Assistant General Manager
Luz C. Santiago, Assistant General Manager

housing.lacity.org

Karen Bass, Mayor

August 23, 2024

Dear Development Community Partners,

The Accessible Housing Program (AHP) team of the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) is issuing a clarification of the LAHD's Affordable Housing Managed Pipeline NOFA, Exhibit 8 - ENHANCED ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM (EAP) requirements set forth in the VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT (VCA) between the City and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

This letter is providing direction for compliance with the EAP and VCA in the following mandatory requirement which states:

EAP Requirement #8 - Table 1A. Required Enhanced Accessibility Features for Both Future Housing Developments & Developments Subject to Substantial Alterations

- 8. In all designated mobility units provide pantry storage with pull-out, adjustable height shelves.*

VCA Appendix 5 Requirement #8 - Required Enhanced Accessibility Features for Both Future Housing Developments & Developments Subject to Substantial Alterations

- 8. In all designated accessible units provide pantry storage with pull-out, adjustable height shelves.*

Clarification of Requirement #8 from Table 1A of Exhibit 8 EAP

Requirement #8 from Table 1A - EAP is hereby clarified to **follow the requirement as stated in the VCA**: "In all designated **accessible units**..." All accessible units **include mobility and communications units**, meaning **both the 11% and 4%** are required to comply.

Adjustable height can be accomplished by pre-drilling the pantry cabinet sides, commercially available adjustable slide systems, or other system designs that allow shelves to slide and are easily adjustable.

Compliance with Requirement #8 from Table 1A of Exhibit 8 EAP

The Development team shall include all of the following information on the specification sheets of the plans submitted for permit clearance and approval by the Los Angeles Department of Building & Safety (LADBS) and AHP:

EAP Requirement #8 - Table 1A.

Page 2 of 2

- **All mobility and communications units (11% and 4%)** provide pantry storage with pull-out, adjustable-height shelves;
- Plans that clearly identify kitchen pantry storage in designated mobility and communications units (11% and 4%);
- Cabinetry storage calculations per LAHD/NAC;
- The system is to be used for compliance with Requirement #8;
- Elevations on plans showing pantry storage with pull-out, adjustable-height shelves per Requirement #8.

Prior to AcHP Pre-TCO inspections, the Development team shall provide a CASp report confirming the units with Requirement #8 Table 1A. The report shall include the unit numbers where pantry storage with pull-out, adjustable-height shelves have been installed according to the approved stamped plans.

Sincerely,



Tricia Keane
Executive Officer and AcHP Settlement Coordinator
Los Angeles Housing Department