CHAPTER 23

MESA HOUSING SERVICES GOVERNING BOARD

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2-23-1: CREATION OF GOVERNING BOARD: (4146)

There is hereby created a Board to be known as the Mesa Housing Services Governing Board. The Mesa Housing Services Governing Board shall be composed of eight (8) members, with such membership determined as provided in Section 2-23-2(A) hereof. (4146)

2-23-2: MEMBERSHIP: (4146)

(A) The members of the Governing Board shall consist of: (4146)

1. One (1) Resident Board Member, as provided in Sections 2-23-2 and 2-23-4 hereof; (4146)

2. Six (6) Councilmembers, one (1) from each of the six (6) geographical districts within the City of Mesa; and (4146)

3. The Mayor. (4146)

(B) The Mayor and Councilmembers, while rightfully holding their respective offices, shall automatically be and act as a member of the Mesa Housing Services Governing Board. (4146)

2-23-3: RESIDENT BOARD MEMBER; APPOINTMENT, TERM: (4146,4415)

(A) The Resident Board Member shall be appointed as provided in Subsection (B) of Section 501 of the City Charter, based on the recommendation of the Housing Advisory Board as provided in Section 2-23-4. (4146,4415)

(B) The Resident Board Member shall serve for a one- (1-) year term, beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of the same calendar year. (4146)

2-23-4: RESIDENT BOARD MEMBER; QUALIFICATIONS: (4146,4415)

(A) The Resident Board Member shall meet the qualifications, set forth in Subpart E of 24 C.F.R. Part 964, for being classified as an "Eligible Resident." (4146)
(B) The Housing Advisory Board shall review the eligibility of those who have applied for the Resident Board Member position. The Housing Advisory Board will forward to the Mayor the name of the applicant the Housing Advisory Board recommends for appointment as the Resident Board Member. (4146,4415)

2-23-5: RESIDENT BOARD MEMBER; NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABLE POSITION, NO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS: (4146)

(A) The Housing Services Director shall provide an annual notice to the Mesa Housing Services resident advisory board of the opportunity for residents to serve on the Mesa Housing Services Governing Board. This notice shall list the eligibility requirements, the reasons for removal from the Board, and the procedure for applying for the Resident Board Member Position. This notice shall be provided:

(i) not more than one hundred twenty (120) days and

(ii) not less than thirty (30) days before the January 1st beginning of the noticed term. (4146)

(B) In the event the Housing Services Director does not receive any applicants for the Resident Board Member position, which meet the qualifications set forth in Section 2-23-4 hereof, by the later of:

(i) the date which is thirty (30) days after the Housing Services Director provides the Housing Services resident advisory board with the notice set forth in Section 2-23-5(A) hereof, or

(ii) the date which is thirty (30) days before the January 1st beginning of the noticed term, the City shall be determined to meet the requirements for the exception to the requirement of having a Resident Board Member, set forth at 24 C.F.R. 964.425, for the noticed term. In such event, the Mayor may, but shall not be required to, appoint a Resident Board Member in accordance with the provisions of Section 2-23-3 hereof. (4146)

2-23-6: REMOVAL OF RESIDENT BOARD MEMBERS: (4146)

(A) A Resident Board Member may be removed pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-5-9 of the Mesa City Code. (4146)

(B) A Resident Board Member, who ceases to be directly assisted by Mesa Housing Services, may be removed by a vote of five (5) members of the City Council. A Council decision to remove the Resident Board Member shall be effective in accordance with its terms, and shall be final and nonappealable. (4146)

2-23-7: POWERS AND DUTIES: (4146)

The Mesa Housing Services Board shall have oversight responsibility for the administration, operation, and management of the City's Federal public housing programs and Section 8 tenant-based rental assistance programs, and the authority to make decisions related thereto. Such oversight responsibility does not extend to matters that:

(A) Exclusively relate to other types of housing assistance, such as State-financed housing assistance, or (4146)

(B) Do not involve housing assistance. (4146)

2-23-8: RESIDENT BOARD MEMBER; STATUS DOES NOT CREATE CONFLICT OF INTEREST: (4146)

The Resident Board Member shall not be excluded from participating in any matter before the Mesa Housing Services Governing Board on the grounds that the Resident Board Member's lease with the public housing agency, or the Resident Board Member's status as a public housing resident or recipient of Section 8 tenant-based assistance, either results or may result in a conflict of interest, unless the matter is clearly applicable to the Resident Board Member only in a personal capacity and applies uniquely to that member and not generally to residents or to a subcategory of residents. (4146)