



Pinellas County Housing Authority

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FRAUD NOTICE

Chapter 414.39 of the Florida Statutes makes it a crime, punishable by fine from \$50.00 to \$5,000.00, or by imprisonment for up to five (5) years, or **both**, if a housing applicant or tenant deliberately makes false statement about his or her income, or fails to disclose a material fact affecting income and rent.

Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code also makes it a crime punishable by fine of up to \$10,000.00 or by imprisonment of up to five (5) years, or **both**, for making any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representation or making or using any false writing or document in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States.

This means that if you, as an applicant or tenant, knowingly give the Authority false information about your income, or fail to report changes in your family composition or income in person **within 10 days of a change**, you may be charged with fraud under Chapter **414.39** and/or Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

If, as a result of committing fraud, withholding information, or making a misrepresentation to the Housing Authority, you receive any Rental Assistance or lower rent to which you are not entitled, you will be responsible for making restitution (repayment) in full to the Pinellas County Housing Authority, Florida and will be subject to local/state and federal prosecution as well. This could also result in fine, imprisonment or both as well as the loss of your eligibility for any of this Agency's Housing Programs.

I have read the above statement, or had it read and explained to me and understand the consequences for not **correctly** reporting my family composition and all my household income.

Tenant/Applicant Signature

Date

Tenant/Applicant Signature

Date

Housing Advisor Signature

Date

