



Dania Beach Housing Authority

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City of Dania Beach
100 W. Dania Beach Boulevard
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RE: REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PILOT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As most of you know, the Dania Beach Housing Authority (DBHA) has served low income citizens of the community by providing Section 8 rental assistance since 1976, and by providing low-income Public Housing since 1991. Many families have been assisted in becoming self-sufficient due to the housing assistance provided by DBHA, which currently houses thirty-nine (39) families (149 persons, 60% of whom are children) at the Saratoga Apartments housing complex and provides rental assistance to four hundred and ninety-nine (499) families (1,433 persons, 48% of whom are children) under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. DBHA is governed by a seven (7) member Board of Commissioners, who are appointed by the Mayor(s) of Dania Beach, with the concurrence of the City Commission. DBHA's Commissioners have always worked hard, not only to accomplish program goals, but also to ensure that DBHA property is attractive and is a positive addition to the community.

DBHA is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and while that funding has never been over generous, DBHA has managed to operate our housing programs well while maintaining sufficient reserves for emergency expenses and to cover shortfalls in funding. However, the recession has caused large shortfalls in HUD funding in recent years, with fiscal year 2012 having a drastic impact on DBHA finances. For both housing programs,

DBHA's funding for 2012 was cut by approximately \$240,000.00, which will leave DBHA with almost no operating reserves at the end of FYE 9/30/2012.

In order to help offset this funding loss, the Board of Commissioners of DBHA has unfortunately determined a financial need to respectfully request that the City Commission of Dania Beach grant DBHA a temporary waiver of the payment of PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes). We are requesting this waiver for a three (3) year period as follows:

FYE 9/30/2011 - \$7,511.00 * - This is the amount verified by DBHA's IPA auditor in the audit completed in June, and is payable now.

FYE 9/30/2012 - \$7,250.00 * - This is an estimate based on DBHA's FYE 9/30/2012 budget and will be payable in the summer of 2013.

FYE 9/30/2013 - \$9,350.00 * - This is an estimate based on DBHA's FYE 9/30/2013 budget and will be payable in the summer of 2014.

* PILOT is calculated as follows: actual shelter rent collected minus total utility costs times 10%

I have been in the Public Housing field for almost thirty (30) years, and have known of many localities which waive PILOT for their local housing authority, either with a permanent waiver resolution or for a specified time period. Because I felt that the City Commission might be interested in what other localities in Broward County are doing, I surveyed the other five (5) housing authorities to find out. The results of this survey are as follows:

Broward County Housing Authority – PILOT has been waived since 1985. This has been done by the County Commission in three (3) year increments.

Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority – PILOT has been waived since at least 1995, possibly longer.

Deerfield Beach Housing Authority – PILOT has always been waived, on a yearly basis.

Hollywood Housing Authority – Pays PILOT

Pompano Beach Housing Authority – This agency has no Public Housing program and would therefore not owe PILOT.

The past few years have been hard financially for all non-profits and for all local governments, but the DBHA Board and I hope that the City will be able to assist us with the requested three (3) year waiver of PILOT. We are hopeful that this waiver, along with other cost saving measures being implemented, will enable DBHA to continue to serve at least the same number of clients in future years, as the need for our services are ever increasing.

Please feel free to contact me at (954) 920-9662, extension 102 prior to the July 24th City Commission meeting if you would like to be provided with any additional information concerning DBHA's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Rita Brown
Executive Director

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Cc: DBHA Chairperson William C. Winkelholz
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