

Barnstable Housing Authority

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PREFERECNCE – DOCUMENTATION

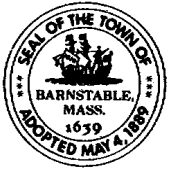
- For Elderly or Handicapped Applicants Only -

In order to qualify for a preference, use the following as a guide for what information must be submitted:

For those claiming

1. Involuntary displacement – (Homeless through no fault of your own):
 - Verification from a third party (Police Department, Fire Department, Public Agency, Court Documents, Homeowner statement, etc.)
 - Other supporting documentation
 - Your own personal statement explaining your situation. (note: an applicant evicted for cause is not considered displaced).
2. Substandard Housing:
 - Verification from a third party (Shelter, Code Enforcement Agency, Board of Health, etc.)
 - Supporting documentation
 - Your own personal statement explaining your situation.
3. Paying 50% of your income for rent:
 - Copy of your lease or rent receipts for the past three months
 - Utility bills for the past three months
 - Verification of your current gross income
 - Your own personal statement explaining your situation.

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CERTIFICATION FOR PREFERENCE STATUS

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The Barnstable Housing Authority has a selection of local preferences for admission to federal public housing. These preferences may possibly move you up on the waiting list. Please read the statements below and check any of them that describe your current housing situation, then sign your statement on the back and return it, along with **THIRD PARTY DOCUMENTATION** (i.e. letter(s) from applicable governmental agency, social service agency, etc.) which will support your request for preference status to this housing authority. A Personal Statement from you, describing your situation, is also a requirement.

- 1)_____ I have been forced to move from my unit because of a **Natural Disaster**, such as fire or flood.
- 2)_____ I have been forced to move from my unit due to a **government action**, such as Code Enforcement or a Public Improvement Program.
- 3)_____ I have been forced to move from my unit due to an **action by the homeowner** which was beyond my ability to control, which occurred despite my having met all previous conditions of occupancy and was for other than a rent increase (an applicant family who is **evicted for a cause, is not considered displaced**).
- 4)_____ I have been **forced to move** from my unit because of actual **physical violence** directed against me **by a violent household member**.
- 5)_____ I will have to move from my unit in the next six months (**indicate reason from the above numbers 1- 4**, whichever applies to your particular situation).
- 6)_____ I live in a **housing unit** which is dilapidated, does **not provide safe, adequate shelter and / or endangers health and safety** and has been **declared unfit** for habitation by a **governmental agency**.
- 7)_____ I pay **more than 50%** of my gross **monthly income** for shelter and utilities.

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All preferences will be verified upon receipt of this form and also prior to the offer of a housing unit. **Applicants should notify the Housing Authority of any change which may affect this application.**

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information I have given on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Applicant Name (print)

Applicant Signature

Date

Street / P.O. Box

City, State, Zip

Control Number

Phone Number