


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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for the administration of relocation assistance to low and moderate income persons when relocation is required in conjunction with code enforcement activities.

POLICY:

1. Eligibility for Assistance. If the person's income is low or moderate as determined in accordance with Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, they may be eligible for relocation assistance under the following circumstances:
 - a. If the person is an owner-occupant of a building which is condemned as unfit for human habitation by the City of Grand Rapids;
 - b. If the person or household is a tenant of a dwelling which is either condemned or declared by the City to be unfit for human occupancy and entry;
 - c. If the person or household has applied for emergency repair assistance and been denied that assistance because the dwelling is in such disrepair as to warrant its demolition under Chapter 135 of the code of the City of Grand Rapids;
 - d. If a person or household is displaced as a result of an inspection pursuant to a complaint or routine code enforcement.

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Before a relocation benefit payment can be awarded, an owner-occupant shall sign a Consent to Demolish agreement pursuant to Chapter 135 of the City Code of Grand Rapids

In addition, in order for a household to be eligible, the owner or tenant must have been an occupant of the property in question for no less than six (6) months.

2. Persons Ineligible for Assistance. A person or household who is displaced as a result of a fire, act of God, or other catastrophic event is specifically excluded from the relocation benefits afforded by the Policy.
3. Relocation Payment. Relocation benefits available to a household under the circumstances described above shall be based on the U.S. Department of Transportation's schedule of "fixed payments" for moving expenses under the federal Uniform Relocation Act, as it may be amended or updated from time to time. The relocation payment shall be a lump sum amount disbursed after approval of the eligibility of the individual or household.
4. Relocation Services. Pursuant to Public Act 227 of 1972 (MCLA 213.322), the City of Grand Rapids shall provide advisory services to an individual or household required to move under the circumstances described above. The advisory services shall include the following:
 - a. A determination of the needs of the displaced persons.
 - b. Assistance to the displaced individuals in finding other suitable facilities and in minimizing the hardship to the persons to be displaced, and
 - c. The City shall, pursuant to Michigan law, assure that a person or persons to be displaced secures decent, safe, and sanitary facilities, suitably located and at a price within the financial means of the family or individual displaced, and free from discrimination of any kind.

Pursuant to Michigan law, a person lawfully occupying a dwelling shall not be required to relocate until a replacement dwelling is available as provided. A person shall be given at least 90 days written notice to vacate unless modified by Court order for good cause.