

**OCALA HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**FRAUD STATEMENT**

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**Chapter 414.39 of Florida Statutes makes it a crime, punishable by fine from both \$50.00 to \$5,000.00, or imprisonment for up to five (5) years, or both, if a housing applicant or resident deliberately makes false statements about his/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 up to \$10,000.00, or imprisonment up to five (5) years, or both for making any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation 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 a resident, knowingly gives the Ocala Housing Authority (OHA) false information about your income, or fail to report changes in your family composition (family size) or income, in writing within ten (10) days of the change, to your Section 8 Housing Counselor (Section 8 Program) or your Public Housing Manager (Public Housing) 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 OHA, you receive any rental assistance or lower rent to which you are not entitled, you will be subject to local, state, and federal prosecution. THIS COULD RESULT IN FINE IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH AS WELL AS THE LOSS OF YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS AGENCY'S HOUSING PROGRAM.

**I have read the above statement or had it read or explained to me. I also understand the consequences of not correctly reporting my income, household size, or any other requirement of the Ocala Housing Authority.**

_____ Signature of Head of Household	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Co-Head	_____ Date
_____ Signature of OHA Representative	_____ Date

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