



CHATTANOOGA HOUSING AUTHORITY PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES SECTION 8 AND PUBLIC HOUSING UPDATED AS OF OCT. 2008

The following criteria will be used in making the recommendation of DENIAL into CHA housing. Criteria are based upon the Federal One Strike Policy and Chattanooga Housing Authority's ACOP Manual.

1. Evictions – Anyone who is evicted from Public Housing, Indian Housing, Section 23, or any Section 8 Program because of drug-related criminal activity will not be housed for a three-year period beginning on the date of such eviction.
2. Drug Possession – Any drug possession charge listed within 5 years of the application date.
3. Aggravated Assault or Other Violence – (Violent Felony) all aggravated assault charges listed within 5 years (Leasing) and of the application date.
4. Domestic Violence – Who has engaged in acts of domestic violence within 5 years of the application date, including but not limited to dating violence, assault, sexual assault, and stalking; however, (the CHA shall follow the terms of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 in determining eligibility).
5. Assault – Simple assaults within 5 years of application date.
6. Drug Paraphernalia – Any drug paraphernalia charge listed within 5 years of the application date.
7. Manufacture, Sale or Delivery of any Controlled/Schedule Substance – Any charge within ten years of application date. *Manufacture of methamphetamine is a lifetime ban.*
8. Murder – Any history of homicide or attempted homicide in any degree. *(Lifetime Ban)*
9. Sex Offense – Any history of sex offenses to include but not limited to Rape, Sexual Battery, Unlawful Sexual Contact, and Indecent Exposure. *Listing on the Sex Offender Registry is a lifetime ban.*
10. Felons/Parole Violators – (1) fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody confinement after conviction, for a crime or attempt to commit a crime that is a felony under the laws of the place from which the individual flees, or that, in the case of the State of Tennessee, is a high misdemeanor; or (2) violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under federal or state law.
11. Any violent felony within 5 years to include but not limited to Arson, Robbery, and Mayhem. Some may be looked at on a case-by-case basis.
12. Public order crimes within 5 years of application date, including but not limited to Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct, Vandalism, and Prostitution. These are crimes that may seriously affect the quality of life issues of residents. These will be looked at on a case-by-case basis.
13. Any other Criminal Act determined to be detrimental to the safety and well being of the CHA Public Housing Community.
14. Membership Status on the CHA No-Trespass List.

Any applicant may be denied on the basis of a criminal history if the applicant has a criminal history which indicates, in the CHA's reasonable opinion, that the applicant's future behavior may reasonably pose a threat to the health, safety, peaceful environment, or welfare of other residents, members of the CHA community, CHA's agents and/or CHA employee(s). Generally, an applicant will not be denied for an incident more than five (5) years old unless that incident involved murder, rape, armed robbery, child abuse/molestation, violence (e.g., aggravated assault), violent criminal activity, drug-related criminal activity, drugs, and/or the incident contributes to or evidences a pattern of consistent criminal activity.