**JOINT NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

December 2, 2022

The City of Charleston

75 Calhoun Street, Third Floor

Charleston, SC 29401

(843) 724-3766

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by The Housing Authority of the City of Charleston, SC.

# REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 29, 2022, The City of Charleston will authorize the Housing Authority of the City of Charleston tosubmit a request to the U.S. Department of HUD for the release of funds for the purpose of implementing the disposition of 7 buildings with 17 units in accordance with Section 18 of the United States Housing Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 1437p) (1937 Act), 24 CFR 970, and PIH Notice 2021-07. Said properties are owned and operated by the Housing Authority of the City of Charleston and are located on different scattered sites throughout the City of Charleston. Upon completion of the disposition, ownership will be transferred to WEH Inc. which is a component unit of the Housing Authority and the sites will remain as affordable housing. Project sites locations are included below.

* 6 & 8 Nassau Street 1 Building, 4 Apartment
* 5 & 7 Marion Street 2 Buildings, 3 Apartments
* 20 South Street 1 Building, 2 Apartments
* 26 South Street 1 Building, 2 Apartments
* 149 Coming Street 1 Building, 2 Apartments
* 121-123 St. Philip Street 1 Building, 4 Apartments

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

### The City of Charleston has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at The City of Charleston, Department of Housing and Community Development, 75 Calhoun Street, Suite 3200, Charleston, SC 29401. Project information may be reviewed weekdays between 8 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. by appointment only. Please call (843) 724-3766 during office hours to set up an appointment.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to The City of Charleston, Department of Housing and Community Development. All comments received by December 28, 2022,will be considered by The City of Charleston before authorizing the submission of a request for the release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

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# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

TheCity of Charleston certifies to HUD, South Carolina that Geona Shaw Johnson,inhercapacity as Director of Housing and Community Development, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD, South Carolina’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows The Housing Authority of the City of Charlestonto use Program funds.

# OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

## HUD, South Carolina will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Charleston’s certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Charleston, (b) the City of Charleston has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD, South Carolina; or (d) another Federal agency acting under 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted following the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Mr. Eric Bickley, Director, Public Housing Program Center, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Columbia Field Office, 1835 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201-2408 at eric.a.bickley@hud.gov . Potential objectors should contact Mr. Eric Bickley, Director of the Public Housing Program Center in the Columbia Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Geona Shaw Johnson, Director

Housing and Community Development

City of Charleston