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## interoffice memo

**Date:** February 16, 2026  
**To:** **KHRA Board of Commissioners**  
**From:** KHRA Administrative Staff  
**RE:** Local Preferences: Residency Preference

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KHRA intends to add one additional local waiting list preference in the Housing Choice Voucher Admin Plan in regards to the waiting list in order to better serve our clients. Per 24 CFR 982.207(b)(1)(ii): A residency preference is a preference for admission of persons who reside in a specified geographic area ("residency preference area"). A county or municipality may be used as a residency preference area. An area smaller than a county or municipality may not be used as a residency preference area.

### **Additional preference**

#### **Residency Preference: (10 points)**

Preference available to those applicants who live, work or have been hired to work in Johnson County, regardless of how long the applicant has lived or worked in Johnson County. The use of this residency preference will not be used for the purpose or effect of delaying or otherwise denying admission to the program based on the race, color, ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, or age of any member of an applicant family. Applicants will be required to provide the proper documentation to KHRA in order to qualify for this preference. This can include a current driver's license, lease agreement, employer's statement or any other relevant document.



KINGSPORT HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, SEX, RELIGION, FAMILIAL STATUS, DISABILITY, HANDICAP OR NATIONAL ORIGIN IN THE LEASING, RENTAL OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF HOUSING.