

# Housing Charge Subsidy Terms

## Happy Place Co-op

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### Jane Doe

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#### Basic rules:

1. This document is an agreement between the co-op and each member and between the co-op and each non-member occupant who signs it. They are called the “household” in this document.
2. Each member of the household agrees to comply with the rules and obligations in this document and the applicable parts of the co-op’s Occupancy Agreement and by-laws. Words used in this document have the same meaning as in the co-op’s Occupancy By-law.
3. This document states some of the rules and obligations for households that receive a housing charge subsidy. It does not state all of them. Government requirements and co-op by-laws have many other rules and obligations that apply. These rules can change. These rules can govern over this document.
4. Households who receive housing charge subsidy are responsible for finding out about all the rules and obligations that apply to them and any changes in them. The co-op can give people information and answer questions about these rules and obligations.
5. The co-op members decide on the housing charges as stated in the Occupancy By-law. The co-op will reduce the household’s housing charges by the amount of the housing charge subsidy that is allocated to the household. This amount is determined under government requirements or the co-op’s Housing Charge Subsidy By-law, if it has one, or other co-op by-laws or a combination of these.

#### Giving information:

6. Each of the members of the household must truthfully and completely give the co-op all information that is relevant to housing charge subsidy and must ensure that that information is accurate and complete at all times.
7. Once a year the household will have to update the record of all persons in the household and their incomes. The household will have to give proof of current household income and the income for the previous year. This must include the income of any long-term guests and may have to include the income of casual guests.
8. The household must report the following changes to the co-op within thirty days after they happen:
  - any change in any relevant document previously provided
  - any change in income
  - any change in assets

- any change in the source of income for any member of the household
- any change in household composition
- any change in immigration status if that is a government requirement.

9. The co-op will investigate the household’s financial situation when it decides on the amount of housing charge subsidy and may do so at other times. All members of the household must give the co-op any information it requests for this investigation. This includes household income, household composition and any other relevant information. Each member of the household is responsible to make sure that all persons in the household also give all requested information to the co-op.

If asked, households must give complete proof and details about the above. This request can include originals or copies of any documents and sworn statements from everyone involved.

**Ending subsidy:**

10. Housing charge subsidy ends when the household has not occupied a unit in the co-op for more than sixty days. This period of time will be changed to meet any applicable government requirements. This applies whether or not the absence is permitted under co-op by-laws.
11. Housing charge subsidy can be ended if any member of the household does not give any information or proof that the co-op asks for. Housing charge subsidy ends if a member or anyone in the household breaks any term of the Housing Charge Subsidy By-law, if the co-op has one, or government requirements, or this Appendix or any other rules that apply.
12. Households that are overhoused must follow the applicable rules in the co-op by-laws and government requirements. Overhousing will be determined according to occupancy standards under co-op by-laws or government requirements.
13. If the household ever receives more subsidy than it should have because of a breach of co-op by-laws or government requirements or this Appendix or for other reasons, each household member must pay back the excess.

Each of the undersigned agrees that the co-op can receive, through its employees or agents, credit information from any credit agency or other source. All persons in the member’s household must sign a separate authorization for a credit check if requested by the co-op.

Each of the undersigned agrees that personal information that the co-op receives during its investigations will be kept confidential, but it may be shared as stated in government requirements.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Member: Jane Doe*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Non-member Occupant*

**To be signed by all members and any non-member occupants 16 years old or older.**