

Federal Public & Leased Housing Admissions Preferences

The highest preferences are given to Worcester residents (live or work in the City) and to veterans.

Preference	Reason or Cause	Documentation Required
Worcester Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lives or works within City 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lease agreement Utility bill Pay stub Letter from employer
Veterans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veteran with service connected disability Family of deceased veteran whose death is service connected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DD214 For deceased veteran copy of death certificate
ABL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willing to participate in intensive self sufficiency program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must attend an ABL info session

The following additional preferences are weighted equally.

Preference	Reason or Cause	Documentation Required
Displacement by Disaster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Flood Other Natural Disaster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Department report listing applicants name as a resident Letter from the Board of Health Letter from the Red Cross or other recognized disaster relief organization
Displacement by Action of Housing Owner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owner sells property Owner has extended family moving in Owner renovation unit Property foreclosed required to move 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from landlord regarding reason to vacate Proof that you are a resident of the affected property such as a lease, rental agreement or rent receipts
Displaced due to Domestic Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victim of abuse which occurred recently or is of a continuing nature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police report

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of current restraining order • Letter from social service provider
Displaced by Hate Crimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prejudice and harassment of family member 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification from law enforcement agency
Displacement to avoid Reprisals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law enforcement agency requests alternative housing to avoid risk of violence against family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification from law enforcement agency
Displacement due to Inaccessibility of Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility or other impairment that prohibits access to current apartment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from clinician verifying impairment AND letter from landlord attesting that it is cost prohibitive to make unit accessible
Substandard Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlord's failure to provide safe and adequate shelter and endangered the health, safety and/or well being of the family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from the Code Department stating the list of violations and verification that the items are unable to be abated
Rent Burden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paying more than 50% of household income towards rent and utilities for a period of at least 90 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of lease agreement • Copies of 3 consecutive and most recent months of full rental payments • Verifiable documentation from all utility companies relative to most recent 90 days payments • Income verification of all household members
Homeless	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacks fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residency • Primary nighttime residence that is a supervised public or private operated shelter designated to provide temporary living accommodations • A public or private place not designated or normally used as a regular sleeping place for humans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from shelter, social service agency, physician or other qualified agent corroborating homeless status.