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THINGS THAT ARE NEEDED TO BE A SECTION 8 HOMEOWNER

- **Proof of Ownership** 1.
- 2. **Proof of Insurance**
- 3. A Picture ID
- 4. Social Security Card or Federal ID Number
- 5. Signing of W-9 Form
- Signing of restriction on leasing to relatives 6.
- Signing of disclosure of identity of interest 7.
- Checking unit for any broken or cracked windows 8.
- 9. Making sure windows have screens and are in good condition and fit correctly
- 10. Checking exterior for deteriorated surfaces
- 11. Checking the roof for any visible signs of leaks
- 12. If a unit has at least 4 steps, a handrail is needed
- A peephole or glass window is needed on front door 13.
- 14. Walls, floors, and ceilings should be free of defects
- 15. All electric outlets and switches should be in working order
- 16. Broken or cracked cover plates should be replaced
- 17. Any water leaks should be repaired
- 18. All entrance and exit doors should lock
- 19. All windows should open and lock
- 20. Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are required
- 21. Bedroom and closet doors should close properly
- Bathrooms should have proper ventilation, either a window that opens and close or a 22. ventilation system
- 23. Making sure unit is free of lead-base paint
- 24. Tie-downs are required on manufactured homes
- All units are required to have adequate heating and adequate cooling systems 25.
- An inspection will only be done when the Request for Tenancy Approval is 26. completed by the tenant and the homeowner and returned to the Section 8 Office by the 15th of the month
- Homeowners are responsible for having the utilities on at the 27. time of the inspection

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