#### **City of Mesa Housing Authority**

200 S Center St, Building 1 Lobby Hours: 7:30 am – 5 pm

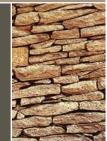
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# Housing Updates



## Carbon Monoxide Detectors

As part of its ongoing commitment to provide safe housing, the City of Mesa Housing Authority will require a carbon monoxide detector in every unit participating in the Housing program. PIH Notice 2022-01, published on January 31, 2022, confirms this requirement for any unit having fuel-fired/burning appliance(s), or an attached garage. Stoves, space heaters, ranges, generators, fireplaces, and grills can all emit carbon monoxide.

Please know that the Housing Inspector will now be checking for a carbon monoxide detector when applicable. The deadline for all Landlords to comply is December 27, 2022. A carbon monoxide detector is available at hardware stores and the price starts at approximately \$20.

If you have questions, contact Freddy Hernandez, Housing Inspector, at 480-644-5591.

#### Welcome!

Welcome to the Housing newsletter! We've made some changes within our department that will impact your housing needs, such as: lobby hours, new staff, new requirements, etc. It is our goal to deliver valuable information to you in a timely manner and to continue this path, we have made the decision to send this information directly to your email address. Effective July 1, 2022, the Housing newsletter will no longer be printed and mailed; instead, we will send it to you electronically. Contact your Housing Specialist to ensure that we have your latest email address in our system.

## Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS)

Our Family Self-Sufficiency Program is currently enrolling new applicants. We have 10 openings for families at this time (you must be currently receiving Voucher rental assistance).

The FSS program provides case management and referrals for planning career goals, education, money management, preparation for homeownership and more!

#### **Financial Incentive**

When your earned income increases (and your portion of rent goes up) FSS puts a portion aside each month in an FSS escrow account for you. The balance becomes your money when you complete the goals in your FSS plan.

For more information call Diana "Dee" Irizarry, FSS Specialist, at 480-644-3540 or email her at Diana.Irizarry@mesaaz.gov.



### Reporting Changes in Income and Family Composition

It is very important to report all changes in family composition and income, in writing, within 10 days of the occurrence. For example, report a job within 10 days of your hired date – do not wait until you receive your first check. Waiting may result in owing back money to the Housing Authority in addition to your regular rental payment.

# **Housing Specialists**

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Housing Supervisor	Rosario Beltran-Joshi	480-644-3539	rosario.beltran@mesaaz.gov

# Office Hours

The City of Mesa Housing office, located at 200 S Center St, Building 1, is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you need an appointment after 5 p.m., contact your Housing Specialist. A secured drop box is available for your convenience at the front entrance of the office. We no longer have walk-in Wednesdays. We encourage our clients to save a trip to the office by calling or emailing their assigned Housing Specialist directly. For general questions, call 480-644-3536.

# **Holidays**

Our office will be closed on the following holidays:

- Monday, May 30 Memorial Day
- Monday, July 4 Independence Day
- Monday, September 5 Labor Day
- Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day
- Monday, December 26 Christmas

#### Your Story Matters!

If you have an achievement or accomplishment that you would like to share, we would love to hear from you!

Send your story to Rosario Beltran via email at rosario.beltran@mesaaz.gov