ARCHITECT ACCESSIBILITY CERTIFICATION

*(Prior to Construction/Rehabilitation of the Project)*

The undersigned Architect for the unit apartment Project located in Alabama, and known as “ " (the "Project"), hereby certifies to the Alabama Housing Finance Authority (AHFA) that to the best of his knowledge and belief:

(1.) The Project was designed and will be constructed in accordance with the applicable requirements of:

* 1. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) /2010 American with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines.
  2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Check all boxes that apply):
     + Section 504 regulations are required as a result of this being an AHFA HOME Project or

a Project receiving other Federal Financial Assistance.

* + - Section 504 regulations are required as a result of the Owner's *Section 504 Election* in the Project's Application as noted on the *Square Footage and Architect's Certification.*
    - Section 504 regulations are **no**t required for this Project due to the criteria noted in the two boxes above not being applicable for this project.
    - Section 504 requirements are met using the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS).
* Section 504 requirements are met using the following HUD approved alternative accessibility standard: *2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design,* approved by HUD in *24CFR, Part 8, Docket No. FR-5784-N-01* dated May 23, 2014.
  1. Fair Housing Act (Check box for those that apply):
* Fair Housing Act is applicablesince this Project includes the New Construction of covered multifamily dwelling units, i.e. buildings consisting of four or more dwelling units if such buildings have one or more elevators or ground floor dwelling units in other buildings consisting of four or more dwelling units.
* Fair Housing Act is applicablesince this Project includes the Rehabilitation of covered multifamily dwelling units, i.e. buildings consisting of four or more dwelling units if such buildings have one or more elevators or ground floor dwelling units in other buildings consisting of four or more dwelling units; and was built for first occupancy after March 13, 1991. **Date of first occupancy: ( )**
* Fair Housing Act is **not** applicable since this Project only includes the New Construction or Rehabilitation of buildings with three or fewer dwelling units or non-elevator building(s) with multistory dwelling units.
* Fair Housing Act is **not** applicable since this Project includes the Rehabilitation of covered multifamily dwelling units, i.e. buildings consisting of four or more dwelling units if such buildings have one or more elevators or ground floor dwelling units in other buildings consisting of four or more dwelling units; and was built for first occupancy on or before March 13, 1991. **Date of first occupancy: ( )**
* Fair Housing Act was complied with by meeting the requirements of one of the ten Safe Harbors recognized by HUD and listed in the JOINT STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE-ACCESSIBILITY (DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION) REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTIFAM/LY DWELLINGS UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT issued on April 30, 2013.

The Safe Harbor used for this Project: (List the name of the Safe Harbor as it appears in the JOINT STATEMENT noted above: )

* 1. Local Building Codes and Standards:
* Chapter 11 - International Building Code (IBC): (Edition year: )

* American National Standard ICC/ANSI Al 17.1: (Edition year: )
* Other locally adopted accessibility standard(s): (List here. if any: )

1. When the Project is required to comply with the requirements of the Fair Housing Act as described above, the Architect will specifically verify and separately document measurements during Construction/Rehabilitation that, at a minimum, the Project will meet the requirements of HUD's Fair Housing Act regulations ("Regulations") at *24 C.F.R. Part 100* on January 23, 1989 and the selected Safe Harbor for the following seven (7) specific requirements as they appear in the *Fair Housing Act Design Manual* (issued in 1996 and revised and republished in 1998) :

**Requirement 1 -** Accessible building entrance on an accessible route.

**Requirement 2 -** Accessible and usable public and common use areas.

**Requirement 3 -** Usable doors.

**Requirement 4 -** Accessible route into and through the covered dwelling unit.

**Requirement 5 -** Light switches, electrical outlets, thermostats and other environmental controls in accessible locations.

**Requirement 6 -** Reinforced walls for grab bars.

**Requirement 7 -** Usable kitchens and bathrooms.

1. The Project was designed and will be Constructed/Rehabilitated in accordance with the approved Plans and Specifications;
2. There have been no changes without AHFA's written approval, in the unit design, square footage, unit mix, number of units, number of buildings, etc., listed on the *Square Footage and Architect's Certification* submitted with the original application.

Architectural Firm: Date:

By:

Printed Name: License #:

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