

**Design Architect's/Applicant's Certification**  
**Of Selection Criteria**

The Agency has requested certain certifications from the architect and applicant in connection with the submission of an application.

Development: \_\_\_\_\_

The development referenced above includes the following physical characteristics, design amenities, and other provisions for ranking points consideration. (Initial all that apply.)

**Development Characteristics**

**Energy Conservation/Green Building**

As the DESIGN ARCHITECT, I hereby certify that I either have designed or will design the referenced development to include the following energy conservation and sustainability measures.

Smart Site Selection - The development is located on, or is a(n):

\_\_\_\_\_ Brownfield (A former industrial or commercial property on which redevelopment or reuse is complicated by the presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant. The presence of lead based paint, asbestos or an underground storage tank does not constitute a Brownfield. The remediation of the environmental hazard must be within the scope of this project to qualify for these points.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Residential Infill (A vacant, but previously developed site or one containing a dilapidated structure that will be demolished, located in an existing developed residential neighborhood or a neighborhood consisting of mixed use residential/commercial properties, where infrastructure for the development is in place or in close proximity. The infill shall be consistent with the type and scale of the neighborhood buildings. If the infill structure is only part of the total project, it must represent at least 51% of the total square footage of the project to qualify for these points. Residential over commercial buildings may qualify for these points if this is consistent with the neighborhood buildings.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Adaptive Reuse (The rehabilitation of an existing vacant non-residential building into residential or residential/commercial space. The residential portion of the rehabilitated building must represent at least 51% of the total residential area of the development.)

**Certification under a National Green Building Program**

\_\_\_\_\_ Enterprise Green Communities – 2020

\_\_\_\_\_ LEED v4 BD+C Homes & Multifamily Low-rise (1-3 stories) – Silver

\_\_\_\_\_ LEED v4 BD+C Multifamily Midrise – Silver **OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ LEED v4 BD+C New Construction & Major Renovation – Silver (4 stories or more)

\_\_\_\_\_ **ICC 700-2020** National Green Building Standard – Silver

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY (2021 UNDERWRITING APPLICATION)

This preservation development will achieve certification under one of the green building standards indicated below:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Enterprise Green Communities – 2020 Moderate Rehab
- \_\_\_\_\_ LEED v4 O+M – Multifamily – Certified
- \_\_\_\_\_ ICC 700-2020 National Green Building Standard Under Section 305.2 – Whole Building Rating – Bronze
- \_\_\_\_\_ ICC 700-2015 National Green Building Standard Under Section 305.4 – Functional Areas Rating – Compliant with Chapter 12 (must include kitchens and bathrooms)

**Note: For developments certifying under a National Green Building Program, proof of Project registration/Pre-Build Certification will be required with the Development Submission drawing/specification package.**

Energy Efficiency Goals (Only one of the following may be selected)

- \_\_\_\_\_ The development will meet Passive House certification requirements (nationally or internationally) for energy efficiency as described below. (See [www.phius.org](http://www.phius.org) or [www.passiv.de/en](http://www.passiv.de/en) for additional guidance.)

To qualify for these points, the applicant must contract with a qualified\* Certified Passive House Consultant who will certify the proposal at the time of application to PHFA. This certification shall be based on a completed Passive House Planning Package (PHPP) or WUFI Passive (WP) energy model showing compliance with the Passive House Institute (PHI) or the Passive House Institute U.S. (PHIUS) standard and shall be based on schematic drawings and specifications, discussions, assumptions and cost estimates agreed to by the development team (developer, architect, engineer, contractor, energy rater, Passive House consultant). Submission of the PHPP or WP to a Passive House certifying agency is not required at the time of application submission to PHFA. The energy model shall be included in the application accompanied by a brief description of the assumptions made (wall/floor/roof construction, insulation levels, mechanical systems, windows, renewable energy systems, etc.). The Passive House consultant shall provide a copy of their Passive House certification and a list of previous experience in Passive House projects, including contact persons and contact information. After awards of PennHOMES funds and/or tax credits have been made, all successful applicants will be required to get a pre-certification from PHIUS or PHI under the normal time frame and procedures, and forward this to PHFA as part of the Design Development drawing & specification submission. During construction all requirements of the certifying Passive House agency shall be inspected by a rater/verifier who was not involved in the building design. At construction completion all tests, verifications and commissioning required by the certifying Passive House agency shall be performed by the rater/verifier. After each site visit by the rater, a report shall be submitted to PHFA. **Passive House certification is required.**

\*Qualified is defined as having completed a minimum of two similar Passive House buildings or an inexperienced certified consultant working under the supervision of a qualified consultant.

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\_\_\_\_\_ The development will increase energy efficiency by achieving certification under the U.S. Department of Energy's Zero Energy Ready Home Program.

**Note:** **Successful Applicants in this category will be required to submit the applicable checklist(s)/Rater report with the Development Submission drawing/specification package.**

\_\_\_\_\_ The development will exceed the energy efficiency requirements of Energy Star Version 3.0, by achieving a reduced HERS index as indicated below. Check the appropriate item.

Successful applicants in this category will be required to submit a preliminary HERS report with the Design Development architectural submission, and a full HERS report certified by the HERS Rater at construction completion.

New Construction:

\_\_\_ For 100% electric dwellings/buildings\*: HERS Index of 60 or less (without solar PV)

\_\_\_ For dwellings/buildings utilizing gas: HERS Index of 50 or less (without solar PV)

Substantial Rehabs:

\_\_\_ For 100% electric dwellings/buildings: HERS Index of 70 or less (without solar PV)

\_\_\_ For dwellings/buildings utilizing gas: HERS Index of 60 or less (without solar PV)

Preservation (Moderate Rehab) \*:

\_\_\_ For 100% electric dwellings/buildings\*: HERS Index of 80 or less (without solar PV)

\_\_\_ For dwellings/buildings utilizing gas: HERS Index of 75 or less (without solar PV)

\*Preservation developments whose scope of work exceeds that of Moderate Rehab must meet the requirements for Substantial Rehabilitation.

NOTE:

- Buildings that fall under the Energy Star® Multi-Family High Rise program must use the REMrate HERS rating program as verification for these points but must follow the MFHR program to achieve the Energy Star® label.
- All HERS Indexes shall be uploaded to the RESNET Registry and the registry ID number shown on the HERS certificate provided at construction completion.

**Accessible Housing**

As the DESIGN ARCHITECT, I certify that:

\_\_\_\_\_ To the best of my knowledge and belief I certify that I have designed the referenced development in conformance with the following rules and regulations as they apply to this development and as amended by Federal, State and local authorities.

- \_\_\_\_\_ The Fair Housing Act of 1988 & Fair Housing Design Manual
- \_\_\_\_\_ ANSI A117.1-2009 (or edition currently adopted by the PA UCC)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code
- \_\_\_\_\_ Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any Other State or Local Code or regulation pertaining to design or inclusion of rental housing accessibility features (Include name of locality and citation for applicable requirements.)

NOTE: Where multiple accessibility standards apply, the standard that affords greater accessibility shall be used.

**Accessible Units**

For New Construction and Substantial Rehabilitation Developments:

As the design architect, I hereby certify that I either have designed or will design the referenced development to include twice the mandated number of fully accessible units under local, state, or federal mandate, whichever is greater. These units shall meet current accessibility standards.

- Number of accessible units required under local mandate: \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of accessible units required under state mandate: \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of accessible units required under federal mandate: \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of fully accessible units provided: \_\_\_\_\_

For Preservation Developments:

As the DESIGN ARCHITECT, I hereby certify that I either have designed or will design the referenced development to include the following number of units to meet current accessibility standards.

- Number of existing fully accessible units (by current standards): \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of fully accessible units provided: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant also certifies that during initial lease up, these units will be exclusively reserved for the first thirty days for occupancy by persons needing the accessible units and thereafter will provide for certain lease provisions designed to allow the units to be occupied to the greatest extent feasible, by persons who need the accessible features of the units.

**Large Family Units**

As the DESIGN ARCHITECT, I hereby certify that I either have designed or will design the referenced general occupancy development to include the following percentage of **affordable** units with three or more bedrooms:

\*High rise developments and senior housing cannot qualify for this category.

_____	Total units	_____	>15 – 20% of all units
_____	Total number of <b>affordable</b> 3 or more-bedroom units	_____	>20 – 25% of all units
_____	>10-15% of all units (suburban/rural developments only)	_____	>25% of all units

**DESIGN ARCHITECT**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print: \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Acknowledged and Accepted by the APPLICANT(S)**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print: \_\_\_\_\_

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