

## Satellite, Cable, and Internet Policy<sup>1</sup>

Pike County Housing Authority (PCHA) wishes to comply with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ruling 98-273, which states that residents of leased housing be allowed the installation of small satellite dishes. This ruling also allows PCHA to set rules for installation to ensure that the satellite dish and the installation do not create a safety risk or damage the property.

**Prior to installation, resident's household must execute a Satellite, Cable, and Internet Authorization form to be retained in the PHA files.** If a satellite dish is installed without written permission and/or in violation of the written rules, the dish may be removed without notice and the resident billed for the work.

All satellite dish installations must comply with the following requirements:

### **Number and size**

A maximum of two (2) satellite dishes on the leased premises may be installed. Satellite dishes may not exceed one meter (3.3 feet) in diameter. Satellite dishes larger than one meter (3.3 feet) in diameter cannot be installed.

### **Location**

Satellite dishes must be located:

- Inside the dwelling; or
- In the yard area outside the dwelling of which a resident has exclusive use under the lease. PCHA allows for two (2) feet of yard space directly outside the dwelling for the residents exclusive use.
  - If a signal is unattainable in this pre-approved space, permission for installation further from the dwelling must be obtained prior to installation.

### **Installation**

Installation must be done by a qualified person or company approved by PCHA and approval will not be unreasonably withheld. An installer provided by the seller/lessor of the satellite dish is presumed to be qualified. Residents cannot install satellite dishes themselves.

**Installation is not permitted on any parking area, roof, exterior wall, window, window sill, fence or common area, or in an area that other residents are allowed to use.** A satellite dish cannot protrude beyond the vertical and horizontal space that is leased to resident for their exclusive use, unless permission is extended by the PHA.

Satellite dishes mounted in yards must be attached to a steel pole, minimum 1¼" outside diameter. Poles shall be anchored in ground to a minimum depth of three feet and set in place with cement. Poles may not exceed five feet in height above the ground surface. Satellite dish and pole system shall not be installed in ways that would enable them to fall on others.

Under the FCC ruling, installers may not damage or alter the leased premises and may not drill holes through outside walls, door jams, window sills, etc.

If resident's satellite dish is installed in the yard area outside the dwelling, the signals received by it may be transmitted to the interior of residents dwelling only by the following methods:

- Running a “flat” cable under a door jam or window sill in a manner that does not physically alter the premises and does not interfere with proper operation of the door or window;
- Running a traditional or flat cable through a pre-existing hole in the wall (that will not need to be enlarged to accommodate the cable);
- Connecting cables “through a window pane” similar to how an external car antenna for a cellular phone can be connected to inside wiring by a device glued to either side of the window – without drilling a hole through the window;
- Wireless transmission of the signal from the satellite dish or antenna to a device inside the dwelling; .or
- Any other method approved by us in writing.

All wiring should be installed in a professionally manner. Wiring shall be in ran in neat, straight, horizontal or vertical runs. Wiring may not be loosely ran on exterior walls.

Any wiring crossing lawn areas shall be buried underground and the lawn restored to original condition.

All cabling shall be grounded prior to entering the unit.

Installers shall be responsible for contacting JULIE at 1-800-892-0123 to have all underground utility lines marked before starting work.

All costs associated with the original installation and any work required to maintain the installation will be incurred by the resident. PCHA will not be responsible for any damage to or resulting from the satellite dish installation. It is recommended that the resident insures the installation.

### **Removal & Damages**

The satellite dish and other related equipment must be removed when the resident moves out of the dwelling unit. Resident shall be responsible for any damages and for the cost of repairs or repainting caused by negligence, carelessness, accident or abuse which may be reasonably necessary to restore the leased premises to its condition prior to the installation of the satellite dish and other related equipment. Resident shall not be responsible for normal wear and tear.

**While this policy specifically addresses satellite dishes, it is understood that the installation methods are very similar for cable and internet. As a result, the terms and conditions of the policy shall also apply to cable and internet installations.**