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Tenants;

We have taken several calls regarding rumors about the apartments in Baylis. We wanted to send this letter out to answer questions regarding this matter.

The rumors are true. The Housing Authority for several years now has been interested in selling these properties and removing them from Housing Authority inventory. The reason behind this decision is that these units are difficult to rent, the Housing Authority has too many apartments in general, and the area does not have the amenities to support or draw people to. By amenities I mean, doctor's offices, grocery stores, supplies, etc., all the things people need access to in their daily lives.

The Village of Baylis is a great community and we are proud to have been part of it. The reality is how we are scored by the federal government, the vacancies we have cannot continue to go unchecked. We have to take drastic steps to resolve this issue.

You may wonder how this will affect you. First, we prefer to sell to another entity to keep the units affordable. We also very much prefer to transfer you to available units in other towns that the Housing Authority currently owns and manages. The 3<sup>rd</sup> alternative is that if we are not able to do these things you would be issued a tenant protection voucher, which would allow you to move somewhere else and have rent be affordable through federal subsidy, also known as Section 8/HCV. We will do everything possible to make this transition smooth for everyone.

This is just in the beginning stages, so this will not happen tomorrow but could happen in the next 6 to 12 months.

If you have any questions please give us a call, let us know if you are interested in being transferred, we will be glad to assist you any way that we can.

Regards,



Chris Bruns  
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