# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2020 AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call.
- 2. Motion to Approve the October 22, 2020, the Housing Authority of The City of Pittsburgh Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes.
- 3. Motion to Approve the Previously Received Activity Report for October and November 2020.
- 4. Acknowledgement of Public Comments.
- 5. Resolution No. 68 of 2020 -Authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Allegheny County Housing Authority for Professional Investigative Services.
- 6. Resolution No. 69 of 2020 Authorizing the Executive Director or his Designee to Enter into an General Construction Contract with Emmocon Corporation for Pressley St High Rise Community Room and Corridor Improvements AMP-17.
- 7. Resolution No. 70 of 2020 Authorizing the Executive Director or his Designee to accept grant funds from the RK Mellon Foundation to be allocated toward the purchase of a new vehicle to be used for provision of Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh Mobile Computer Programs.
- 8. Resolution No. 71 of 2020 Authorizing the Executive Director or his Designee to increase the contract amount to the current AM-Gard, guard contract for the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh.
- 9. Resolution No. 72 of 2020 Authorizing the Revision of the Public Housing Flat Rent Schedule, as required by The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- 10. Resolution No. 73 of 2020 Approving amendment of the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy.
- 11. Resolution No. 74 of 2020 A Resolution approving amendment of the Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan.
- 12. Resolution No. 75 of 2020 A Resolution Approving the Housing Choice Voucher FY 2021 Fair Market Rent (FMR) Higher Payment Standards for the Mobility Counseling Location-Based Vouchers, Rehab Units, and the Fully Accessible Units.

- 13. Resolution No. 76 of 2020 Approving the 2021 HACP Board Meeting Dates.
- 14. New Business:
- 15. Executive Report.
- 16. Adjournment.

#### RESOLUTION No. 68 of 2020

A Resolution – Authorizing the Executive Director or his Designee to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Allegheny County Housing Authority for Professional Investigative Services

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) has a need for Professional Investigative Services; and

WHEREAS, these investigative services include, tenant fraud and workers compensation which would entail internal investigations and surveillance; and

WHEREAS, the HACP's current contract for these services expires on January 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the HACP has identified the need for investigative services to identify and prosecute tenant fraud such as unauthorized occupants living in their units or failure to report their income in the Low-Income Public Housing (LIPH) and the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the HACP has determined that the use of investigative services in workers compensation cases can assist the HACP in document fraud and reduce workers compensation costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the HACP has determined that the use of investigative services in internal investigations of HACP employees that are not abiding by the HACP Employee Code of Conduct and other requirements of employment can reduce liability exposure and risk to tenants resulting from employee violations of policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) authorizes the use of Intergovernmental Agreements and has issued regulations governing such agreements.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh:

**Section 1.** The Executive Director or his Designee is authorized to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Allegheny County Housing Authority (ACHA) for professional investigative services for a one (1) year period with two (2) one (1) year options not to exceed \$480,000.00; and

**Section 2.** The Intergovernmental Agreement cost will be paid from Program Income and/or Moving to Work (MTW) funds.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 69 of 2020**

A Resolution – Authorizing the Executive Director or his Designee to Enter into a General Construction Contract with Emmocon Corporation for Pressley St High Rise Community Room and Corridor Improvements - AMP-17

WHEREAS, The Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh (HACP) has determined that that the Community Room and Corridor at Pressley Street High-rise are in need of physical improvements to bring the bring and the space up to date; and replace its lighting system with more efficient LED fixtures; and

WHEREAS, the HACP has retained Loysen+Kreuthmeier Architects to define the appropriate project scope for the Pressley Street Community Room & Corridor Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2020, the HACP advertised Invitation for Bids (IFB) #600-28-20 seeking qualified firms to perform the necessary upgrades, and on November 12, 2020, the HACP received three (3) bids for general construction work in response to the IFB; and two (2) bids for the electrical work in response to the IFB; and

WHEREAS, Emmocon Corporation, is the lowest responsive and responsible general construction bidder with a bid amount of \$134,500.00; and Right Electric Inc. is the lowest and responsible electrical bidder with a bid amount of \$48,888.00; and

WHEREAS, this procurement was conducted in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local procurement rules and regulations, and the HACP's procurement policies and procedures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh:

**Section 1.** The Executive Director or his Designee is hereby authorized to enter into contracts in the total amount of \$134,500.00 with Emmocon for the Pressley Street High-Rise; and Right Electric Inc. in the total amount of \$48,999.00; and

**Section 2.** The total amount of the contracts shall be paid from Program Income and/or Moving To Work (MTW) funds.

#### RESOLUTION No. 70 of 2020

A Resolution – Authorizing the Executive Director or his Designee to accept grant funds from the RK Mellon Foundation to be allocated toward the purchase of a new vehicle to be used for provision of Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh

Mobile Computer Programs

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) has determined that it is necessary to purchase a Recreational Vehicle (RV) to serve as the Mobile Computer Lab Program vehicle in its fleet, in order to support operational needs, COVID-19 safety measures and add additional resources to our Wifi On Wheels (WOW) Program throughout HACP's housing communities; and

WHEREAS, the HACP submitted a grant proposal to the RKMellon Foundation (RKMF), requesting \$150,000 in grants funds to be allocated toward the one-time purchase of an RV to be used to host Mobile Computer Lab Programs; and

WHEREAS, the RKMF plans to partner with the HACP during the 2020-2021 year and will continue discussion of future partnership opportunities with a focus on HACP's efforts to bridge the digital divide in the HACP communities; and

WHEREAS, the HACP has identified the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of General Services Co-Stars Cooperative Purchasing Agreement that can be used for the purchase of the vehicle and the purchase and installation of additional equipment; and

WHEREAS, through the identified purchasing cooperative agreement, the one (1) RV Mobile Computer Lab Program vehicle and associated installed equipment. The renovations to the vehicle are intended to address COVID-19 risks and implement additional safety features. The purpose of these additional precautions is to safely bring digital services to our communities. This vehicle, as specified by the HACP, can be purchased for a cost of \$161,000; and

WHEREAS, the HACP intends to utilize the full amount of the RK Mellon Foundation grant (\$150,000) toward the purchase of the new vehicle and to fill any funding gaps with Moving to Work (MTW) Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, this procurement will be conducted in accordance with applicable federal, state and local regulations and the procurement policies and procedures of the HACP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh:

**Section 1.** The Executive Director or his Designee is hereby authorized to accept grant funds from the RKMF and to allocate the grant funds toward the purchase of a new vehicle for the HACP's Mobile Computer Labs Program; and

**Section 2.** The Executive Director or his Designee is hereby authorized to award a contract for the purchase of vehicles and the purchase and installation of additional equipment under the terms of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of General Services Co-Stars Cooperative Purchasing Agreement in the amount of \$161,000; and

**Section 3.** The Executive Director or his Designee is hereby authorized to use Moving To Work (MTW), program income or COVID19 funds to pay for additional expenses associated with the Mobile Computer Lab fund, including to make up the difference between the grant allocation and the purchase price for the new vehicle.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 71 of 2020**

A Resolution - Authorizing the Executive Director or his Designee to increase the contract amount to Am-Gard Inc. guard contract for the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh

WHEREAS, Am-Gard Inc. was awarded a three (3) year contract in October of 2017 by the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) in the amount of \$3,581,139.00 to provide unarmed security for eight (8) high-rises. This contract was approved by the HACP through Board Resolution No. 42 on Thursday, September 28, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of COVID-19 pandemic, the HACP began remote work on or about March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, remote work caused a need for increased security services to monitor front and back doors in Murray Towers and Caligiuri Plaza high-rise communities. The standard guard service was increased from 16 to 24 hours each day, seven (7) days a week, in both of the stated buildings, which caused the HACP to exceed the above-stated budget; and

WHEREAS, the HACP desired to continue and enhance the safety and security of the HACP communities during COVID-19 as staff were working remotely and not available on-site; and

WHEREAS, the contract with Am-Gard Inc. has outstanding invoices for the month of October 2020 in the amount of \$95,052.23; and

WHEREAS, the Am-Gard Inc. contract for services ends February 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated the HACP will incur additional invoices from Am-Gard Inc. from November 2020 through February 2021, and with the outstanding October 2020 invoice, the amount due to Am-Gard Inc. will total \$530,225.99.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh:

**Section 1.** The Executive Director or his Designee is hereby authorized to increase the current Am-Gard Inc. contract by \$530,225.99 for outstanding invoices and anticipated services; and

**Section 2**. The authorized amount shall be payable from the Program Income, Moving to Work (MTW) funds and/or COVID funds.

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#### **RESOLUTION No. 42 of 2017**

A Resolution—Authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to enter into contracts with Am-Gard Inc. to provide security services for the HACP High-Rise communities

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) has a continuing need for security services in its High-Rise communities as part of its plan to synthesize resources from police, private security, and technology to enhance the safety and security of HACP communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the HACP advertised RFP No. 350-31-17 to provide unarmed security services for its High-Rise communities; and

WHEREAS, Six (6) proposals were received; and

**WHEREAS**, Am-Gard Inc. was determined to be the most responsive, responsible and qualified firm to provide security services at the HACP High-Rises; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contracts are for two (2) years with one (1) one (1) year extension option; and

**WHEREAS**, this procurement was conducted in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations and the procurement policies and procedures of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh:

**Section 1.** The Executive Director or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with Am-Gard, Inc. to provide security services for HACP High-Rise Communities, each for a one (2) year term with one (1) one (1) year extension option. The three (3) year combined total is not to exceed \$3,581,139.00.

**Section 2.** The contract shall be payable from MTW funds.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 72 of 2020**

## A Resolution – Revising the Public Housing Flat Rent Schedule, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) establishes Fair Market Rents (FMR) for each market area in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) are required to establish a Flat Rent Schedule for each public housing unit based on market rates, and are required to revise that schedule annually; and

WHEREAS, at recertification, PHA's must offer tenants the option of paying either the Flat Rent or the income-based Brooke Rent; and

WHEREAS, HUD Notice PIH 2015-13 requires public housing authorities to review the FMR's published annually, and to modify the previously approved flat rent schedule if the existing flat rents are less than 80% of the FMR; and

WHEREAS, the HUD published FY 2021 FMRs increased for several unit sizes, requiring the Housing Authority for the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) to modify its Flat Rent Schedule for all unit sizes; and

**WHEREAS**, the revised Flat Rent Schedule was posted for public comment from October 1, 2020 until October 30, 2020, and a public hearing was held on October 15, 2020 at 10 am.; and

**WHEREAS**, the HACP received one (1) comment on the proposed revised Flat Rent Schedule and the comment did not impact the calculation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh:

**Section 1**. The Flat Rent Schedule for the Low-Income Public Housing program (LIPH), attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby revised; and

**Section 2.** The revised Flat Rent Schedule for the LIPH is effective January 1, 2021.

## **Exhibit A**

## Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh 2021 Flat Rent Schedule Effective 1-1-2021

## Traditional Sites - Family and High Rise - HACP Pays All Utilities

Unit Size	Efficiency	One- Bedroom	Two- Bedroom	Three- Bedroom	Four- Bedroom	Five Bedroom	Six Bedroom
2021 Flat Rent	\$ 571.00	\$ 618.00	\$ 752.00	\$ 965.00	\$ 1,057.00	\$ 1,215.00	\$ 1,374.00

## High Rise where Tenants Pay Electric (Caliguiri, Finello, Morse, Carrick, Gualtieri)

Unit Size	Efficiency	One- Bedroom	Two- Bedroom	Three- Bedroom	Four- Bedroom	Five Bedroom	Six Bedroom
2021 Flat Rent	\$523.00	\$570.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## Scattered Sites – Duplex, townhouse, Semi-detached – Tenant Pays Utilities

ı	Unit Size	Efficiency	One- Bedroom	Two- Bedroom	Three- Bedroom	Four- Bedroom	Five Bedroom	Six Bedroom
202	21 Flat Rent	N/A	N/A	\$ 822.00	\$ 1,069.00	\$ 1,171.00	N/A	N/A

## Scattered Sites - Single Family - Tenant Pays Utilities

Unit Size	Efficiency	One- Bedroom	Two- Bedroom	Three- Bedroom	Four- Bedroom	Five Bedroom	Six Bedroom
2021 Flat Rent	N/A	N/A	\$ 782.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 1,117.00	N/A	N/A

## Scattered Sites - Single Family New Construction Tenant Pays All Utilities - Natural Gas

Unit Size	Efficiency	One- Bedroom	Two- Bedroom	Three- Bedroom	Four- Bedroom	Five Bedroom	Six Bedroom
2021 Flat Rent	N/A	N/A	\$ 802.00	\$ 1,046.00	\$ 1,159.00	\$ 1,335.0	N/A

## Scattered Sites - Single Family New Construction Tenant Pays All Utilities - Electric

Unit Size	Efficiency	One- Bedroom	Two- Bedroom	[	Three- Bedroom	В	Four- edroom	F	Five Bedroom	Six Bedroom
2021 Flat Rent	N/A	N/A	\$ 770.00	\$	1,002.00	\$	1,086.00	\$	1,255.00	N/A

## Manchester Row/Townhouse

Unit Size	Efficiency	One- Bedroom	Two- Bedroom	Three- Bedroom	Four- Bedroom	Five Bedroom	Six Bedroom
2021 Flat Rent	N/A	N/A	\$ 660.00	\$ 809.00	\$ 1,051.00	\$ 1,149.00	N/A

## Manchester Apartments (Phase 3)

Unit Size	Efficiency	One- Bedroom	Two- Bedroom	Three- Bedroom	Four- Bedroom	Five Bedroom	Six Bedroom
2021 Flat Rent	N/A	N/A	\$ 833.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## Manchester All Electric

Unit Size	Efficiency	One- Bedroom	Two- Bedroom	Three- Bedroom	Four- Bedroom	Five Bedroom	Six Bedroom
2021 Flat Rent	N/A	\$ 623.00	\$ 758.00	\$ 993.00	\$ 1,079.00	N/A	N/A

## East Liberty Scattered Sites - Rowhouse

Unit Size	Efficiency	One- Bedroom	Two- Bedroom	Three- Bedroom	Four- Bedroom	Five Bedroom	Six Bedroom
2021 Flat Rent	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 1,056.00	N/A	N/A	N/A

## East Liberty Scattered Sites - Detached

Unit Size	Efficiency	One- Bedroom	Two- Bedroom	Three- Bedroom	Four- Bedroom	Five Bedroom	Six Bedroom
2021 Flat Rent	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 1,003.00	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### Factors considered when establishing flat rents:

- 1. Location Scattered Sites single family, duplex, or part of a row, are generally more desirable and in demand.
- 2. Quality at this time, HACP has not made flat rent schedule adjustments based upon housing quality, as all units meet UPCS standards.
- 3. Size HACP provides different flat rent levels based upon number of bedrooms.
- 4. Unit Type generally single family, duplex and row houses in a row of largely owners are of a more desirable type than the apartment or garden type units available on other HACP owned and operated properties, contributing to the higher base flat rent for scattered sites.
- 5. Age As all of HACP's units (with a few exceptions in the case of accessible units) are more than 30 years old, no adjustment is made to the flat rent schedule for this factor.
- 6. Amenities Amenities at HACP properties vary significantly, but none are such as to add significantly to the value of the unit (such as pools, gym facilities, etc.) and therefore no adjustments to the base flat rents are made.
- 7. Services provided or available like amenities, the services available at HACP properties vary significantly, but none are such as to add significantly to the value of the unit.
- 8. Utilities provided HUD Notice directs housing authorities to modify flat rents to take into account tenant paid utility costs,

<sup>\*</sup>Families are subject to the 2021 Flat Rent Schedule at biennial recertification.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 73 of 2020**

### A Resolution approving Amendment of the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) adopted its current Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) on or about October 1, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the current ACOP must be amended to clarify policy and procedures as it pertains to the Low-Income Public Housing (LIPH) program; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment to the ACOP would clarify and replace the existing provisions under the current ACOP; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the ACOP were made available for public review and comment from October 19, 2020 to November 17, 2020 at all management and administrative offices and on the HACP website; and

WHEREAS, the HACP provided public notice regarding the availability of the proposed changes for review and comment, and the dates and times for two (2) public hearings on the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, public hearings were held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 10:00am and 5:00pm regarding the proposed changes, and no comments were received in writing by the HACP; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the HACP have reviewed and given full consideration to the comments received.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh:

**Section 1.** The Amendments of the HACP revised ACOP are approved.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 74 of 2020**

### A Resolution approving amendment of the Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) adopted its current Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program Administrative Plan (Admin Plan) on or about December 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the current HCV Program Admin Plan must be amended to clarify policy and procedures and to maintain compliance with federal regulations as it pertains to the HCV Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the HCV Program Admin Plan will clarify and replace existing provisions under the current HCV Program Admin Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the HCV Program Admin Plan were made available for public review and comment from October 19, 2020 through November 17, 2020 at the HACP administrative offices and on the website; and

WHEREAS, the HACP provided public notice regarding the availability of the proposed changes for review and comment, and the dates and times for two (2) public hearings on the proposed changes; and

**WHEREAS**, public hearings were held on November 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. regarding the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, No comments were received on the proposed changes to the HCV Program Administrative Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh:

**Section 1**. The Amendments to the HCV Program Admin Plan, linked hereto at <u>hacp.org</u>, are hereby approved.

#### RESOLUTION No. 75 of 2020

A Resolution - Approving the Housing Choice Voucher FY 2021 Fair Market Rent (FMR)
Higher Payment Standards for the Mobility Counseling Location-Based Vouchers,
Rehab Units, and the Fully Accessible Units

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) establishes Fair Market Rents (FMR) for each market area in the United States; and

WHEREAS, On October 20, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority for the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) approved 110% of the FMR to determine the FY 2021 Payment Standard; and.

WHEREAS, In an effort to increase affordable units within the City of Pittsburgh, HUD approved demonstration projects. Some of the demonstration projects include: Mobility Location-Based Vouchers, Rehab Units, and Fully-Accessible Units as approved activities under the FY 2020 HACP Moving to Work (MTW) Annual Plan; and each of the three (3) referenced voucher types has a different payment standard; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Location-Based Vouchers are approved to receive payments in an amount of 130% of the HUD approved FMR. The payments for these vouchers are calculated by using 130% of the average of the designated, mobility zone Small Area Fair Market Rent (SAFMR) for the zip codes associated with the identified area by averaging rental payment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rehab Units are approved to receive payments in an amount of 130% of the HUD approved FMR; and

**WHEREAS**, Fully-Accessible Units are approved to receive payments in an amount of 120% of the HUD approved FMR; and

WHEREAS, HUD published Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Fair Market Rents (FMRs) on September 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the HACP desires to apply 130% the approved FY 2021 FMR to Mobility Location-Based Vouchers, 130% to Rehab Units and 120% to Fully-Accessible Units with an effective date of January 1, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh:

**Section 1.** The revised payment standards for Mobility Location-Based Vouchers, Rehab Units, and Fully Accessible Units for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, (HCV) are approved as listed in the Summary with an effective date of January 1, 2021.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 76 of 2020**

A Resolution – Authorizing the Executive Director or his Designee to Advertise the FY 2021 Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh Board of Commissioners Meeting Dates

**WHEREAS**, the regular Board of Commissioners meetings of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) shall be held on the dates noted in Section 1 of this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the HACP Board of Commissioners meetings will be publicly advertised in two (2) newspapers of general circulation specifying the date, time, and location of each meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh:

**Section 1.** The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to publicly advertise in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *New Pittsburgh Courier*, and any other newspaper that the Executive Director considers necessary for the following HACP Board of Commissioners meeting dates, times and location:

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Thursday, March 25, 2021

Thursday, April 22, 2021

**Thursday, May 27, 2021** 

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Thursday, July 22, 2021

NO BOARD MEETING IN AUGUST

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Thursday, October 28, 2021

NO BOARD MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Thursday, December 16, 2021

**Section 2.** All of the above meetings will be held at 10:30 a.m. via ZOOM Conferencing unless specified otherwise by public advertisement.