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Azure Apartments LLC Houston, Texas assetmanagement@morgangroup.com

RE: Azure

Dear Azure Apartments LLC

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (Department) has reviewed the Public Facility Corporation (PFC) Audit Report submitted by Stephanie Naquin on May 30, 2025. This review was performed as required by Section 303.042 (c) of Chapter 303, the Texas Administrative Code Chapter 10, Subchapter I, and the Regulatory Agreement/Deed Restriction for Azure Houston Apartment Complex.

Events of noncompliance have been identified and corrective action is required. The attached Findings Report details the event(s) of noncompliance and the required corrective action. This notice begins the corrective action period. Please supply all requested documentation no later than **August 19, 2025**, the last day of the corrective action period.

If clarification is necessary to complete the corrective action, contact us as soon as possible. If it is not possible to provide the requested documentation by the corrective action period, correct as much as you can and submit a corrective action plan detailing how and when the remaining issue(s) of noncompliance will be corrected.

The Department recommends submitting a cover letter explaining the documentation submitted to address each event of noncompliance. Submit corrective action to <u>pfc.monitoring@tdhca.texas.gov</u>.



If you have any questions about this monitoring report, please contact Christina Thompson toll free in Texas at (800) 643-8204, directly at (512) 475-3907, or email: christina.thompson@tdhca.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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Christina Thompson PFC Monitor

CC: Stephanie.Naquin@novoco.com

Audit Report Azure

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs provides the following Technical Assistance:

- Development is required to obtain, complete and maintain on file Income Certifications from each Low-Income Household, including (i) the Income Certification provided as Exhibit D, attached hereto and incorporated herein, dated prior to the initial occupancy of such Low-Income Household in the Project that occupied the unit. The file sample revealed one (1) household file where the income certification was completed after the occupancy date. Ensure initial Income Certifications are completed prior to initial occupancy in accordance with Section 3(c) of the Regulatory Agreement to maintain compliance.
- In accordance with Section 3(c) of the Regulatory Agreement, the following items are acceptable to determine income eligibility: (1) pay stubs for the most recent four-week period; (2) income tax returns for the most recent two tax years; (3) an income verification from the applicant's current employer; (4) an income verification from the Social Security Administration; or (5) if applicant is unemployed, does not have tax returns or is otherwise unable to provide other forms of verification as required, another form of independent verification as would be satisfactory. The file sample revealed that five (5) household files did not contain income verification documentation as required by the Regulatory Agreement.
- Annual income also includes all income derived from assets as identified and calculated in accordance with 24 CFR § 5.609(a). All income and asset sources must be properly verified and documented to ensure full compliance. The file sample revealed fourteen (14) household files where income from asset was not verified. Moving forward, failure to verify and document assets will result in a finding of noncompliance. Households with assets valued at \$51,600 or less may utilize the Asset Certification of Net Family Assets form found on the Department's website here https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/compliance-forms or a comparable form.

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DETAIL FINDINGS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

PFC ID: A24-101-0016 PFC User: Azure Apartments LLC Property Name: Azure Address: 1111 Durham Drive, Houston TX 77007

Regulatory Agreement Date: 3/9/2022 Audit Report Received Date: 6/2/2025 Corrective Action Due Date: 8/19/2025

Audit Report Review Date: 6/16/2025

PROGRAM: PFC

PROPERTY FINDINGS

Finding:	Household above the income limit				
	Non-Compliance			Correction	
Unit #	Date	Reason	Corrective Action	Date	
622	11/12/2024	Annualizing the average of the most recent paystubs for the household resulted in the household's annual gross income of \$73,440, which exceeds the applicable 80% AMI income limit of \$60,560.	To correct, designate unit 622 to an non-program unit since their income exceeds the 80% AMI limit and lease the next available unit of comparable or smaller size to a household that income qualifies at the 80% AMI limit. Owner may survey existing vacant non-program units to replace unit 622 and reserve as a program-unit to be occupied with a household that income qualifies at 80% AMI. Submit documentation to the Department that the unit is vacant and a statement that it is reserved to be occupied by a Low-Income Household. Or if the household's circumstances have changed, the owner may certify them under current circumstances using current income limits. If verifying under current circumstances, submit a copy of the household file, application, verification of income and assets, executed Income Certification and lease agreement.		

Finding:	inding: Household above the income limit				
	Non-Compliance	-		Correction	
Unit #	Date	Reason	Corrective Action	Date	
424	1 12/23/2023	Annualizing the average of the most recent paystubs for the household resulted in the household's annual gross income of \$61,591.14, which exceeds the applicable 60% AMI income limit of \$45,420.	To correct, designate unit 424 to an 80% AMI unit since their income exceeds the 60% AMI limit and lease the next available unit of comparable or smaller size to a household that income qualifies at the 60% AMI limit. Owner may survey existing vacant non-program units to replace unit 424 and reserve as a program-unit to be occupied with a household that income qualifies at 60% AMI. Submit documentation to the Department that the unit is vacant and a statement that it is reserved to be occupied by a Low-Income Household. Or if the household's circumstances have changed, the owner may certify them under current circumstances using current income limits. If verifying under current circumstances, submit a copy of the household file, application, verification of income and assets, executed Income Certification and lease agreement.		

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Unit #	Non-Compliance Date	Reason	Corrective Action	Correction Date	
621	9/17/2024	In accordance with Section 3(c) of the Regulatory Agreement, the following items are acceptable to determine income eligibility: (1) pay stubs for the most recent four-week period; (2) income tax returns for the most recent two tax years; (3) conduct a consumer credit search; (4) obtain an income verification from the applicant's current employer; (5) obtain an income verification from the Social Security Administration; or (6) if the applicant is unemployed, does not have income tax returns or is otherwise unable to provide other forms of verification as required above, obtain another form of independent verification. The household file includes two (2) paystubs, each covering a 7-day pay period. The Regulatory Agreement requires income documentation covering the most recent four-week period. Auditor reports income cannot be determined or verified.	The owner may complete a retroactive income certification that completely and clearly documents the sources of income and assets for all household members that were in place at the time of the initial occupancy and apply income limits in effect on the move-in date. Submit for Department review a copy of the application(s), income and asset verifications and a new Income Certification form the time of move-in. Or the owner has the option to complete a new current certification using current income and assets sources and current income limits. Submit for Department review a copy of the application(s), income and asset verifications and a new Income Certification form. If the household has moved out or is not income eligible, occupy the unit or another comparable unit on the property with a new qualified household. Submit copies of the application(s), income and asset verifications, an executed Income Certification, lease contract and applicable lease addendums to the Department for review.		

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	Non-Compliance	-		Correction	
Unit #	Date	Reason	Corrective Action	Date	
311	12/21/2024	search; (4) obtain an income verification from the applicant's current employer; (5) obtain an income verification from the Social Security Administration; or (6) if the applicant is unemployed, does not have income tax	The owner may complete a retroactive income certification that completely and clearly documents the sources of income and assets for all household members that were in place at the time of the initial occupancy and apply income limits in effect on the move-in date. Submit for Department review a copy of the application(s), income and asset verifications and a new Income Certification form the time of move-in. Or the owner has the option to complete a new current certification using current income and assets sources and current income limits. Submit for Department review a copy of the application(s), income and asset verifications and a new Income Certification form. If the household has moved out or is not income eligible, occupy the unit or another comparable unit on the property with a new qualified household. Submit copies of the application(s), income and asset verifications, an executed Income Certification, lease contract and applicable lease addendums to the Department for review.		

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Unit #	Date	Reason	Corrective Action	Date		
424	1 12/23/2023	Unit #424 is designated as 60% AMI. The household's rent of \$1,260 exceeds the 60% AMI rent limit of \$1,135.	To correct, reduce the household's rent to \$1,135 per month. Calculate the rent overage from the time of move-in, and either refund or credit the household the overpaid rent. Submit the follow documentation for review: the rent overage calculation, an amended lease contract reflecting the new rent amount, the household's rent ledger of the new rent amount reflected and the rent credit (if applicable) or a copy of the cancelled check (if a refund is issued).			