

EAST TAWAS HOUSING COMMISSION (ETHC)

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) PHA Plan Statement

The East Tawas Housing Commission has revised and amended its policies to implement applicable provisions of the Violence Against Women Act of 2013 (VAWA). These policy revisions and amendments enable us to continue to preserve the protections of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking as defined by VAWA. Policy revisions include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Adoption of an Emergency Transfer Plan
2. Implementation of new notification requirements to applicants and program participants
3. Inclusion of “sexual assault” as a crime covered by VAWA
4. Adoption of new VAWA definitions as stated in 24 CFR 5.2003
5. Implementation of new documentation requirements for documenting the occurrence of VAWA, including the use of the new HUD certification form.

The East Tawas Housing Commission may operate, or partner with other agencies to operate, programs to serve the needs of victims of domestic violence when such opportunities are presented, however, the ETHC does not currently have any programs in place at this time.

The East Tawas Housing Commission’s policies regarding VAWA are included in both the Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy and the Section 8 Administrative Plan and are available for review at the East Tawas Housing Commission’s Office located at 304 West Bay Street, East Tawas, MI 48730.