



# City of Mansfield

## Tim Theaker, Mayor

30 N. Diamond Street - Mansfield, OH 44902 - (419)755-9626 Fax-(419)755-9627

January 23, 2023

Ms. Debra S. Chase



Dear Ms. Chase,

I am sorry to hear that you have not yet resigned from the Mansfield Metropolitan Housing Authority board, despite further reports of various issues at the board meetings, including failures to conduct routine business and potential state law violations. These issues provide me with reason to remove you *for cause*; however, there is now another reason you must be removed. As you know, you serve on the Mansfield Metropolitan Housing Authority board under the authority of Mayoral appointment, as provided by the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to that code (R.C. §3735.27(F)(1)), as the chief executive officer of the most populous city in the district, I am required by federal law to appoint one metropolitan housing resident to the board. It was previously my understanding that you met that residency requirement, although it has come to my attention that you do not in fact meet that requirement. Since you do not qualify for this position by law, you are hereby removed from your position on the board, effective immediately. I will be appointing a new board member that meets the statutory residency requirements as soon as possible.

I appreciate your service to the Mansfield Metropolitan Housing Authority and the community it serves; however, you do not meet the legal requirements of the position.

Respectfully,

Tim Theaker  
Mayor

cc: Steve Andrews, Executive Director, Mansfield Metropolitan Housing Authority  
Christopher Brown, Deputy Law Director  
Attorney Andrew Burton

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Ms. Isolene Dunn



Dear Ms. Dunn:

I am sorry to hear that you have not yet resigned from the Mansfield Metropolitan Housing Authority board, despite further reports of various issues at the board meetings, including failures to conduct routine business and potential state law violations. These issues provide me with reason to remove you *for cause*. As you know, you serve on the Mansfield Metropolitan Housing Authority board under the authority of Mayoral appointment, as provided by the Ohio Revised Code. I am respectfully requesting your resignation from the board, so that I may appoint a new board member in your stead.

I appreciate your service to the Mansfield Metropolitan Housing Authority and the community it serves; however, I believe it is in the best interest of all involved to find new leadership at this time. If you do not resign voluntarily, I plan to take legal action to remove you from your board position and appoint someone new.

Respectfully,

Tim Theaker  
Mayor

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