

What the IRS determination letter states — sample

Ashgrove Haven · EIN 00-0000011

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A real determination letter carries IRS letterhead, a seal and a signature. This sample deliberately carries none of them: it presents the information such a letter contains, in the organization's own typography, so that nobody can mistake a demonstration document for a government one.

INFORMATION THE LETTER CARRIES

ITEM	STATED IN THE LETTER (SAMPLE)
Date of letter	14 May 1987
Organization	Ashgrove Haven, Ashgrove, Oregon (office address on file with the IRS; the shelter's address is not the organization's registered address)
Employer identification number	00-0000011 (an EIN beginning 00 cannot be real)
Exempt under	Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3)
Effective date of exemption	3 November 1986, the date of incorporation
Public charity status	509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) — supported by grants and contributions from the public and government
Contributions	Deductible under section 170; the organization is qualified to receive deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts
Annual filing	Form 990 or 990-EZ required each year

THE APPLICATION IT ANSWERED

Form 1023, filed in 1986, described the purpose: to provide emergency shelter, a crisis line, advocacy and support to people experiencing domestic violence in the county, regardless of ability to pay. That purpose is reproduced in the bylaws and on the Financials page.

WHERE THE REAL THING WOULD BE

On a real site this file is the scanned letter as received, and the exemption application beside it, both of which the IRS requires a public charity to make available. The organization reports the rule; it does not advise on it.