

**Frequently Asked Questions:  
Proposed FY2010 Senior Designated Housing Plan  
Public Comment Period**

**1. What is the SDHP?**

The Senior Designated Housing Plan (SDHP) contains CHA's plan for its senior-designated properties, including leasing, admissions and rehabilitation.

**2. Why is CHA proposing the FY2010 SDHP?**

HUD Notice PIH 2005-2 (HA) (see also Notices PIH 97-12 (HA), 98-24 (HA), 98-44 (HA), 99-21 (HA), 2000-20 (HA), 2001-17 (HA), 2002-12 (HA) requires public housing authorities to prepare a five-year plan for any senior-designated properties. CHA's FY2005 SDHP expired in FY2010, necessitating the draft of a new plan to begin in FY2010.

**3. What does CHA propose changing in the FY2010 SDHP?**

CHA seeks to have the flexibility to lower the minimum age from age 62 years to age 55 years for admission into select senior designated properties. CHA is proposing the change for the following reasons:

- Some of CHA's senior designated properties have vacant units available for lease;
- The population of near elderly individuals is growing markedly, and CHA would like to offer the opportunity for this population to live in senior designated properties. In order to meet the demanding housing needs of an aging population, CHA plans to lease all its available units, thus increasing the number of senior households CHA is able to assist.
- CHA will rehabilitate 5.3% of its senior housing portfolio for people with mobility impairments (474 units) and 2.1% of its senior housing portfolio for people with sensory impairments (188 units) in order to meet its federal obligation for the provision of accessible housing. By lowering the age at select properties with accessible units, CHA will be able to provide housing to applicants and residents with disabilities who require accessible features to accommodate their disabilities.

**4. What is a public comment period?**

A public comment period is an opportunity for CHA public housing residents and the community-at-large to review a document CHA has drafted or revised, and if desired, provide oral and written comments to CHA before the document is finalized and presented for approval to the Board of Commissioners.

**5. When is the public comment period?**

The 30-day comment period begins on April 7, 2010 (8:00 a.m.) and ends on May 6, 2010 (5:00 p.m.).

**6. Where can I get a copy of the proposed documents?**

The proposed documents will be available for public review on CHA's website at [www.thecha.org](http://www.thecha.org), as well as at the following locations from April 7, 2010 through May 6, 2010:

- CHA Administrative Office, 60 E. Van Buren Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor;
- CHA Property Management Offices;
- Central Advisory Council Office, 243 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street;
- HCV Satellite Offices, 2750 W. Roosevelt Road, 1741-49 E. 75th Street, and 1550 W. 88th Street; and,
- Latino Site Offices, 4035 W. North Avenue and 1915 S. Blue Island.

**7. What item is to be discussed at the public comment hearing?**

The proposed FY2010 Senior Designated Housing Plan will be discussed at the hearing. Attendees at the hearing can provide CHA with oral and written comments on the proposed amendments. CHA will respond to all written and oral comments.

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**8. Do I have to attend the Public Comment Hearing?**

No. While CHA encourages and welcomes all public housing residents and the community-at-large to attend the hearing, it is not mandatory. The date, time, and location of this hearing are provided below:

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2010  
**Time:** 6:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center (FIC)  
4859 South Wabash Ave.  
Multipurpose Room  
Chicago, IL 60615

**9. If I attend the hearing, do I have to make a comment?**

No, you are not required to make a comment at the hearing. If you choose to comment at the hearing, you may provide your comment orally or in writing. Additionally, you have the opportunity to send written comments to CHA via mail, e-mail, or fax until 5 p.m. on May 6, 2010.

**10. If I am unable to attend the public comment hearing or choose not to make an oral comment, is there a way to voice my opinion on the Proposed Amendments?**

CHA accepts comments on the proposed documents, throughout the public comment period, via the following methods:

Mail comments to: Chicago Housing Authority  
Research, Reporting & Communications  
*Re: FY2010 SDHP*  
60 E. Van Buren, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60605

E-mail comments to:  
*Subject: FY2010 SDHP*

Fax comments to: (312) 913-7849  
*Attention: FY2010 SDHP*

All comments must be received by CHA by 5:00 pm on May 6, 2010.

**15. How will CHA respond to my comment?**

CHA collects all comments received and responds to them in writing in a public comment grid. The public comment grid for the proposed amendments will be available on CHA's website once CHA received Board approval for the documents.

**Please call CHA's RRC Department at 312-913-7300 with questions.**