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Public Comment Requested

On Proposed Changes to the Public Housing Lease and Trespass Policy

The Columbia Housing Authority (CHA) is requesting public comment on proposed changes to the Public Housing Lease and Trespass Policy. These proposed changes will be discussed by the Resident Advisory Board on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at Paquin Towers. Written public comment may also be submitted to the CHA Administration Building, 201 Switzler Street, Columbia, MO 65203 or online at www.columbiaha.com/contact. The following is a brief outline of the major policy changes being proposed:

Public Housing Lease and Trespass Policy
<p>Clarification to Public Housing Lease and Trespass Policy: Since the CHA Public Housing Team has done a good job of reducing crime on the properties, the main issue CHA Safety encounters are persons trespassing on CHA property and persons without a permanent address, who might establish residency without any background screening, residing with residents. The proposed updates would clarify how long guests can stay with residents, what conditions put residents at risk of their guests establishing residency and how CHA Safety uses the trespass warning to protect residents' housing.</p>

Copies of these proposed policy changes are available for review and comment at 201 Switzler Street as well as at every Public Housing Manager's office. All changes are available online at www.columbiaha.com. CHA staff will also review these proposed policy changes at the August meeting of the Downtown Resident Association.

The CHA Board of Commissioners will also accept public comment on these proposed changes at their meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at 201 Switzler Street. Written comment may be submitted to the CHA Administration Building at 201 Switzler Street or online at www.columbiaha.com/contact.