

Lake House RAD Meeting, October 9, 2025

Following is a summary of the questions that were asked at the RAD Informational Meeting held at Lake House on October 9, 2025. Repeat questions about the same topic have been condensed.

Before the Q&A at each meeting, KCHA staff provided an overview of the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program and related plans. The information in this Q&A summary is accurate as of the writing of this document, but should not be referred to as policy, which may change in the future.

Summary of resident questions and KCHA's responses

Q. How will the RAD conversion affect tenants?

A. Most residents won't notice any changes. RAD is primarily changing the funding source KCHA uses to provide rental assistance. If you are currently paying a prorated rent because anyone in your household doesn't qualify for public housing assistance, you may see a change in your rent.

Q. Who isn't eligible for RAD?

A. Everyone in Lake House currently eligible for public housing assistance is eligible for rental assistance under RAD.

Q. How does one go about getting a voucher? Are they just given out?

A. When we undergo RAD conversion, every household will receive a project-based voucher. After you have lived in a RAD unit for twelve months, you have the option to request a tenant-based voucher. When you make the request, you are put on the waiting list ahead of anyone who applied through the Section 8 lottery, but behind any other tenants who are requesting tenant-based vouchers after having lived in their RAD units for 12 months.

Q. Will my rent change?

A. Your rent will be calculated the same way it is under public housing, as a percentage of your adjusted household income. If your income increases, your rent may increase; if it decreases, your rent may decrease. The only way RAD would increase your rent is if you have any household members who are non-citizens who aren't eligible to receive federal housing assistance, either public housing or Section 8. If you currently pay more in rent because of a non-eligible non-citizen, you may pay slightly more in rent under RAD.

Q. Does everyone need to sign the new lease?

A. If you want to remain in Lake House when it converts to project-based vouchers, you will need to sign the new lease.

Q. When does the 12-month waiting period to get a tenant-based voucher begin?

A. It starts on the effective date of your new project-based lease.

Q. Will KCHA get funding from a 3rd party?

A. No, KCHA does not need to get third party funding for Lake House.

Q. When are we signing new lease?

A. Right before we convert Lake House to project-based vouchers, sometime in 2026.

Q. Is Lake House project-based housing?

A. Currently Lake House is public housing. RAD will allow us to convert Lake House to project-based Section 8 vouchers.

Comments

Comment: Can we have easy opening doors to our units? I have trouble opening the door to my unit?

Response: Units are required to have heavy fire-rated self-closing doors, to meet fire code.

Comment: Waste line in the sinks are very narrow, 1 ½ inch, they all need to be replaced with wider drain lines.

Response: We will make sure the width of waste lines are up to code.

Comment: I [unit 318] am deaf and need a doorbell with flashers. I have been waiting for a year.

Response: Your management team will install a new doorbell and/or door knock sensor with a strobe light. Through the RAD conversion process we will be making changes to the property to improve access to persons with mobility, hearing and vision impairments.

Comment: There is foundation issue underneath.

Response: The company that did the inspection of Lake House inspected the foundation, and didn't identify any structural issues.

Comment: There is a septic [waste line] issue in units 120 and 122 on the 1st floor.

Response: Your management and maintenance teams will look into this.

Comment: There is a leak in the bathtub in unit 318.

Response: Your management and maintenance teams will look into this.

Comment: The shower is not draining properly unit 110.

Response: Your management and maintenance teams will look into this.