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READING HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL PLANNING PROCESS UNDERWAY — PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON POTENTIAL PROGRAM CHANGES

August 30, 2026 – Reading Housing Authority (RHA) is now taking public comments on drafts of the following plans and policies: 2027-2028 Annual Plan, 2026-2030 Capital Fund Five-Year Action Plan, the Admissions & Continued Occupancy Policy, and the Administrative Plan. Interested parties may view the plans at an RHA office or find them online at www.readingha.org.

The comment period ends at 2:00 p.m. on **Thursday, October 22, 2026**, at which time a PUBLIC HEARING on the plans will be held at the Willis Center for Administration, 400 Hancock Boulevard, Reading, PA 19611. Comments should be addressed in writing to Stacey J. Keppen, President & CEO, 400 Hancock Blvd., Reading, PA 19611 or by email to info@readingha.org. The agency will consider all comments before final actions are taken on the plans.

The draft plans have been prepared in accordance with regulations of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A Five-Year and Annual Plan are submitted to HUD by Public Housing Agencies. These plans outline the agency's financial conditions, goals and objectives, and important public housing policies. The Capital Fund Action Plan is a formula grant application that is submitted to HUD to carry out capital work items and management activities. The Admission & Continued Occupancy Policy serves as the operating policy for the Low-Income Public Housing Program, and the Administrative Plan serves as the operating policy for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Both contain regulatory requirements and operating policies that are permitted to be determined at the local level.

This year, RHA is evaluating whether to adopt work requirements and/or time limits for residents if HUD's proposed rule, *Establishing Flexibility for Implementation of Work Requirements and Term Limits*, is finalized. These changes could significantly affect future participation in the Public Housing program and may create opportunities to serve additional households in need. As part of this evaluation, consideration will be given as to whether these requirements can be implemented effectively with existing resources. Public input from residents, community members, and stakeholders is an important part of the decision-making process and will help inform whether these policies are appropriate for RHA and the citizens of the City of Reading.

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