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Public Notice is hereby given that the Housing Authority of County of Cook (HACC) is updating its utility allowances for all Public Housing units. The ***Proposed Utility Allowances*** attachment to this Public Notice lists the specific utility allowances for all units. The proposed allowances will take effect on **September 1, 2016.**

Tenants residing in Public Housing units with resident-paid utilities pay the cost of designated utilities directly to the utilities' suppliers. In accordance with regulation 24 Part 965.502 the HACC establishes monthly allowances that reflect a reasonable consumption of utilities consistent with the requirements of a safe, sanitary, and healthful living environment for the specific size and type of unit occupied by an energy-conscious household.

A resident's Total Tenant Payment (TTP) is reduced by the applicable unit's allowance and the difference is the monthly rent portion the resident pays. When a resident's Total Tenant Payment (TTP) is less than the utility allowance, the HACC makes a monthly utility reimbursement to the resident equal to the difference between the TTP and the utility allowance.

The new utility allowance study shows that due to utility providers' rate changes most of the units' utility allowances have decreased. When utility allowances decrease, tenants' monthly rent portions will increase. The ***Proposed Utility Allowances*** attachment shows the difference between current allowances and the proposed allowances. Tenants' monthly rent portions will increase by the difference.

All Public Housing residents of the HACC have an opportunity to submit written comments no later than **July 15, 2016** to:

The Housing Authority of the County of Cook
175 W. Jackson; Suite 350; Chicago, IL 60604
or via email to Public_Comment@thehacc.org



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The HACC maintains a record that documents the basis on which allowances are established and revised. ***The Utility Allowance Survey and Study*** can be obtained on the HACC's website: www.thehacc.org and at our Central Administrative Office located at 175 W. Jackson Boulevard, Suite 350, Chicago, IL 60604 during regular working hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 8:30am to 4:30pm. We are closed to the public on Wednesdays. We will also be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016 for the Memorial Day holiday.

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