

**Council Budget Questions and Requests for Information**  
**2019-20 Council Retreat**  
**Question #9**

**QUESTION:** What is the impact on the Housing Department in regards to the HUD, RAD Conversion & shift to Section 8?

**RESPONDENTS:** Faith M. Thompson, Public Housing Director

**RESPONSE:** The [Rental Assistance Demonstration \(RAD\) Program](#) allows Housing Agencies to improve public housing properties by removing them from the public housing program rules and having access to public and private debt and equity that can be used to redevelop properties.

By removing the property from the public housing program rules, the operating subsidy for the Town would be reduced by the amount previously associated with that property. In addition, the rental subsidy from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) shifts units from the Public Housing program to either the Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) or Project Based Voucher (PBV) programs. More information about the distinction between the two options can be found [here](#). We are evaluating both options with our consultant team from David Paul Rosen and Associates, and will forward a recommendation to the Council this spring.

Once redevelopment is complete, the properties would be privately managed and maintained. The Town Housing staff would continue to manage and maintain the remaining units in the Town's public housing portfolio.