

<b>Housing Authority of the City of Stanton</b>		
Adopted: 12-4-2019	<b>No Smoking Policy</b>	Resolution #:
Effective: 1-4-2020		

**NO SMOKING POLICY – No Smoking:** Dues to the increased risk of fire, increased maintenance costs and the known health effects of secondhand smoke, smoking is prohibited in the following areas of the Stanton Housing Authority Property. This includes all buildings (apartments, administrative, community building and shop areas), all exterior and interior common areas, patios, porches and within 25 feet of any exterior window or door, or common area. Residents are responsible for ensuring that family members and guests comply with this rule.

**DEFINITION: SMOKING:** The term “smoking” means any inhaling, exhaling, breathing, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other tobacco product or similarly lighted product in any manner or form. This will also include Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), water pipes (hookahs) and incense.

**DISCLAIMER:** The Housing Authority’s adoption of a smoke free living environment, and the efforts to designate the property as smoke free, do not make the Housing Authority the guarantor of tenant’s health or the smoke free condition of the tenant’s unit and the common areas. However, the Housing Authority will take reasonable steps to enforce the smoke free terms of its Lease Agreement. The Housing Authority will post “No Smoking” signs inside and outside the buildings and may at it’s sole discretion consider designating smoking areas on the property.

**LEASE VIOLATION:** Tenant violation of the Smoke Free Policy shall give the Housing Authority the right to terminate the Lease Agreement and is good cause for eviction. A tenant will be in violation of the Smoke Free Policy if any tenant’s guest(s) are determined to be smoking on Housing Authority property. Additionally, if the tenant violates the Smoke Free Policy, the tenant may be required to reimburse the Housing Authority for any and all expenses incurred to restore the unit to smoke free condition. Reimbursed expenses may include, but may not be limited to the following fees:

- \$1,100 carpet replacement
- \$1,000 painting of the unit
- \$100 carpet cleaning
- \$600 stove replacement
- \$500 refrigerator replacement
- \$300 unit cleaning

Smokers and non-smokers may be admitted to SHA. Both smokers and non-smokers and their visitors and guests must abide by the Smoke Free Policy. Residents who violate the policy or whose visitors or guests violate the policy will be subject to lease termination.

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA:** Based on federal law, medical marijuana is prohibited in the Public Housing Program. The Controlled Substances ACT (CSA) lists marijuana as a Schedule I drug. The Housing Authority will adhere strictly to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development federal law with regard to all use of marijuana or any other substance listed as a Schedule I drug under the CSA. Whether in possession of a current medical marijuana registration or not, use of marijuana is a Lease Agreement violation and good cause for eviction. If a conflict may arise in differences between federal and state laws governing the use of medical marijuana, the Housing Authority will comply with federal laws.

**Smoking Cessation Resources are available for those who desire to quit:**

**Nebraska Tobacco Quitline** – Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669) for free, confidential counseling from a trained Quit Coach. In addition to telephone coaching, receive self-help materials and referrals to community programs. Quitline services are available 24/7.

**QuitNow.ne.gov** – Go to Nebraska Tobacco Quitline website for information, support, encouragement and helpful links in one handy spot.

**QuitNow Mobile App** – Get motivation and support wherever you go PLUS track the money saved since quitting and the days added back to your life. Find the app under “Tools for Quitting” at QuitNow.ne.gov

**Web Coach** – Access motivational tools, social support and information about quitting tobacco. Web Coach is free for anyone enrolled in the Quitline program and can be found at quitnow.net/Nebraska

**Smoke Free Counter App on Facebook** – See how much money you’ve saved since quitting and what it could buy. Log on to our Facebook account and search “SmokeFreeNE”.

**In-Person Support** – Opt for face-to-face assistance through a local cessation class. Go to the “Tools for Quitting” page at QuitNow.ne.gov to get started. The Tobacco Cessation Programs lists provides locations and contact information for classes throughout the state.

This policy is effective January 4, 2020 for all applicants, tenants, guests, visitors, housing authority staff and the general public.

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(Signature of Head of Household)

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(Date)

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(Signature of Spouse/Other Adult)

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(Date)

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(Executive Director)

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