

CHAPTER 18

SMOKE FREE HOUSING

In accordance with FR-55987-F-03, the Smoke-Free Rule is intended to improve indoor air quality, benefit the health of public housing residents and PHA staff, reduce the risk of fires, and lower overall maintenance costs.

PHA Policy

1. Smoking is not permitted in Housing Authority apartments and buildings (this includes hallways, rental and administrative offices, community centers, laundry centers, and all other similar structures), in accordance with the following guidelines. Effective July 1, 2014, all current residents, all employees, all guests, and all new residents of the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority after this date will be prohibited from smoking inside the buildings; including the housing units.

Smoking. The term “smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, breathing, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other tobacco product or plant product (including tobacco leaves) in any manner or in any form. Smoking also includes use of an electronic cigarette. Water pipes (also known as hookahs) are also prohibited.

Electronic Cigarette. The term “electronic cigarette” means any electronic device that provides a vapor of liquid nicotine and/or other substances to the user as she or he simulates smoking. The term shall include such devices whether they are manufactured or referred to as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes or under any product name.

2. Any deviation from the smoke-free policy by any tenant, a member of their household, or their guest will be considered a lease violation. Three (3) violations will be considered to be a repeated violation of the material terms of the lease and will result in eviction. A cleaning charge of \$250.00 will be added to the tenant account for each violation of the policy that occurs inside a building/unit/apartment.
3. “No Smoking” signs will be posted outside and inside the buildings.
4. Smoking outside any Housing Authority building including housing units is limited to 25 feet away from the Housing Authority building.
5. If a resident smells tobacco smoke in any building, they are to report this to the office as soon as possible. Management will seek the source of the smoke and take appropriate action.
6. All new residents will be given a copy of the smoke-free policy. After review, the tenant will sign the Smoke Free lease addendum, a copy of which will be kept in the resident’s

file.

7. Upon adoption of this policy, all residents presently living in Public Housing units will be given a copy of the policy. After review, the resident will sign the Smoke Free Lease Addendum; a copy will be kept in the resident's file.