

# **Taunton Housing Authority Non- Smoking Policy**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the smoke-free policy is to mitigate the irritation and health effects of second-hand smoke in Taunton Housing Authority (THA) developments.

**Definition of Smoking:** The term "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, breathing, carrying or possessing any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, other tobacco product, any nicotine delivery device or similar lighted product in any manner or in any form. This shall include the combustion of any cigarette, cigar, pipe, other product containing any amount of tobacco or like substance, including marijuana, medical marijuana, hookah, e-cigarettes or any derivative thereof. Vaporization that unintentionally (or intentionally) causes combustion of said substances shall be deemed smoking.

**Definition of a Smoke Free Area:** Smoking is prohibited in all living units and interior common areas, including but not limited to bathrooms, lobbies, hallways, stairways, elevators, management offices, community rooms and balconies. Smoking is prohibited on the grounds of all THA properties including lawns, parks, courtyards, walkways, parking lots and within twenty-five (25) feet of all entrances.

**Lease Enforcement of the Smoke-Free Policy:** A violation of the smoke-free policy shall be considered a breach of the lease and shall give THA all of the enforcement rights contained in the lease.

**THA to promote Smoke-Free Policy:** THA shall post no-smoking signs, promote the policy as appropriate in meetings and discussions with residents, and enforce compliance with the policy.

**Residents to promote Smoke-Free Policy:** Residents shall inform their guests and occupants of the Smoke Free Policy. Any resident may notify the management of a violation of this policy.

**THA Not a Guarantor of Resident Health:** The Smoke-Free Policy does not make THA a guarantor of resident health or of the smoke-free condition of the resident's unit or common areas.

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