

HOUSING AUTHORITY SMOKING POLICY

PURPOSE: The General Assembly of the State of Illinois passed the Smoke Free Illinois Act [Public Act 95-0017] effective January 1, 2008. This policy implements the provisions of the Smoke Free Illinois Act in order for the employees and residents of the Housing Authority to enjoy a smoke free environment when working or when residents are on Housing Authority property.

SCOPE: This policy is in affect for all Housing Authority owned and or leased facilities and all vehicles owned or leased by the Housing Authority.

STATEMENT OF POLICY: It is the policy of the Housing Authority to fully comply with, and to enforce the provision of the Smoke Free Illinois Act. Under the Act: Smoking means carrying, smoking, burning, inhaling, or exhaling any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, hookah, weed, herbs, or any other lighted smoking equipment.

PROCEDURE: In order to comply with the Smoke Free Illinois Act, the following procedures are in effect for all Housing Authority owned or leased facilities and all vehicles owned or leased by the Housing Authority.

- Smoking is prohibited in all public places or place of employment or within 15 feet of an entrance to a public place or place of employment unless exempted by the act. No person may smoke in any vehicle owned, leased, or operated by the Housing Authority.
- Smoking is permitted outside the facility but must be 15 feet from any entrances, exit, window that can be opened, or intake vent.
- Smoking is also allowed inside residents unit.
- “No Smoking” signs or the international “No Smoking” symbol, consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red across it, will be clearly and conspicuously posted in each public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited.
- Each public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited will have posted at every entrance a conspicuous sign clearly stating that smoking is prohibited.
- All ashtrays will be removed from areas where smoking is prohibited.
- A person who smokes in violation of the Act will be fined not less than \$100 or more than \$250 for each violation. A person who owns, operates, or otherwise controls a public place or place of employment that violates the Act will be fined not less than \$250 for the first violation, not less than \$500 for the second violation within a year of the first violation, and not less than \$2,500 for each additional violation within that year. Each day that a violation occurs will be considered a separate violation.
- The Illinois Department of Public Health, local public health departments, and local law enforcement agencies are required to enforce the act. These agencies may asses fines for violation of the act. To register a complaint contact the Illinois Department of Public Health.

POLICY REVIEW: This policy shall be reviewed as needed, but in no event not less than annually on the date of its inception.