

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2018

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SMOKE-FREE HOUSING POLICY

WHEREAS, the Brackettville Housing Authority (BHA) is responsible for providing safe, decent and sanitary housing to low and mixed income families of the City of Brackettville; and

WHEREAS, BHA cares about the health, safety and welfare of all residents, employees and housing properties; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires all Public Housing Agencies implement a Smoke-Free Policy by July 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, BHA adopted a Smoke-Free Housing Policy effective January 19, 2017, which needs to be amended to comply with HUD requirements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Brackettville Housing Authority recommends the following:

1. The current Smoke-Free Housing Policy is amended as follows:

Current:

Effective on January 19, 2017, smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the dwelling units and/or housing building(s). This includes, but is not limited to, individual living spaces, hallways, restrooms, and any other enclosed areas. Smoking is defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigarette, cigar, electronic cigarette, pipe, weed, plant, or any combustible substance in any manner or in any form. Electronic cigarettes are not allowed.

Proposed:

Effective _____, smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the dwelling units and/or housing building(s). This includes, but is not limited to, individual living spaces, administrative offices, community centers, rental spaces, hallways, restrooms, and any other enclosed areas. Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated tobacco product.

Prohibited tobacco products are defined as items that involve the ignition and burning of tobacco leaves, such as: cigarettes, cigars, pipes and water pipes (also known as hookahs). Electronic cigarettes are not allowed.

Current:

Smoking will only be permitted immediately outside the dwelling units and/or housing building(s). All tobacco products and electronic cigarettes will be properly disposed in a fire proof trash container.

Proposed:

In accordance to the guidance on instituting and enforcing smoke free Public Housing by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, smoking will only be permitted at outdoor areas

beyond 25 feet from dwelling units and/or housing building(s). All tobacco products and electronic cigarettes will be properly disposed in trash containers.

Current:

This policy applies to all current and new residents, all employees, service personnel, and all guests at all times. Residents are any person living or staying in any of the dwelling units. Employees mean managers, maintenance, administrative staff or any other worker of BHA.

Proposed:

This policy applies to all current and new residents, all employees, service personnel, contractors and all guests at all times. Residents are any person living or staying in any of the dwelling units. Employees mean managers, maintenance, administrative staff or any other worker of BHA.

Current:

“No Smoking” signs will be posted throughout the housing development.

Proposed:

“No Smoking” signs will be posted throughout the housing development and BHA buildings.

Current:

Upon adoption of this policy, new and current residents will be given a copy of the Smoke-Free Policy and will sign the Smoke-Free Housing Lease Agreement Addendum. A signed copy will be placed in the resident’s file and a copy given to the resident.

Proposed:

Upon adoption of the policy, new and current residents will be given a copy of this Smoke-Free Housing Policy and will sign the Smoke-Free Housing Policy Dwelling Lease Addendum. A signed copy will be placed in the resident’s file and a copy given to the resident.

2. The Smoke-Free Housing Policy will become part of the Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy and the Public Housing Dwelling Lease.
3. Residents will be given sixty (60) days to comment. All comments will be evaluated.
4. After evaluation of comments received, if any, the Smoke-Free Housing Policy will become effective at the end of the sixty (60) day comment period.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 22nd DAY OF MAY, 2018.

APPROVED:

Rita Diaz, Chairperson
Board of Commissioners
Brackettville Housing Authority

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