

## NON-SMOKING POLICY

The mission of the Orlando Housing Authority (OHA) is *"To offer a choice of safe and affordable housing options and opportunities for economic independence for residents of Orlando and Orange County."* The OHA strives to provide housing options that are decent, safe, and sanitary at an economical cost.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the non-smoking policy is to improve indoor air quality in public housing, benefit the health of public housing residents and OHA staff, reduce the risk of catastrophic fires, and lower overall maintenance costs.

**Definition of Smoking:** The term "smoking" means the ignition and burning or inhaling, exhaling, breathing or carrying any "lit tobacco products" including but not limited to lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other tobacco product, as well any other similar lighted product in any manner or any form.

**Non-Smoking areas:** A Non-Smoking areas means that smoking is prohibited by residents and their guests in all units, hallways, and indoor common areas. This also includes all indoor areas of public housing, including but not limited to living units, indoor common areas, electrical closets, storage units, and OHA administrative office buildings and in all outdoor areas within 25 feet of the housing and administrative office buildings. All Residents that reside in public housing must agree to and acknowledge the Non-Smoking Policy when they sign their lease. Violating the policy (by smoking in a Non-Smoking area) will constitute a lease violation and could result in enforcement actions up to and including eviction.

**Lease Enforcement of Non-Smoking Policy:** A violation of the Non-Smoking Policy shall be considered a breach of the Lease and shall give the OHA and resident all of the enforcement rights contained in the Lease.

**OHA to Promote Non-Smoking Policy:** OHA shall post no-smoking signs at entrances to all Non-Smoking Buildings and promote the Non-Smoking policy as appropriate in meetings and discussion with residents.

**Residents to Promote Non-Smoking Policy:** Residents shall inform their guests and occupants of the Non-Smoking Policy.

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