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Dear Resident:

This letter is to inform you of a policy that is being implemented at WHA in regards to smoke-free housing. As of July 30, 2018, the Washington Housing Authority will become smoke-free. This means that there will be no smoking in any apartment unit and within 25 feet perimeter of any WHA building including doors, windows, balconies, porches, patios, entryways, hallways, community rooms, restrooms, lobbies, stairways, management offices, administrative offices, police substation, playgrounds, and basketball courts.

The policy applies to any and all persons living in the Washington Housing Authority apartments, including residents, family members, their guests and visitors, and all persons entering the Washington Housing Authority communities including employees and contractors.

All of the terms and provisions of the Smoke-Free Policy are specifically made a part of the dwelling lease enforced at the apartments, buildings, and other restricted areas owned and operated by the WHA.

Cigarette butts and smoking materials should be properly disposed in a neat, clean, and safe manner. There should not be any cigarette butts or smoking materials thrown on the grounds. Failure to dispose items properly, is a violation of this policy.

This policy is about the health and wellness of residents. WHA and HUD are committed to providing healthy housing for all. Homes with secondhand smoke are not healthy and they are not safe. The policy will be about the smoke not the smoker.

If you or any of your family members are interested any resources on quitting smoking or would like a referral to cessation classes, please contact your manager.

The policy is posted online on the website [www.whamerha.com](http://www.whamerha.com), in all management offices, and in the administration building for your review. All comments should be put in writing and returned to your management office.

Please feel free to contact the management office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

WHA Management



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