



# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DEL RIO, TEXAS

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## Smoke-Free Housing Policy

The Housing Authority of the City of Del Rio (HACDR) is responsible for providing safe, decent and sanitary housing to the low and mixed income families of the City of Del Rio. Along with its mission statement, HACDR cares about the health, safety and welfare of all residents, employees and housing properties. Therefore, it is in the best interest of the agency, residents, employees and housing facilities to establish and implement a Smoke-Free Housing Policy.

Numerous studies have concluded that exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke is a health hazard that can cause health diseases including cancer, heart disease, cardiovascular disease, and other respiratory diseases. Smoking materials can also be the cause of fires in housing facilities.

1. Effective July 30, 2018, 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 within 25 feet from dwelling units and/or housing building(s). All tobacco products and electronic cigarettes will be properly disposed in trash containers.
4. 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 HACDR.
5. Failure of any resident to follow the Smoke-Free Housing Policy will be considered a lease violation and treated as such under the original terms of the lease. Repeated lease violations may result in non-renewal and/or termination of the resident's lease.
6. "No Smoking" signs will be posted throughout the housing development and HACDR buildings.
7. If a resident smells tobacco smoke inside of a dwelling unit and/or building(s), they will report this to the Property Manager as soon as possible.
8. The Property Manager will enforce the Smoke-Free Housing Policy and will respond as soon as possible to secondhand smoke complaints on the property.
9. 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.

