

*Housing Authorities of the
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SMOKE FREE POLICY

Tenant and all members of Tenant's family or household are parties to a written lease with Landlord. This lease addendum states the following additional terms, conditions and rules which are hereby incorporated into the lease. A breach of this lease addendum shall give each party all the rights contained herein, as well as the rights in the Lease.

1. Purpose of No-Smoking Policy. The parties desire to mitigate (i) the irritation and known health effects of secondhand smoke; (ii) the increased maintenance, cleaning, and redecorating costs from smoking; and (iii) the increased risk of fire from smoking.

2. Definitions:

“Smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. “Smoking” also includes the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form.

“Electronic Smoking Device” means any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person in any manner for the purposes of inhaling vapor or aerosol from the product. The term includes any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, or vape pen, or under any other product name or descriptor.

3. No-Smoking Complex. Tenant agrees and acknowledges that the premises to be occupied by Tenant and members of Tenant's household have been designated as a no-smoking living environment. Tenant and members of Tenant's household shall not smoke anywhere in the unit rented by Tenant, or the building where the Tenant's dwelling is located or in any of the common areas or adjoining grounds of such building or other parts of the rental community, nor shall Tenant permit any guests or visitors under the control of Tenant to do so.

4. Tenant to Promote No-Smoking Policy and to Alert Landlord of Violations. Tenant shall inform Tenant's guests of the no-smoking policy. Further, Tenant shall promptly give Warner Robins Housing Authority a written statement of any incident where tobacco smoke is migrating into the Tenant's unit from sources outside the Tenant's apartment unit.

5. Warner Robins/Houston County Authority to Promote No-Smoking Policy. Warner Robins/Houston County Housing Authority shall post no-smoking signs at entrances and exits, common areas, hallways, and in conspicuous places on the grounds of the apartment complex.

6. Other Tenants are Third-Party Beneficiaries of Tenant's Agreement. Tenant agrees that the other Tenants at the complex are the third-party beneficiaries of Tenant's no-smoking lease addendum with Warner Robins/Houston County Housing Authority. A Tenant may bring legal action against another Tenant related to the no-smoking lease addendum, but a Tenant does not have the right to evict another Tenant. Any legal action between Tenants related to this no-smoking lease addendum shall not create a presumption that the Warner Robins/Houston County Housing Authority breached this no-smoking lease addendum.

7. Effect of Breach and Right to Terminate Lease. A breach of this lease addendum shall give each party all the rights contained herein, as well as the rights in the Lease. A material breach of this lease addendum shall be considered a material breach of the lease and grounds for enforcement actions, including eviction, by the Warner Robins/Houston County Housing Authority.

8. Disclaimer by Landlord. Tenant acknowledges that Landlord's adoption of a no-smoking policy and the efforts to designate the rental complex as no-smoking do not in any way change the standard of care that the Landlord or managing agent would have to a Tenant household to render buildings and premises designated as no-smoking any safer, more habitable, or improved in terms of air quality standards than any other rental premises. Landlord specifically disclaims any implied or express warranties that the building, common areas, or Tenant's premises will have any higher or improved air quality standards than any other rental property. Landlord cannot and does not warranty or promise that the rental premises or common areas will be free from secondhand smoke. Tenant acknowledges that Landlord's ability to police, monitor, or enforce the agreements of this lease addendum is dependent in significant part on voluntary compliance by Tenant and Tenant's guests. Landlord shall take reasonable steps to enforce the no-smoking policy. Landlord is not required to take steps in response to smoking unless Landlord knows of said smoking or has been given written notice of said smoking. Tenants with respiratory ailments, allergies, or any other physical or mental condition relating to smoke are put on notice that Landlord does not assume any higher duty of care to enforce this lease addendum than any other landlord obligation under the Lease.

9. Effect on Current Tenants. Tenant acknowledges that current tenants residing in the complex under a prior lease will not be immediately subject to the no-smoking Policy. As current tenants move out, or enter into new leases, the no-smoking policy will become effective for their unit or under the new lease.