## Windsor Locks Housing Authority Smoke Free Housing Policy

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE-PLEASE READ

## To all residents of Windsor Locks Housing Authority properties:

This letter is to inform you that The Windsor Locks Housing Authority Board of Commissioners voted to adopt a no smoking policy in all of its properties. We feel that the implementation of said policy will improve the health and safety of our residents and also provide a cost savings to the Windsor Locks Housing Authority.

Smoke Free Housing Policy

Adopted on July 19, 2022, by its Board of Commissioners Effective Date: Immediately Revised: July 19, 2022

The Windsor Locks Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, at its Regular meeting on July 19, 2022, voted to approve a Smoke Free Housing Policy. Smoke Free Housing means that smoking will not be permitted in any area of the buildings owned and operated by the Windsor Locks Housing Authority, unless designated as a smoking area, including apartments, indoor common areas, private areas of the property, and on the grounds. This policy includes residents as well as guests, maintenance personnel, staff, and service persons. Smoking means the inhaling, exhaling, breathing of ANY combustible smoking material, carrying, or possession of any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, e-cigarette, marijuana, or similar lighted product.

All residents will be required to sign a copy of the Non-Smoking Lease Addendum which will then become part of your residential lease.

Residents who smoke are reminded that smoking cessation costs are considered a deductible medical expense. Smokers who manage to quit **may** also be rewarded with some maintenance upgrades to remediate smoke damage to their apartment. This policy is designed to protect the health of our residents, staff, and guests, as well as decrease maintenance expenses.

This policy is not meant to be punitive. However, failure by any resident to abide by the non-smoking policy after said date will be considered a lease violation and subject to lease enforcement, including termination.

FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THIS POLICY AS ADDENDUM TO YOUR PUBLIC HOUSING LEASE SHALL CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF SAID LEASE AND MAY SUBJECT THE HOUSEHOLD TO ENFORCEABLE LEASE TERMINATION.

**Equal Housing Opportunity**