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TEAGUE HOUSING AUTHORITY

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Smoke-Free Housing Policy

Purpose of Smoke Free Housing: The Teague Housing Authority desires to mitigate (i) the irritation and known health effects caused by secondhand smoke; (ii) the maintenance, cleaning, and redecorating costs attributable to smoking; (iii) and the increased risk of fire from smoking.

Definition of Smoking: "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other lighted smoking device for burning tobacco or any other plant.

1. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building, including apartments, in accordance with the following guideline. Effective on 9/25/2012 all current residents, all employees, all guests, and all new residents of the Teague Housing Authority after this date will be prohibited from smoking anywhere in the building, including in apartment units. [Any current resident as of 9/25/2012 who smokes must sign and date the temporary smoking exemption form allowing them to smoke in their apartment. This exemption will continue only until the date of the resident's lease renewal, at which time the smoke-free policy will also apply to the resident.]

2. Any resident with an approved exemption must not smoke in any unit other than their own. Any resident with an approved exemption must not allow anyone not on their lease to smoke in their unit at any time; this includes guests and other residents.

3. Any deviation from the smoke-free policy by any tenant, a member of their household, or their guest will be considered a lease violation. Three (3) violations will result in eviction.

4. Smoking outside the building shall not be allowed on covered porches. Smoking outside the THA office is only allowed in designated areas.

5. If a resident smells tobacco smoke in any place in the building, they are to report this to the office as soon as possible. Management will seek the source of the smoke and take appropriate action.

6. For the health and safety of all Teague Housing Authority employees and their representatives, no resident shall have any type of tobacco or related product burning at such time as any employee or representative of the Teague Housing Authority enters and remains in your apartment unit. If any resident refuses to put out the burning tobacco or related product prior to the employee or

representative entering the apartment, or if the resident lights a tobacco or related product while an employee or representative remains in the apartment, the employee or representative shall vacate your apartment immediately and shall not return until such time as there is no longer any tobacco or related product burning. This may result in a delay of services in your apartment.

7. New residents will be given two (2) copies of the smoke-free policy. After review, the tenant will sign both copies and return one to the Teague Housing Authority's office. The copy will be in the resident's file.

9. Upon adoption of this policy, all residents presently living in the Teague Housing Authority will be given two copies of the policy. After review, the resident will sign both copies and return one to the Teague Housing Authority's office for placement in the resident's file.

RESIDENT CERTIFICATION

I have read and understand the above smoke-free policy and I agree to comply fully with the provisions of the policy. I understand that failure to comply may constitute reason for termination of my lease.

Resident Signature: _____

Resident Signature: _____

Date: _____