

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

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Authorizing the implementation of a
Smoke-Free Policy

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RESOLUTION

Background, The Department of Housing and Urban Development issued its final rule instituting a Smoke-Free Public Housing policy on November 30, 2016. HUD now requires each Public Housing Agency to implement a “smoke-free” policy banning the use of prohibited tobacco products in all public housing living units, indoor common areas in public housing, and in PHA administrative office buildings. This rule improves indoor air quality in the housing; benefits the health of public housing residents, visitors, and PHA staff; reduces the risk of catastrophic fires; and lowers overall maintenance costs.

The CDA has reviewed policy options that will conform to the new HUD requirements and that will maximize the health benefits for residents while minimizing the negative consequences for residents who find it difficult to comply.

To this end, the CDA will ban the use of all prohibited tobacco products and e-cigarettes at all CDA properties including buildings and grounds. This ban will extend to the entire property including all public housing and multi-family living units, indoor common areas, and in PHA administrative office buildings. The ban will also apply to the commercial property owned by the CDA adjacent to the Triangle Public Housing site.

The ban will take effect January 1, 2018 and the CDA will continue to work with Public Health of Madison and Dane County to educate residents on the benefits of the policy and support the efforts of the smokers who decide to quit. This process of meeting with residents has already begun.

The emphasis of the policy is on improving the health and safety of residents. Although violations of the policy will be considered lease violations, CDA will work with residents toward the goal of compliance with the policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Development Authority adopts this smoke free building policy and will incorporate the policy into new lease agreements and renewals beginning January 2017. The ban will become effective January 1, 2018.

