

The Housing Authority of the County of Umatilla
Resolution # _____

WHEREAS the Oregon Legislature has passed and the Governor has signed into law relating to residential rental property smoking policies requiring all owners of rental property to designate and make a part of their rental lease agreement policies on smoking in/on rental property.

AND WHEREAS, the 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke, has concluded that (1) secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke; (2) children exposed to secondhand smoke are at an increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), acute respiratory problems, ear infections, and asthma attacks, and that, smoking by parents causes respiratory symptoms and slows lung growth in their children; (3) exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer; (4) there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; (5) establishing smoke-free workplaces is the only effective way to ensure that secondhand smoke exposure does not occur in the workplace, because ventilation and other air cleaning technologies cannot completely control for exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke; and (6) evidence from peer-reviewed studies shows that smoke-free policies and laws do not have an adverse economic impact on the hospitality industry.

WHEREAS, numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution, and that breathing secondhand smoke (also known as environmental tobacco smoke) is a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer. The National Cancer Institute determined in 1999 that secondhand smoke is responsible for early deaths of approximately 53,000 Americans annually. In addition the Public Health Service's National Toxicology Program (NTP) has listed secondhand smoke as a known carcinogen and further that the California Environmental Protection Agency in 2005 has determined that secondhand smoke is a toxic air contaminant, finding that exposure to secondhand smoke has serious health effects, including low birth-weight babies; sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS); increased respiratory infections in children; asthma in children and adults; lung cancer, sinus cancer, and breast cancer in younger, pre-menopausal women; heart disease; and death

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners desires to promote healthy environments for its residents and employees as well as benefit from savings to operational costs.

NOW THEREFORE, The Housing Authority of the County of Umatilla Board of Commissioners adopts this smoke-free housing policy for all of Owned and/or Managed Rental Properties as follows:

1. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building including apartments, in accordance with the following schedule. Effective on May 1, 2010, all current

residents, all employees, all guests and all new residents of The Housing Authority of the County of Umatilla's owned and/or managed properties after this date will be prohibited from smoking anywhere in the building, including in apartment units. All current and future residents will be required to adhere to this new policy and will be required to execute an addendum to their lease entitled No-Smoking Policy and well as the revised Project Ground rules.

2. "No Smoking" signs will be posted outside all common buildings, rental offices, playgrounds, and buildings.
3. Smoking outside the building is limited to areas that are 25 foot from any building entrance, window, patio, balcony or playgrounds.
4. 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.
5. For the health and safety of The Housing Authority of the County of Umatilla 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 Housing Authority enters or remains inside a tenants 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 the apartment and shall not return until such time as there is no longer any tobacco or related product burning. This action will require the maintenance staff or representative to take action and report to management of violations that may result in lease termination and delay of services in your apartment.
6. Upon adoption all tenants will be given two (2) copies of the smoking policy. After review tenant will sign both copies and return one to the Resident Manager and retain one copy for him or herself.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2010

Joseph Thompson, Chairman

Attest: _____
Stanley E. Stradley, Secretary