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## **Resolution No. 602** **SMOKE-FREE POLICY**

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 2006 Surgeon General Executive Summary report on the *Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke* estimated nearly 50,000 excess deaths result annually from exposure to secondhand smoke.

Whereas, the Public Health Service's National Toxicology Program (NTP) has listed secondhand smoke as a known carcinogen.

Whereas, based on a finding by the California Environmental Protection Agency in 2005, the California Air Resources Board 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, inasmuch as there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) bases its ventilation standards on totally smoke-free environments. ASHRAE has determined that there is



## APPENDIX J

### SMOKE-FREE POLICY FOR NAMPA HOUSING AUTHORITY

To insure the quality of air and the safety of residents of Nampa Housing Authority (NHA), NHA has declared that all apartment buildings owned by NHA are smoke free buildings. Smoking is not permitted in any area of the building including apartments, except for residents with temporary exemptions from this policy, as described below. Smoking is only permitted in specifically designated areas outside of the buildings. All residents, employees and guests must abide by the following rules and regulations.

Adopted: October 10, 2007

1. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building including apartments, in accordance with the following schedule. Effective on October 10, 2007, all current residents, all employees, all guests and all new residents of NHA after this date will be prohibited from smoking anywhere in the buildings, including in apartment units. There is a temporary exception to this policy for current residents who are smokers. Any current resident as of October 10, 2007 who smokes must complete a temporary smoking exemption form allowing them to smoke in their apartment only. This exemption will continue only until December 31, 2007, at which time the smoking policy will also apply to the resident. Failure of any resident to follow the smoke-free policy will be considered a lease violation.
2. "No Smoking" signs will be posted outside of the buildings.
3. Smoking outside the building is limited to the following area(s): Smokers must be at least 20 feet from buildings.
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. Any resident found to abuse this policy and create a hostile environment will have their housing terminated in accordance with ACOP 20.2.O which states, "The Nampa Housing Authority will terminate the lease for serious or repeated violations of material lease terms. Such violations include but are not limited to the following: "...By a resident's actions or the actions of a guest, prevent or hinder other residents, to include neighbors outside of Nampa Housing Authority's property, to enjoy peaceful enjoyment of their residence."
5. During the temporary Smoking Exemption (through December 31, 2007), for the health and safety of Nampa 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 Nampa 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 the apartment 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 the apartment.

6. New residents will be given two (2) copies of the smoking policy. After review, the resident will sign both copies and return one to Nampa Housing Authority's office. The copy will be placed in the resident's file.
7. Upon adoption of this policy, all tenants presently living in NHA apartments will be given two copies of the policy. After review, the tenant will sign both copies and return one to the Nampa Housing Authority office for placement in the tenant's file.

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RESIDENT CERTIFICATION

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

Resident Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Apartment Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## NAMPA HOUSING AUTHORITY TEMPORARY SMOKING EXEMPTION FORM

Resident Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Apartment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As a current resident of Nampa Housing Authority and a smoker, I am requesting a temporary exemption from the smoke-free policy adopted on October 10, 2007. I understand that my exemption will only apply to me and not any of my guests. I also realize that my exemption will only allow me to smoke in my own apartment or in designated smoking areas outside the building.

Further, I understand that should I move to another apartment in the building, or should I leave Nampa Housing Authority as a resident and then return as a new resident at a later time, my exemption will be voided.

Further, I understand that this exemption is temporary and will expire on December 31, 2007 at which time I will be required to adhere to the no smoking policy adopted on October 10, 2007.

Resident Signature: \_\_\_\_\_