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CANDLE /OPEN FLAME POLICY

Reviewed and Accepted

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It is the policy of the East Bridgewater Housing Authority that the use of candles or any open flame device is not allowed in residents' apartments, building hallways or any common areas of all East Bridgewater Housing Authority developments.

This ban includes but is not limited to: decorative oil lamps, plug-ins, incense, candelabras, dinner table candles (tapers), tea lights and scented candles. As of this date, the use of candles or any open flame device is prohibited by all residents of the East Bridgewater Housing Authority for the following reasons:

- Candles and incense can unintentionally be left unattended and can cause fires, serious injury and damage.
- Decorative and/or scented candles have caused numerous fires.
- Candles and open flames pose an unacceptable risk to all residents and neighbors.
- Burning candles with lead core or metal wicks may result in air concentration of lead above the EPA threshold.
- Scented candles most often produce soot, which causes property damage by blackening walls, ceilings & carpets.
- Exposure to incense smoke has been shown to cause health related problems including cancer and dermatitis.

This policy was approved and adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the East Bridgewater Housing Authority on January 14, 2014.