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EAST BRIDGEWATER HOUSING SMOKE-FREE POLICY

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Purpose: The purpose of the smoke-free policy is to mitigate the irritation and health effects of secondhand smoke in East Bridgewater Housing Authority (EBHA) developments.

Definition of Smoking: Smoking is defined as inhaling, exhaling, breathing or carrying any lit cigar, cigarette, pipe or other tobacco product, marijuana, E-cigarette or similarly lighted smoking material in any manner or in any form.

Definition of a smoke free area: Smoking is prohibited on all East Bridgewater Housing Authority property.

Lease Enforcement of the Smoke-Free Policy: A violation of the smoke-free policy shall be considered a breach of the lease and shall give EBHA all of the enforcement rights contained in the lease.

Promotion of the Smoke-Free Policy: EBHA shall post no-smoking signs, promote the policy as appropriate in meetings and discussions with residents, and enforce compliance with the policy. Residents are expected to comply with the policy as they would any section of the lease.

Enforcement Plan

1st Violation

-Verbal warning and reminder reiterating the smoke-free policy.

2nd Violation

-Warning/Reminder letter reiterating the smoke-free policy and advising the resident of further consequences.

3rd Violation

-Informal conference request. The resident will receive a request for a conference with the Executive Director.

4th Violation

-A notice of possible lease violation and informal conference with the Executive Director.

Once a resident has incurred a fourth violation, legal action may be taken. Where feasible, legal action may be resolved or avoided by agreement.

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By the East Bridgewater Housing Authority