

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF GREENE
LEASE ADDENDUM
NO SMOKING POLICY**

Effective June 1, 2017, all Residential Dwelling Leases with the Housing Authority of the County of Greene and Housing Authority managed properties are amended to prohibit smoking in any indoor area, including entryways, patios or within 25 feet of any Housing Authority owned or managed property. This prohibition applies to all tenants, tenants guests, and service persons, and to all indoor areas and patios, both private and common, of each high-rise, low-rise or apartment of any Housing Authority or Housing Authority managed property. Smoking is allowed in outside designated smoking areas only, if available and all smoking materials must be disposed of properly.

The term "SMOKING" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying lighted cigar, cigarette or other tobacco or similar product in any manner or in any form.

The undersigned Resident does hereby acknowledge this Lease Addendum and agrees that he/she will not smoke as prohibited by this Lease Addendum and is responsible for enforcing this Lease Addendum with all visitors, guests, and relatives who may come upon Housing Authority or Housing Authority managed property.

The Housing Authority of the County of Greene will have the right to end the Lease and evict the Resident for any violation of this Lease Addendum.

Intending to be legally bound hereby this Addendum agreed to the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

(Head of Household)

(Spouse/Co-Head)

(Other Adult)

Housing Representative

Housing Authority of the County of Greene
102 School Drive
Waynesburg, PA 15370
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Effective June 1, 2017 the Housing Authority of the County of Greene will be smoke free.

The U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently announced that public housing developments are required to provide a smoke-free environment for their residents.

Our policy outlines the following: No person may smoke in common areas including any entryway, patio, in apartment units or within 25 feet of any building associated with Housing Authority property and it will be the responsibility of the resident to make visitors aware of this policy. Enforcement may include verbal/written warnings, probationary periods and eventual eviction procedures from the premises.

Prohibited tobacco products include: cigarettes, cigars or pipes and waterpipes (also known as hookahs).

Benefits

Fewer complaints from nonsmokers

Protection from secondhand smoke

Decreased maintenance

Increased safety (less chance of fire)

Greater appeal to prospective renters

Discounted insurance rates

Lower turnover costs associated with cleaning and restoring apartments for future tenants.

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January 10, 2017

TO: ALL RESIDENTS

The U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced that public housing developments will now be required to provide a smoke-free environment for their residents.

Our policy will outline the following: No person may smoke in common areas including any entryway, patio, in apartment units or within 25 feet of any building associated with Housing Authority property. It will be the responsibility of the resident to make visitors aware of this policy as well. Enforcement may include verbal/written warnings, probationary periods and eventual eviction procedures from the premises. Prohibited tobacco products include: cigarettes, cigars or pipes and waterpipes (also known as hookahs). No one will be grandfathered in. All residents will have the same effective date for the No Smoking Ban which will be June 1, 2017. All residents will be required to sign a new lease/addendum to the lease.

Benefits

- Fewer complaints from nonsmokers
- Protection from secondhand smoke
- Decreased maintenance
- Increased safety (less chance of fire)
- Greater appeal to prospective renters
- Discounted insurance rates
- Lower turnover costs associated with cleaning and restoring apartments for future tenants.

If you are ready to quit and need help, please read the attached card.

Tobacco cessation classes will be offered to interested residents. Stop at the main office to sign up or call us and your name will be placed on the list. Classes can only be held if there is a minimum of five interested persons.

To ensure compliance with HUD regulations, the Housing Authority of the county of Greene is providing all residents an opportunity to comment, in writing, on the proposed 'No Smoking Policy' with an effective date of June 1, 2017. All comments received by February 14, 2017 shall be subject to the requirements of this regulation and will be taken into consideration by the Housing Authority prior to formal adoption.

After formal adoption, February 16, 2017, copies of the policy will be available in the main office of the Housing Authority of the County of Greene, 102 School Drive, Waynesburg, PA, 15370.

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Your heart will love you again

Just 12 hours after you quit smoking, the amounts of carbon monoxide in your blood decreases, which increases the amount of oxygen in your blood—giving your heart a well-deserved break. A year after you quit your likelihood of a heart attack and risk of heart disease drops to half that of a smokers risk. The benefits keep coming over time: 15 years after quitting smoking, your risk of heart disease finally drop to the level of that of a nonsmoker, and your risk of other cardiac issues, like arrhythmia and angina drop to normal levels, too.