

CALHOUN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Smoke Free Property Policy

The Calhoun Housing Authority is mindful of the health risks of smoking, including the hazards of inhalation of second-hand smoke. CHA is also mindful of the risk of fire caused by negligent smoking in a highly populated environment and the increased maintenance costs incurred in offsetting the adverse impact of smoking occupants. This Policy addresses those concerns.

In issuing this Policy, CHA is not unaware of the challenges of smoking cessation. With respect to the Residential Properties identified below, the no-smoking rules will not apply to current residents and future residents - until (6) six months after the date of the Approved 2014 Annual Plan. In this fashion, CHA complies with lease obligations and provides smokers with a period of time to quit smoking and seek assistance if they so wish.

Section 1. *CHA Central Office (607 Oothcalooga St.)*

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor and outdoor areas on the premises at 607 Oothcalooga St.

Section 2. *CHA Community Buildings.*

Smoking is prohibited at all community centers to include – 617 Oothcalooga Community Center, 629 Imagination Station, 111-F Fair St. Hillhouse Junction, 140 Hillhouse Community Center.

Section 3. *CHA Maintenance Shop and CHA Vehicles and work Trucks.*

Smoking is prohibited within the maintenance shop and all CHA vehicles.

Section 4. *CHA Residential Properties*

Cologa Homes, Wylie McDaniel Homes, Hillhouse Homes, Alexander Homes, James Keene Homes, C.M. Jones Homes, A. Hastings Scoggins Homes and T.L. Shanahan Homes are all declared to be smoke-free properties. Smoking is prohibited on the entire properties, including but not limited to all apartments, shared areas, entryways, hallways, lobbies, community rooms, building grounds and the parking lots.

- a. The areas between the fronts of the above listed buildings and the adjacent streets shall be smoke-free. Smoking will be prohibited in all areas.*
- b. All Streets belong to the City of Calhoun and are primarily for motorized vehicles.*

Section 5. Residents Guests and Family Members

Each Head of Household will be responsible for ensuring that their family members, guests and/or visitors do not smoke at any time or any place on Calhoun Housing Authority property.

New residents executing leases after the Effective Date shall execute the Smoke Free Environment Lease Addendum attached hereto or similar form prescribed by the Executive Director. Current residents shall do likewise at the time of annual lease renewal.

Section 6. Penalties for breaking the Smoke Free Policy

The first violation will result in a \$100.00 fine. The second violation will result in a \$300.00 fine. The third violation will result in termination from the Public Housing Program and the resident will be required to pay the cost for painting and cleaning the areas affected by smoking. (All fines will be required to be paid within 30 days of the violation- no exceptions will be made to these fines) Violators will not be tolerated.