



COQUILLE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY



SMOKE-FREE FACILITIES POLICY

To ensure the quality of air and the safety of the users of facilities owned and operated by the Coquille Indian Housing Authority (CIHA), the Authority has declared its intention to transition its residential, other buildings, and common areas to become smoke-free. Smoking will not be permitted, except in designated areas within the housing community. All tenants, employees, and guests within the housing community shall be subject to this policy.

1. With certain designated exceptions, smoking is not permitted in any building or facility owned or operated by CIHA.
2. Definition: The term "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, breathing, carrying, or possessing any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, other tobacco product or similar lighted product in any manner or in any form.
3. Exceptions: (a) An exception to the smoke-free policy is granted for CIHA housing units subject to a lease-purchase (homebuyer) agreement. (b) An exception to the smoke-free policy is granted for the rental units of residents who are smokers at the time that this policy is adopted. This exception ends for any unit at the time that the resident vacates the unit. A resident smoker's grandfathered right to smoke inside a unit may be transferred from one unit to another. (c) An exception to the smoke-free policy is granted for the ceremonial use of tobacco. These exceptions only apply to the smoking of legal substances.
4. Smoking outdoors in the vicinity of any occupied building or structure, except one's own single-family dwelling or on the rear exterior deck, porch, or patio of one's own multi-family dwelling unit; the community park and playground; Cultural Garden; or, other common use facility shall be permitted no closer than 10 feet to the facility, a sufficient distance so that secondhand tobacco smoke will not enter the building or area, nor will residents or guests have to walk through secondhand tobacco smoke to enter or leave the building, adjacent buildings, or area. Persons smoking in these areas are asked to be considerate of others and increase this distance if wind or other natural conditions warrant. Smokers are responsible for not littering the grounds with cigarette butts, other tobacco products, or related debris. Smoking is specifically not permitted in the common areas of multi-family dwellings.
5. Upon adoption of this policy, notice shall be published in the Sea-Ha Runner and posted in a conspicuous place in the CIHA office. Residents will be given 30 days written notice by direct delivery or mailing. This notice shall constitute an amendment to the resident's agreement with CIHA. Resident accepts this amendment by continued occupancy after the 30-day period.
6. New tenants will be given two copies of the smoke-free policy. After review, the tenant will sign both copies and return one to CIHA to be placed in the tenant's file.



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NEW TENANT CERTIFICATION

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____