

**SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
HOUSING AUTHORITY
SMOKE-FREE HOUSING POLICY**

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

Numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution, and that breathing secondhand smoke (also known as environmental tobacco smoke) is a cause of disease in healthy non smokers.

The Housing Authority Board of Commission has declared that certain Tribal Housing homes, located in the Seven-County service area of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, shall be designated as smoke free. Smoking is not permitted in any inside area of the designated homes.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS

The Sault Tribe Housing finds that:

The 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke, has concluded that:

- (1) secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke;
- (2) children exposed to secondhand smoke are at an increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), acute respiratory problems, ear infections, and asthma attacks, and that smoking by parents causes respiratory symptoms and slows lung growth in their children;
- (3) exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system, causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer;
- (4) there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

Additionally, HUD Notice PIH-2009-21 (HA), issued on July 17, 2009, strongly encourages Public and Tribal Housing Authorities to implement Smoke Free Policies in some or all their housing units.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

The term "Smoke" shall include the inhaling, exhaling, burning, or the carrying of any lighted cigarette to the outside of the home.

The term "Cigarette" shall include cigarettes, cigars or other tobacco product, marijuana, or any illegal substance that produces smoke.

SECTION 4. APPLICABILITY

It is understood by the Housing Authority that the tenant has read and had an opportunity to discuss with knowledgeable staff, provisions of the Smoke-Free Lease Addendum. Their signature certifies an understanding and consent to its terms and conditions.

SECTION 4. STIPULATIONS

1. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the designated home. Effective on date tenant signs Lease Addendum and/or date the home is designated smoke free. Current residents, members of household composition, all employees, all guests, and all new residents residing in designated smoke free home, after this date will be prohibited from smoking anywhere in the home.
2. Failure of any resident or guest to follow the smoke-free policy will be considered a lease violation. Failure by any Housing Authority employee to follow smoke-free policy will be grounds for discipline.
3. Smoking will be limited to the outside of the designated home only.
4. If a resident smells tobacco smoke in any place of the smoke free building, they are to report this to the office as soon as possible. Management will seek the source of the smoke and take appropriate action.
5. New and current tenants, residing in designated homes, will be given a copy of the Smoke-Free Lease Addendum. After review, the tenant will sign a copy to be placed in the tenant's file.
6. The current Court Process established by the Sault Tribe Housing Authority, shall apply in cases of non-compliance with the Smoke-Free Lease Addendum.
7. Any Housing Authority properties may be designated smoke free by approval of the Board of Commission only. Requests for designations will be made during the normally scheduled meetings of the Commission.
8. Once a home is designated smoke free, the home will remain smoke free until the structure is deemed uninhabitable.

TENANT CERTIFICATION

I have read and understand the above Smoke Free Housing Policy and I agree to comply fully with the provisions. I understand that failure to comply may constitute reason for termination of my lease.

Resident Signature

Date

Resident Signature

Date

Unit Address: _____