

**ALEUTIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION # 09-___**

***A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE "LOW RENT AND SENIOR CENTER HANDBOOK"
TO ADD A SMOKE-FREE FACILITES POLICY.***

WHEREAS, the AHA Board of Commissioners (BOC) has ultimate responsibility to ensure that AHA operates its programs and services in compliance with applicable federal and state legal and regulatory requirements; ensure "best practices" in terms of service delivery; protect AHA assets to the maximum extent possible; and provide for the health, welfare and safety of all rental facility tenants; and

WHEREAS, recent health and safety research has demonstrated conclusively that smoking in enclosed areas can be a serious health and safety risk not only to the individual smoker, but all those who are in close proximity to the smoker; and

WHEREAS, smoking within leased premises has also been demonstrated to add substantial renovation costs; lead to potential lawsuits and increased insurance costs:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOC hereby approves the following policy revision to the AHA "Low Rent and Senior Center Handbook:"

NO SMOKING POLICY

Out of concern for the effects that second hand smoke has on those with respiratory, or other health related conditions and in the interests of avoiding the other negative effects and impacts of smoking on individuals and the physical assets owned and operated by AHA, the Aleutian housing Authority Board of Commissioners (BOC) have approved the following policy.

A. REGULATIONS OF SMOKING INDOORS:

Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed areas of AHA owned and operated facilities. This includes, but is not limited to, individual living spaces, all common areas, hallways, stairs, elevators, restrooms, and any other enclosed areas.

B. REGULATION OF SMOKING OUTDOORS:

In addition to the above prohibition on smoking in enclosed areas, smoking shall be prohibited outdoors in any location that results in second hand smoking entering the premises and becoming an irritant to tenants or staff. Any complaints from a tenant or staff person as to the infiltration of smoke into the facility will require smokers to relocate to an area that avoids such complaints. Residents and guests are allowed to use the outdoor designated smoking area at any time, but must not infringe on any resident's right to health, safety and quiet enjoyment of their apartment.

C. COMMUNICATION OF NO SMOKING POLICY

The AHA no smoking policy shall be communicated by Housing Services staff to all current employees and residents at least 90 days prior to its effective date, and at the time of employment for all employees, and prior to admission and/or prior to the signing of any new lease agreements. The effective date of this no smoking policy will be 120 days following the approval by the BOC.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2009, by a vote of ____ in favor, ____ opposed, and ____ abstaining.

Glen Gardner, Jr. Chair

ATTEST:

Sally Mercurief, Secretary / Treasurer