

SMOKE FREE HOUSING POLICY

Lake County Community Housing and Ronan Housing Authority find that:

WHEREAS, Lake County Community Housing and Ronan Housing Authority care about the health, welfare and safety of all residents and all rental facilities;

WHEREAS, numerous studies have concluded that exposure to secondhand smoke is a serious health hazard that can cause disease in healthy nonsmokers including cancer, heart disease, and respiratory disease and is responsible for over 53,000 deaths annually nationwide;

WHEREAS, secondhand tobacco smoke is particularly hazardous to elderly people and children, causing or exacerbating asthma, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, and infections, cancer and SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome);

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General's Report in 2006, The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke, states (1) secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke, (2) exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system, and (3) **"there is NO risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke"**;

WHEREAS, the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) has determined there is currently no air infiltration system or other ventilation technology that can completely eliminate the carcinogenic components in secondhand smoke;

THEREFORE, Lake County Community Housing and Ronan Housing Authority adopts this smoke free housing policy for **all units owned and or managed by either entity**.

Definitions:

1. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette or electronic devise intended for inhalation of tobacco, nicotine or vapor/aerosol of any type.
2. "Resident" means living in or staying in any and all units owned and or managed by Lake County Housing and Ronan Housing Authority.
3. "Employee" means manager, owner, representative, or worker of Lake County Housing and Ronan Housing Authority.
4. "Outside Areas" means any area outside any unit but within property lines.

Smokefree Policy:

1. Effective December 1, 2019 smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the building(s) and in outside areas as described above. This includes, but is not limited to, individual living spaces, porches, all common areas, hallways, stairs, elevators, restrooms and any other enclosed areas and no closer to any building than 25 feet.
2. This policy applies to all current and new residents, all employees, and all guests at all times.
3. Failure of any resident to follow the smokefree policy will be considered a lease violation and treated as such under the original terms of the lease. Repeated lease violations may result in termination of the resident's lease.
4. "No Smoking" signs will be posted inside and outside the buildings(s).
5. If a resident smells tobacco smoke in any place in the building(s) they will report this to Lake County Housing/Ronan Housing Authority as soon as possible.
6. Lake County Housing will enforce the smokefree policy and will respond as soon as possible to secondhand smoke complaints on the property.
7. Upon adoption of the policy, all new and current residents will be given a copy of this Smokefree Policy.
8. Upon adoption of the policy all residents will sign the Smokefree Housing Lease Agreement Addendum. A signed copy will be placed in the resident's file and a copy given to the resident.
9. This Smokefree Policy shall be communicated at the time of employment for all employees and prior to admission and/or prior to the signing of any new lease agreements. This policy is effective on December 1, 2019.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners October 21, 2019