

NEW ROCHELLE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

SMOKE-FREE HOUSING POLICY FOR THE

PETER BRACEY APARTMENTS

Effective July 1, 2018

To ensure the quality of air and the safety of its residents, New Rochelle Municipal Housing Authority (“NRMHA”) has declared that all its residential properties and administrative facilities shall be smoke-free buildings.

On February 3, 2017, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has required each public housing agency (PHA) administering public housing to implement a smoke free policy. Specifically, no later than 18 months from the effective date of the rule (July 31, 2018), each PHA must implement a “smoke-free” policy banning the use of prohibited tobacco products in all public housing living units, indoor common areas in public housing, and in PHA administrative office buildings.

The smoke-free policy must also extend to all outdoor areas up to 25 feet from the public housing and administrative office buildings. This rule improves indoor air quality in the housing; benefits the health of public housing residents, visitors, and PHA staff; reduces the risk of catastrophic fires; and lowers overall maintenance costs.

Based on the final HUD rule, smoking (of any kind) is not permitted inside any area of any Queen City building including, the apartments. Smoking is only permitted outside in specifically designated areas. If there are no designated areas onsite, then smoking is permitted if and only if it occurs more than twenty-five (25) feet away from the buildings. All residents, employees, agents, guests, contractors, and business invitees must abide by the following rules and regulations.

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