

POLICY ON SMOKING IN OR ON PROPERTY OF THE QUINCY HOUSING AUTHORITY

I. Current Law / Lease:

- M.G.L. c 270 Section 22 prohibits smoking in “Public Buildings.”
- Excepted from this prohibition are “private residences.”
- Smoking in unit with home oxygen is prohibited based upon endangerment to fellow residents and building.

II. Application of Law to QHA property:

- No smoking in all common areas of the building including: halls, elevators stairways, enclosed entry ways, balconies, storage areas, and community rooms.
- No smoking in QHA offices.
- No Smoking in apartments using home oxygen.
- Smoking permitted in apartments (apartments do not include balconies, nor common entryway or basement areas in Family Buildings).
- Smoking permitted on grounds including open entry ways.

III. Policy:

A. In Apartments

1. Continue current policy as in I. and II. above with the following exception:
 - Authorize residents in a defined area (e.g., wing, floor or building) of a development to petition the QHA to ban smoking in that defined area. Such petition must be supported by 100% of the residents in that defined area.
 - Failure to accept a unit in an area designated as non smoking because the applicant or family member is a smoker, shall be deemed “good cause” for rejection pursuant to Section VI B. of the ACOP.

B. On QHA Grounds

1. Continue current policy as in I. and II. above with the following exceptions:
 - Authorize the Resident Council for each respective development by majority vote of its Board to petition the QHA to ban smoking in defined areas (e.g., open entryways, other defined exterior locations) of the property.
 - QHA may in its discretion ban smoking in defined areas.