

**SMOKE-FREE HOUSING POLICY
COLDWATER HOUSING COMMISSION
NO EXEMPTIONS**

To insure the quality of air and the safety of residents in all housing owned and operated by the Coldwater Housing Commission, the Commission has declared that all residential buildings shall be smoke free. Smoking is not permitted in any area of the buildings, including apartments, effective January 1, 2011. Smoking is only permitted in specifically designated areas, if any, outside of the building. All tenants, employees and guests must abide by the following rules and regulations.

Adopted: October 7, 2010 Board Resolution # CHC 10-07

The Coldwater Housing Commission finds that:

Whereas, 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 and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer; (4) there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; and, (5) establishing smoke-free workplaces is the only effective way to ensure that secondhand smoke exposure does not occur in the workplace, because ventilation and other air cleaning technologies cannot completely control for exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke.

Whereas, 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 nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer. The National Cancer Institute determined in 1999 that secondhand smoke is responsible for the early deaths of approximately 53,000 Americans annually.

Whereas, the Public Health Service's National Toxicology Program (NTP) has listed secondhand smoke as a known carcinogen.

Whereas, based on a finding by the California Environmental Protection Agency in 2005, the California Air Resources Board has determined that secondhand smoke is a toxic air contaminant, finding that exposure to secondhand smoke has serious health effects.

Whereas, inasmuch as there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) bases its ventilation standards on totally smoke-free environments. ASHRAE has determined that there is currently no air filtration or other ventilation technology that can completely eliminate all the carcinogenic components in secondhand smoke and the health risks caused by secondhand smoke exposure, and recommends that indoor environments be smoke-free in their entirety.

Whereas HUD Notice PIH-2009-21 (HA), issued on July 17, 2009, strongly encourages Public Housing Authorities to implement non-smoking policies in some or all their public housing units.

Now therefore, the Coldwater Housing Commission adopts this smoke-free housing policy for Englewood Apartment building located at 60 South Clay Street, Coldwater, Michigan 49036 on this date October 7, 2010.

Coldwater Housing Commission Smoke-Free Policy
Adopted October 7, 2010

1. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on Housing Commission property or in the Englewood building including apartments, in accordance with the following schedule. **Effective on January 1, 2011**, all current residents, all employees, all guests and all new residents of any and all Coldwater Housing Commission housing after this date will be prohibited from smoking anywhere in the building, including in apartment units. Failure of any resident to follow the smoke-free policy will be considered a lease violation.
2. "No Smoking" signs will be posted outside and inside of the building.
3. Smoking outside the building shall be permitted only in designated smoking areas, **off the property**, which shall be located sufficient distances from the buildings and sidewalks so that secondhand tobacco smoke will not enter the buildings nor will residents and guests have to walk through secondhand tobacco smoke to enter or leave the buildings. Persons smoking in these areas are responsible for not littering the grounds with cigarette butts or other tobacco products.
4. If a resident smells tobacco smoke in any place in the 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 tenants will be given two (2) copies of the smoking policy. After review, the tenant will sign both copies and return one to the Coldwater Housing Commission's office. The copy will be placed in the tenant's file.
6. Upon adoption of this policy, all tenants presently living at Englewood Apartments will be given two copies of the Smoke-Free Policy. After review, the tenant will sign both copies and return one to the Coldwater Housing Commission office for placement in the tenant's file.

TENANT CERTIFICATION

I have read and understand the above Coldwater Housing Commission Smoke-Free 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: _____

Apartment Number: _____ Date: _____