

**RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF
RAHWAY**

RESOLUTION NO. 1551 DATE OF ADOPTION: NOVEMBER 9, 2017

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION CREATING A SMOKE-FREE POLICY

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION was presented by Kenneth Pushko, Executive Director/Secretary at a Regular Meeting held on November 9, 2017:

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Rahway (hereinafter the "Authority") wishes to ensure the well-being and quality of life issues of all its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to protect and preserve the physical and financial interest in the Authority's facilities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) now requires all Public Housing Authorities (PHA) to implement a Smoke-Free Policy banning the use of prohibited tobacco products in all public housing living units, indoor common areas and in public housing administrative buildings; and

WHEREAS, HUD now requires for the Smoke-Free Policy to also extend to outdoor areas at public housing and administrative office buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has established a Non-Smoking Policy at all Authority properties which prohibits residents and their guests from using prohibited tobacco products in all public housing living units, indoor common areas and in public housing administration buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has provided notices to the Authority residents of the HUD requirements for the Authority to implement a Smoke-Free Policy, and has provided an opportunity for the residents to be heard at the regular public meeting for all comments concerning a Smoke-Free Policy; and

WHEREAS, HUD permits PHA's to extend the Smoke-Free Policy beyond the minimum requirements for smoke free areas as set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to adopt and implement the Smoke-Free Policy based upon the minimum requirements as set forth by HUD as explained above; and

WHEREAS, by reducing the public health risks associated with tobacco use, the Smoke-Free Policy will enhance the effectiveness of the Authority to provide increased public health protection for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to adopt and implement a Smoke-Free Policy for its residents at all Authority properties to improve the well-being and quality of life for all of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Rahway as follows:

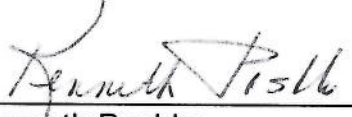
1. The Authority establishes a Smoke-Free Policy at AMP 10 (RHA Family site along Leesville Avenue and Capobianco Plaza) and AMP 20 (all Senior Citizen sites).
2. That the Smoke-Free Policy shall be applicable to all residents, prospective residents, and their guests at all of the Authority property locations of the Housing Authority of the City of Rahway as of the effective date of January 2, 2018.
3. That the Smoke-Free Policy shall be incorporated by attachment to and by reference in all Leases between the residents of all Authority properties and the Authority and all Public Housing Dwelling Leases between tenants and the Authority, whether or not specifically provided in such Leases.
4. That any violations of the Smoke-Free Policy by residents at all Authority properties may be grounds for termination of the resident's tenancy.
5. That all residents of all Authority properties after the effective date within this Resolution and their guests are prohibited from smoking in all buildings, units and common areas owned or operative by the Authority and that the Smoke-Free Policy shall be included as an amendment to the Housing Authority's Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP).
6. The Authority shall provide information about Smoking Cessation Programs available to all its residents to foster a smoke free environment.

COMMISSIONER Simon made a motion to adopt the above resolution, which was seconded by **COMMISSIONER** Parson, and on a roll call vote the Ayes and Nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Lesinski			
Parson			
Pekarofski			
Ragan			
Simon			
Snowden			
Thomas			

THE CHAIRPERSON thereupon declared Resolution No. 1551 adopted.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Housing Authority of the City of Rahway adopted on November 9, 2017.



Kenneth Pushko
Secretary/Executive Director

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