

Friend Housing Authority (FHA)
Smoke-Free Policy for Friendship Terrace
(This policy replaces previous Smoke Free policy adopted)

These rules shall govern the use of tobacco products in and upon the Friendship Terrace property of the Friend Housing Authority.

The purpose of the Smoke-Free Policy is to alleviate the actual and/or potential health hazards and/or medical problems to all residents and employees, fire safety issues and smoking damages to property including residential units and common areas.

No one, including applicants, tenants, visitors, housing authority staff, and the general public shall smoke within any interior of any building on the FHA property to include all public housing living units, community building, office space, maintenance shop and garage building as well as any outdoor areas within 25 feet from any building. This policy does not prohibit smoking by residents, staff or the general public; rather it requires that those who smoke do so outside and at least 25 feet away from any building.

You may smoke in the interior of your vehicle only if the vehicle is parked at least 25 feet from any building.

The effective date of this more stringent Smoke-Free Policy shall be January 1, 2023.

Prohibited tobacco products are defined as items that involve the ignition and burning of tobacco leaves, such as cigarettes, cigars, pipes, ENDS (Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems) and water pipes (also known as hookahs).

FHA has designated exterior areas throughout the property where smoking is allowed. These areas are marked with appropriate signage.

Smokers and non-smokers may be admitted to Friendship Terrace. Both smokers and non-smokers and their visitors and guests must abide by the Smoke Free Policy. Residents who violate the policy or whose visitors or guests violate the policy will be subject to lease termination.

Smoking Cessation Resources are available for those who desire to quit:

Nebraska Tobacco Quitline- Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669) for free, confidential counseling from a trained Quit Coach. In addition to telephone coaching, receive self-help materials and referrals to community programs. Quitline services are available 24/7. You may also go to www.smokefree.gov to learn more.

QuitNow.ne.gov- Go to Nebraska Tobacco Quitline website for information, support, encouragement and helpful links in one handy spot.

QuitNow Mobile App- Get motivation and support wherever you go PLUS track the money saved since quitting and the days added back to your life. Find the app under “Tools for Quitting” at QuitNow.ne.gov.

Web Coach- Access motivational tools, social support and information about quitting tobacco. Web Coach is free for anyone enrolled in the Quitline program and can be found at quitnow.net/Nebraska.

Smoke-Free Counter App on Facebook – See how much money you’ve saved since quitting and what it could buy. Log on to our Facebook account and search “SmokeFreeNE.”

In-Person Support- Opt for face-to-face assistance through a local cessation class. Go to the “Tools for Quitting” page at QuitNow.ne.gov to get started. The Tobacco Cessation Programs list provides locations and contact information for classes throughout the state.

This policy is effective **January 1, 2023** for all applicants, tenants, guests, visitors, housing authority staff and the general public.

Resident Certification

Apartment Address

Unit No.

I certify that I have read the Smoke-Free Policy and agree to fully abide by its provisions. I understand that residents are responsible for the actions of their household members, their guests and visitors. I understand that failure to adhere to any conditions of this policy will constitute a violation of the Dwelling Lease Agreement.

(Signature of Head of Household)

(Date)

(Signature of Spouse/Other Adult)

(Date)

(Signature of PHA Staff/Representative)

(Date)