

**Gloucester Township Housing Authority  
Blackwood, New Jersey**

**NON-SMOKING POLICY**

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The Gloucester Township Housing Authority has adopted a non-smoking policy in all common areas of the buildings and in apartments at the Gloucester Senior Housing Campus. This policy is being instituted by the Housing Authority as a direct result of complaints regarding smoke which is traveling between apartments through the ventilation system. This condition has caused an unsafe and unhealthy condition for our residents. Effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 it is a violation of your lease to smoke:

- 1) within 20 feet of any building entrance area; and
- 2) within any interior space in the building (including apartments).

Violators of the non-smoking policy will receive one warning prior to the imposition of a fine. The fines will be as follows:

- 1) \$250.00-1<sup>st</sup> offense;
- 2) \$500.00-2<sup>nd</sup> offense
- 3) \$1,000.00-3<sup>rd</sup> offense

Failure to follow the non-smoking policy or to pay the mandatory fines will be grounds for eviction.

This policy applies to all residents. The non-smoking ban has been adopted in accordance with New Jersey "Smoke-Free Act" due to the substantial health risks associated with second-hand smoke. Our building contains common ventilation systems which serve as a substantial source of second-hand smoke. Therefore, the Housing Authority has an obligation to protect the majority of our residents who are non-smokers.