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Dear Residents:

First we would like to thank you for always working with the agency in providing a safe and healthy environment for all residents. As you may or may not be aware, HUD had proposed implementing a smoke-free policy across all public housing agencies. Which would ban the use of tobacco products in all public housing units, common areas and administrative office buildings. This proposed smoke-free rule is now an official HUD regulation.

As mandated by HUD the RBHA will be adopting a smoke-free policy effective December 21, 2016. This policy would prohibit the use of tobacco products in all RBHA units, common areas and administrative office buildings. The policy applies to all current residents, employees, guest and future RBHA residents. Smoking will only be permitted in specifically designated areas and/or 25 feet from the outside of all buildings. Violation of the smoke-free policy would be a lease violation and could result in eviction.

Any current residents as of the December 21, 2016 policy adoption date, who would like to receive information on signing a temporary exemption must contact the office immediately. Furthermore, any residents who would like to receive information on smoking cessation. The RBHA will be able to provide you with such. A copy of the HUD Smoke-Free regulation (**24 CFR Parts 965 & 966**), along with the RBHA smoke-free policy are available for review in the administrative office during normal operating hours.

We would like to thank you again for understating and cooperation in this matter, and look forward to working with you in making our community a safer and healthier one.

Sincerely,

Red Bank Housing Authority