

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING

RESOLUTION NO. 5393

AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION OF KCHA'S SMOKE-FREE HOUSING INITIATIVE TO ALL KCHA-MANAGED, HUD-SUBSIDIZED PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the health dangers of second and third hand exposure to tobacco smoke have been well documented; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, in order to promote a healthy living environment for low-income families residing in KCHA'S public housing, the Authority implemented a pilot "Smoke-free Housing" initiative; and,

WHEREAS, under the pilot, KCHA initially designated, three mixed-population, hi-rise developments as "non-smoking" or "smoke-free" housing – later expanding this number to include nine hi-rise and five family developments in 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the pilot was designed to provide KCHA the ability to (1) monitor community, resident and applicant response to increased restrictions on smoking within KCHA facilities; and (2) determine the potential for expanding such policies to all KCHA managed, HUD subsidized rental units in 2012; and,

WHEREAS, following analysis of the pilot initiative's impact upon residents and KCHA operations and upon the level of resident satisfaction with their living environments, KCHA has determined that expansion of its "Smoke-free Housing" initiative to all KCHA managed, HUD-subsidized housing is desirable; and,

WHEREAS, in developing this proposal KCHA has conducted significant resident and community outreach – including holding three Public Hearings as well as meetings with the Authority's two Resident Advisory Boards to discuss and obtain resident and public comment regarding the proposed changes; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of such outreach, KCHA has found that a majority of the comments received favor implementation of the proposed policy; and,

WHEREAS, adoption of “No Smoking” policies within KCHA’s residential housing is recommended by community health advocates, the Public Health Department of Seattle-King County and highly encouraged by HUD; and,

WHEREAS, Board approval of revised operational policies and procedures is required before KCHA can implement such changes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING:

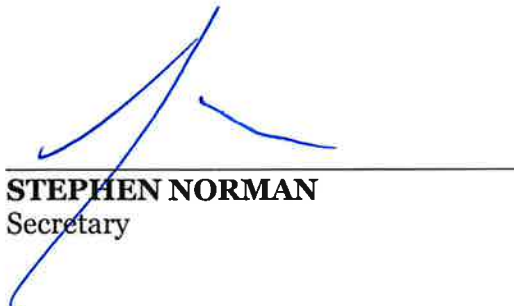
The Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the proposed expansion of the “Smoke-free Housing” initiative as proposed and outlined in the attached Board memo and authorizes KCHA staff to take the necessary steps to begin implementing the revised and expanded policies immediately.

ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING THIS 8th DAY OF AUGUST 2012.

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON**



NANCY HOLLAND-YOUNG, Chair
Board of Commissioners



STEPHEN NORMAN
Secretary