

Tobacco Use in Multi-unit Housing Developments in Eden Prairie

Combined Data for **Smoking Not Permitted** Properties:

Martin Blu, Edendale, Bay Point Lake, The Atwood

AND

Combined Property Manager Survey Results to Seven Properties

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BACKGROUND

The City of Eden Prairie and Hennepin County Public Health, with technical support from the Live Smoke Free (LSF) a program of the Association for Nonsmokers-Minnesota (ANSR), have been leaders in trying to reduce the harms caused by tobacco.

Between 2007 – 2018 ANSR conducted outreach to the 42 rental properties within Eden Prairie and increased the number of smoke free policies from 0 to 22. ANSR staff provided implementation support, free signage and ongoing assistance.

From 2016 – 2018 collaboration with Eden Prairie Fire Department began in order to address data that confirms smoking-related fires as the leading known cause of fire fatalities in housing in Minnesota. In addition, second and third-hand smoke can aggravate and lead to chronic health issues making it imperative to protect all residents living within multi-unit housing. Interaction and feedback from various Hennepin County fire departments resulted in the development of the ‘Live-Smoke Free Tool Kit for Fire Departments’ that includes education materials and strategies that departments can implement in order to advance smoke-free housing.¹

In 2017, the MN State Fire Chief’s Association updated their public education messaging brochure to reflect pilot project messaging, “If you smoke, smoke outside.” Hennepin County and Live Smoke Free will continue to collaborate with local fire departments as an essential partnership to promote healthy and safe housing options for all residents.

In December 2018, Eden Prairie passed a policy increasing the sales age of tobacco products to 21, demonstrating their efforts to prevent and reduce tobacco use in their city.

In 2019 city, county and ANSR staff began reaching out to select multi-unit properties (both smoke free and smoking allowed) in Eden Prairie asking to survey property managers and residents on the topic of smoke-free housing. The goal was to learn about smoking habits in apartments, resident experience of secondhand smoke and opinions about smoke-free building policies for both where they live and for properties citywide. Seven properties agreed to collaborate, four with smoke-free policies and three without. Once confirmed, survey and resident outreach materials were provided (see appendix for all materials)². Residents received \$10 Target gift cards for their participation and property managers received \$50 Target gift cards for their assistance. The following report will share the results and recommendations of the surveys from 4 properties that *have a smoke-free policy* in place. Surveys were distributed to 526 units and 181 were returned. In addition, property managers completed their own survey to gauge their perceptions of smoking habits with their properties; results are also included within this report.

¹ <http://www.mnsmokefreehousing.org/landlords/fire.html>

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Resident survey cover letter - Appendix I
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KEY FINDINGS

- A majority of respondents have lived in their apartment for no more than 5 years, consist of 1-2 residents with half reporting as 26-55 in age with the next age group being 65+.
- Despite having smoke-free policies in place 23% respondents report smelling cigarette smoke within their unit weekly and 32% have reported this disturbance to management.
- More than half of respondents (56%) report that having a smoke-free policy falls within their top 3 priority needs when looking for housing.
- A majority of residents are aware that a smoke-free policy is in place. However, responses vary on the policy details and management expectations.
- A majority of respondents (87.5%) state that they do support a citywide policy or ordinance requiring apartment buildings to be smoke free.

RECOMMENDATIONS

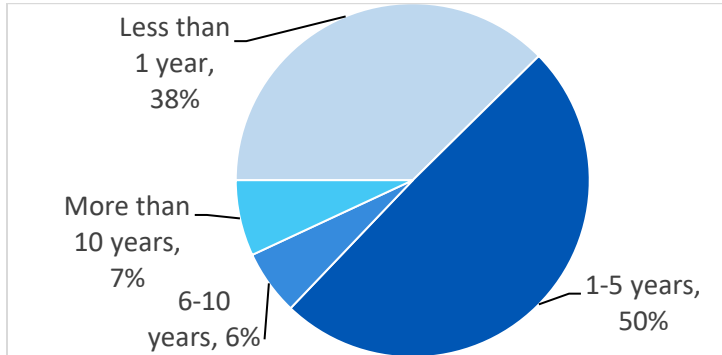
- 1) Obtain Live Smoke Free's 'Policy and Enforcement' toolkit.
- 2) Promote positive policy promotion like celebrate the smoke-free policy's success with a smoke-free anniversary celebration.
- 3) Send a policy reminder letter to all residents annually and outline enforcement procedures.
- 4) Offer cessation resources to residents interested in quitting.
- 5) Train all staff who work indoors on the policy details and what counts as a violation.
- 6) Place additional signage throughout the property (wherever smoking is not to occur).
- 7) Utilize Hennepin County Public Health and Live Smoke-Free staff for free technical assistance and tools.

RESIDENT SURVEY RESULTS

Total respondents: 181 unless stated otherwise

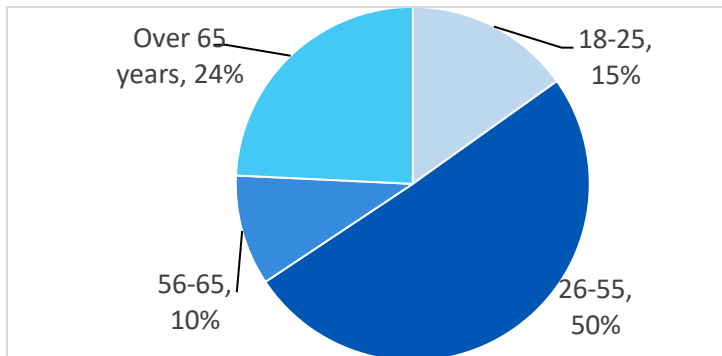
DEMOGRAPHICS

Length of stay in apartment building



Age

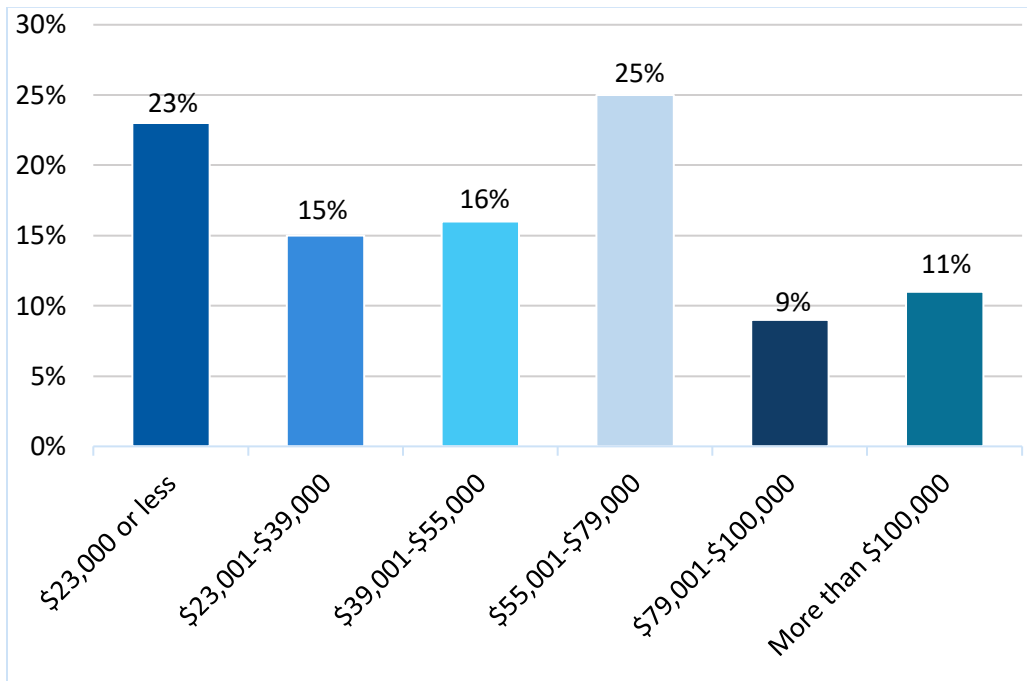
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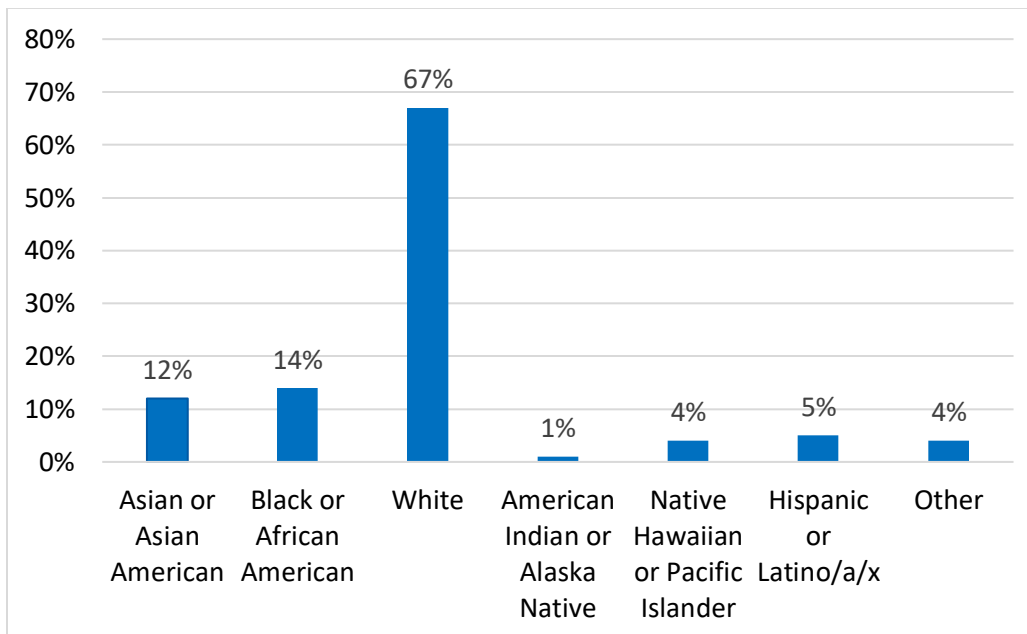
Household size

| | % |
|-----------|-----|
| HH size 1 | 62% |
| HH size 2 | 23% |
| HH size 3 | 7% |
| HH size 4 | 6% |
| HH size 5 | 2% |
| HH size 6 | 1% |

2018 household income



Selected race/ethnicity



SMOKING RULES INSIDE APARTMENT

If applicable, what type of receptacle do you use to put out your lit tobacco product(s)?
Check all that apply.

| | # of respondents |
|--|------------------|
| Receptacle provided by management company outside the building | 45 |
| Ash tray | 17 |
| Tin can | 9 |
| Garbage | 6 |
| Sidewalk / patio floor | 5 |
| Sink then garbage | 4 |

Do you allow people, including yourself, to smoke tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, cigarillos, water or regular pipes, hookahs and bidis) in / around your apartment?
Check all that apply.

| | # of respondents |
|---|------------------|
| Smoking is NOT allowed anywhere inside my apartment | 170 |
| Smoking IS allowed on my patio / deck/porch/garage | 18 |
| Smoking IS allowed anywhere in my apartment | 2 |
| Smoking IS allowed in some places in my apartment | 1 |

SMOKING BEHAVIOR & EXPOSURE

In the past month, have you used the following tobacco products? Check all that apply.

| | # of respondents |
|------------------------|------------------|
| I don't smoke | 146 |
| Cigarettes | 24 |
| Cigars | 7 |
| E-cigarettes/vapes | 7 |
| Hookahs | 3 |
| Cigarillos | 1 |
| Water or regular pipes | 0 |
| Bidis | 0 |

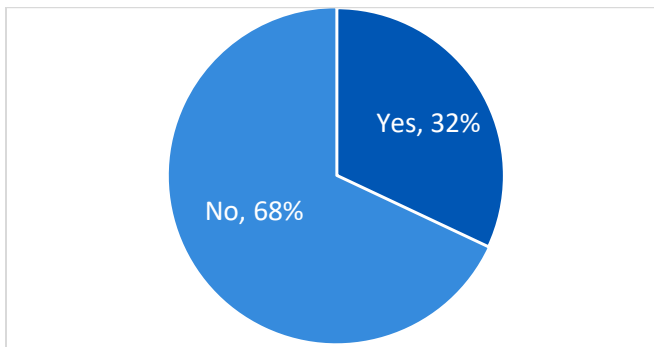
How often do you smell tobacco smoke coming into your apartment from another unit or outside?

N=180

| Everyday | A few times a week | A few times a month | A few times a year | Never |
|------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 13% (n=23) | 10% (n=18) | 7% (n=12) | 11% (n=20) | 59% (n=107) |

Have you reported your tobacco exposure in your apartment to your landlord?

N=87

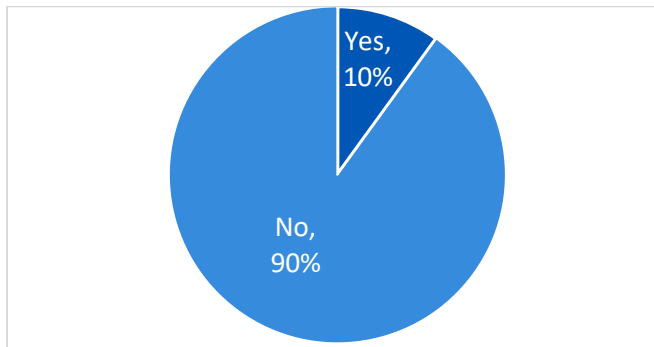


If no, why not?

- Another tenant has reported it
- Because I smoke too
- Because is not expensive
- Didn't know that was what I should do
- Doesn't really bother our apt. Just the hall
- don't know where it's coming from
- Don't want to bring hostility
- Have been busy with work. I am going to do that now while returning this form
- I don't want to cause a fuss
- I don't snitch
- I forget to report it.
- I have not lived here long enough that it drives me crazy/ I don't think much can be done since it's outside
- I think they can smoke on decks
- In the elevator. Probably it was because someone just smoked outside and then entered the elevator.
- It's not an issue, everyone smokes in front of building or on their patios.
- It's not often and doesn't bother me much
- none in my apt
- Not tobacco smoke
- Only happened one time

- people are smoking outside, away from the building
- People next door reported about the resident
- Smell is not strong
- So minor
- Too much trouble
- Unsure of source
- Very faint odor
- very rarely by a guest
- We've smelled it a few times only in the garage (level 1)

Do you believe you, or anyone in your household, has experienced any health problems related to tobacco smoke entering you apartment? N=103

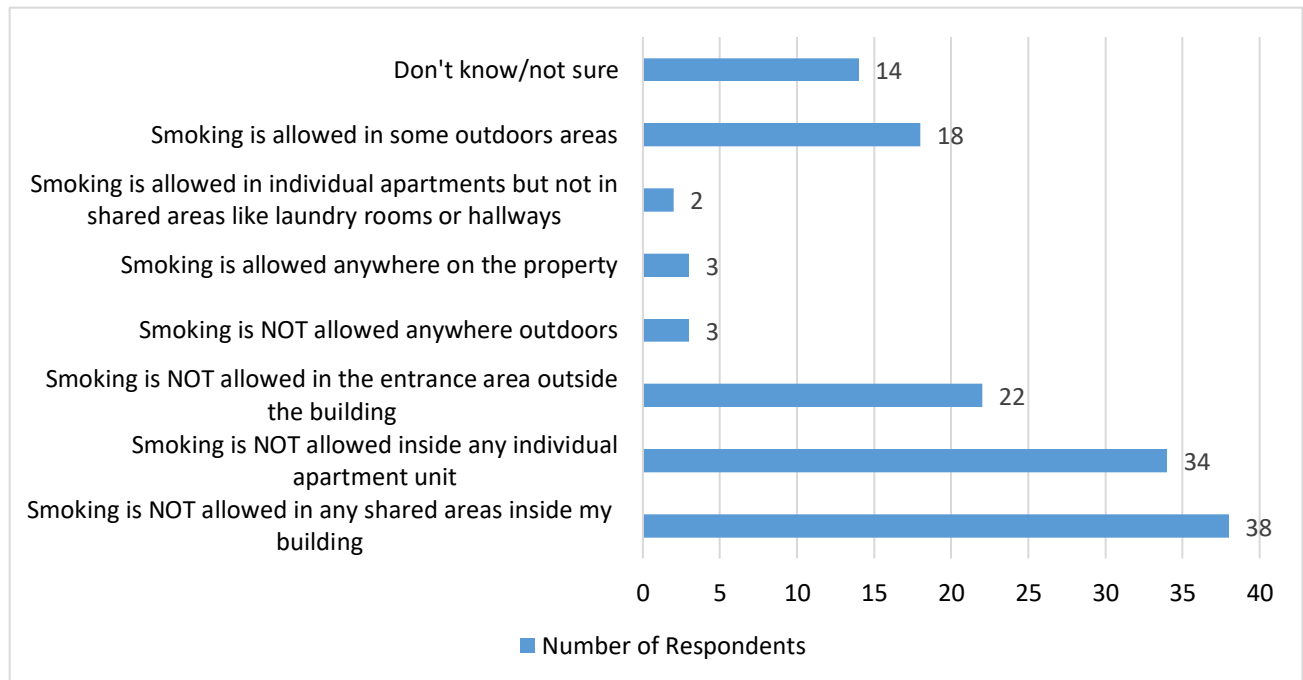


If yes, what were the health problems?

- Asthma (2)
- Allergies
- Cancer
- Headaches/migraines (3)
- Lung cancer
- Long-term effects
- Nausea

SMOKING RULES

Which of the following statements best describes the rules made by your landlord about tobacco smoking in your apartment building? Check all that apply:



How does your manager enforce the smoke-free (no-smoking) policy? Check all that apply:

| | # of respondents |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Don't know | 110 |
| Written warning | 42 |
| Verbal warning | 30 |
| Eviction | 18 |
| My manager doesn't enforce the policy | 12 |
| Fine | 10 |

Other ways manager enforces policy:

- Email (4)
- In-person
- Lease
- Note in hallway

How often does your manager follow up on smoking violations? N=176

| Always | Most of the time | Some of the time | Never | Don't know |
|------------|------------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| 25% (n=44) | 11% (n=20) | 5% (n=8) | 26% (n=45) | 34% (n=59) |

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE & PREFERENCES

Total respondents: 181 unless stated otherwise

Have you or anyone living in your apartment changed smoking behaviors since the building went smoke free? (This includes all burnt tobacco products, such as cigarettes, cigars, hookah and water pipes.)

Check all that apply:

| | # of respondents |
|---|------------------|
| No one living in my apartment smokes | 136 |
| No, no changes in current smoking behavior | 24 |
| Yes, quit smoking | 9 |
| Yes, tried to quit smoking | 7 |
| Yes, cut back on smoking | 5 |
| Yes, quit smoking cigarettes and now smoking e-cigarettes | 2 |

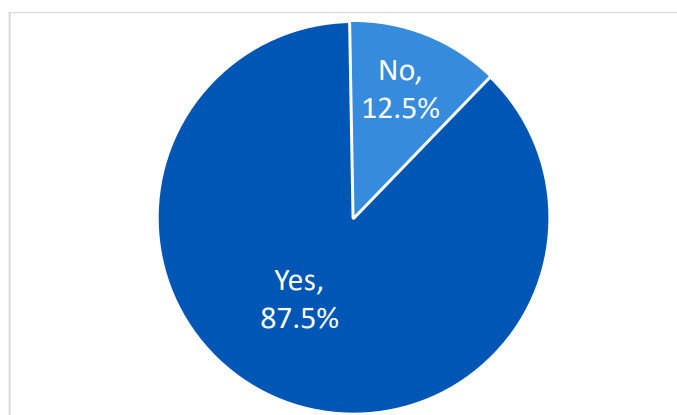
When you are looking for a place to live, what do you look for? Rank the following with 1 being most important and 5 being least important:

| | Rank #1 | Rank #2 | Rank #3 | Rank #4 | Rank #5 | No rank (checked) | Percent citing in top 3 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Housing cost | 61% | 19% | 7% | 2% | 1% | 11% | 87% |
| Proximity to work/school | 15% | 34% | 23% | 13% | 9% | 6% | 72% |
| Smoke-free policy | 18% | 15% | 23% | 14% | 24% | 6% | 56% |
| Transportation | 3% | 20% | 24% | 35% | 13% | 5% | 47% |
| Good school district | 6% | 6% | 13% | 20% | 50% | 4% | 25% |

Other important things to look for:

- Able to live alone
- Amenities
- Close to family
- Cleanliness (2)
- Great management
- Near children
- No dogs
- Safety (3)

Would you support a citywide policy or ordinance requiring apartment buildings to be smoke free? (e.g. not allow smoking anywhere inside the building) N=176



COMMENTS

- Atwood management is a very caring group of people. Wish them all the bet. God Bless
- Cleanliness also an important factor in looking for a place to live.
- Distinctive smoking areas. Outside w/receptacles for butts. I hate smoking around kids and others who don't want to be around it and hate littering.

- For #6b regarding ordinance requiring apartments be smoke free. I believe it would be harmful to many people who still smoke. I would like them to try a program to help them stop. It's harmful to their health and very, very costly. The harm for them would be trying to find a place allowing them to smoke in their apt. Costly for the time and effort put out trying to locate a place, and it would probably be more costly to rent for most managers would realize they would be able to charge more.
- Good initiative for a non-smoking/smoke-free housing
- Great job
- I am 81 -- I smoke. At least give us smokers a ventilated room to smoke in inside cold winters.
- I am a smoker. I realize how strongly people object to smoking. There are 4-5 in this HUD subsidized senior building. We are allowed to smoke in the far corner of the parking lot. However, that is hard to do when pouring rain, snowing heavily, or when the wind is blowing 40 MPH and the wind-chill is -25 degrees. A simple closable shelter would be wonderful.
- I appreciate living in a smoke-free building! I'm not too crazy about smelling smoke when I get in and out of my car from the smoking area, but it hasn't been a huge problem. I do wonder how people in the building can afford to smoke given that this building's rent is based on income (Soc. S)!!!
- I believe the city should enforce smoke free apartments city-wide. The second hand smoking is very dangerous even in a work or public place.
- I cannot tolerate smoking or persons that smoke and smell areas. Such as elevator after they have smoked. I do not like the rotten smell of smoke! That's me!
- I congratulate you for the initiative so that you can have smoke-free spaces and be able to breathe more pure air and not so toxic.
- I don't smoke and would only live in a smoke-free building
- I expect my apartment complex to be smoke-free. If tobacco smoke were allowed, I would move. It's disgusting. I'd be more lenient regarding cannabis, were it to be legalized. The smell is less offensive, and it does not cause lung cancer.
- I fully support smoke free residents and would 100% support smoke free city living.
- I like a lot Martin blu because it's very clean, it's quiet, safe, and always the administration and the staff are pending for every residents' concerns or anything.
- I like no smoking policy and our current manager has done an excellent job on this policy and lots of other areas as well.
- I love the smoke free policy. None of my guests that smoke have a problem going outside and across the street.
- I once smoked, now smoking the smell now and secondhand smoke so terrible and with my health any of us don't need any of us. I love the place I live and our staff is great and they take care of problem with dignity and immediate solutions to the problem.
- I quit smoking 30+ years ago.
- I quit smoking in the apt when the building became smoke-free five years ago I operated acid in my lung. So I have acid nodules in my lungs. Outside I have 3 cig a year approximately.
- I really like my apartment. The staff are great. The 60 resident are nice. Like Eden Prairie, very clean outside. Nice. Very nice stores to shop, with friendly people at stores. Happy I moved to this great area...

- I think it's a good idea to make apartment buildings smoke free. The smell can linger for years if you move into a place where a prior resident smoked. By moving smokers outside, it will reduce the risk of second hand smoke to residents while inside the units.
- I think smokers should be allowed to smoke on the deck only. Or be allowed to smoke only e-cigarettes on the deck. That just seems fair to me.
- I think the smoke-free policy is great!
- I would never live in an apartment complex that allowed smoking!
- I'm allergic to cigarette smoke! It's the best thing for everyone to be in a smoke free environment! Same with the E-vapes! It's a condensed type of nicotine, with a sweet smell.
- I'm not a smoker but I want to smoke socially sometimes, so I don't like that policy, I didn't know about that smoke free policy before move in to this property so I'm not happy at all.
- I'm not against smoking, but designated smoking huts further away from entrances might be beneficial.
- I've heard that making smoking more difficult intensifies the addiction. I think landlords should strongly think of providing some kind of shelter for smokers if they can only smoke outside. According to studies, supporting smokers increases their chance of quitting, I have heard.
- If I did smoke, I would be annoyed that the snow plow completely covers the designated smoking area with snow. But I don't smoke.
- If I smell smoking when looking for a new apt., I will NOT consider that apt. complex.
- It would be nice to include questions on this survey regarding marijuana use in the future as well since the smell of neighbors smoking marijuana is something I have experienced here.
- Left my car unlock one night in shared garage and someone got in our vehicle and smoked in it. Told management about it never did anything or sent out a letter about smoking in certain areas.
- Management needs to better enforce no smoking next to building and on balconies. Management can do more, but chooses not to. Smoke gets into mailroom entrances. People have to walk through smoking to get into building.
- No opinion on whether I would support a citywide policy or ordinance requiring apartment buildings to be smoke free. I smoke outside anyways, so this isn't relevant to my household and I wouldn't want to help support or not support a decision that would affect others. However, I do have small children and would not want them affected by 2nd or 3rd hand smoke.
- No smoking, please!!
- Often smell weed, not tobacco smoke.
- One reason that I moved from my apartment building was because the no-smoking policy was not enforced. We had to evacuate last January when it was -20 degrees because a man had fallen asleep with a cigarette burning. His apartment was destroyed. He died. And yet others continued to smoke in their apartment. No one felt safe after the fire.
- Only smell tobacco smoke in the hallways - 2nd hand smoke. Building has always been "smoke-free"
- Our entire apartment building and individual units are designated as non-smoking, therefore smoking is allowed 30 feet away from entrances. Management here does NOT enforce no matter how many times we tell them. Smokers continue to smoke right next to the entrances or right below my balcony, (especially when the weather is not good), which causes the smell of cigarettes and sometimes the smoke to come in to my apartment. They are allowed to smoke to next to the parked cars and many cigarette butts in the parking lot. The smokers know the policy is not enforced, which makes it difficult

when I ask them to move away. I don't want a community of us vs them, which is why I've suggested a few times to management they mark off a designated smoking section away from the entire building, indicating smoking is not allowed anywhere else on the property, to which they politely nod and smile.

- Overall a wonderful place to live in.
- Smoke free apartment is good for all and future generations
- Smoke-free housing indoors is great, but should not prohibit smoking on private balconies or other outdoor areas.
- Smoking is allowed across the street
- Smoking is bad.
- Smoking/drinking in common areas S/B banned
- Sound disturbances from relational disputes: Noise reduction - Sound dampering preferred requirement from newer premium pricing.
- Sounds like government overreach, but it's a disgusting habit. If you do that then should offer them opportunity to quit (classes, hypnotist). Do not like ecigs, no different from a health standpoint.
- Thank you for care!
- Thank you for taking the time to look into this topic. Thank you for allowing the community to participate.
- The outdoor smoking area needs to be further away from the building and away from our beautiful patio area during warm season. It's very disturbing to have to put up with. I wish it was totally away from the building so it doesn't come through the air we breathe.
- There is no smoking allowed anywhere inside building. There is just one designated area outside in the corner of parking lot. This is a subsidized building. One time the woman came in from smoking smelled like smoke but I saw her in the "breezeway" is she came in.
- Tired of smelling marijuana in the building that comes into my apartment via vents
- We've noticed a lot of the residents living here don't follow the rules of the smoke-free buildings. We've seen multiple people smoking on their patios, near the entrances, in their apartments, and we've had multiple cigarette butts on our patio from neighbors. We've complained to management about the patio issue before.

PROPERTY MANAGER SURVEY

The Property Manager Survey is designed to learn smoke-free readiness & compliance, maintenance costs to units, and perceptions of resident needs in relation to smoke-free housing. Property Managers received a \$50 gift card to distribute, collect, and provide resident with \$10 gift card at completion as well as complete the following survey. The following results are from all seven properties, 4 with a smoke-free policy and 3 without.

KEY FINDINGS

- Three managers' report that they believe 26-75%+ residents are smokers (percentages of how many vary) and 5 out of 7 report that residents submit complaints about secondhand smoke.
- It costs approximately \$1,380 more to clean/turn-over an apartment that has been smoked in.
- The majority have some variation of a smoke-free rule/policy in place.
- 71% of respondents stated that they get complaints from residents about secondhand smoke in the building.
- The majority of respondents (86%) already have some type of smoking restrictions in place for their property.
- When asked what concerns property managers have about implementing a smoke-free policy 3 or more responded with the following:
 - Higher turnover rates
 - Higher vacancy rates
 - Increased staff time for enforcement
 - Resident complaints

The demand and expectation for smoke-free housing is growing throughout Minnesota among all property types. Hennepin County Public Health (HCPC) and Live Smoke Free (LSF) have worked closely with properties across the housing spectrum transitioning to smoke free for over 20 years. They have extensive expertise and resources available to make your transition smooth and as easy for you as possible. Whether you are looking to comply with state clean indoor air laws, considering adoption of a comprehensive smoke-free policy, would like to expand your current policy, are like compliance and enforcement support, or are interested in cessation resources, HCPH and LSF currently have funding available to assist you.

SURVEY RESULTS

Total respondents: 7 unless stated otherwise

PROPERTY PROFILE

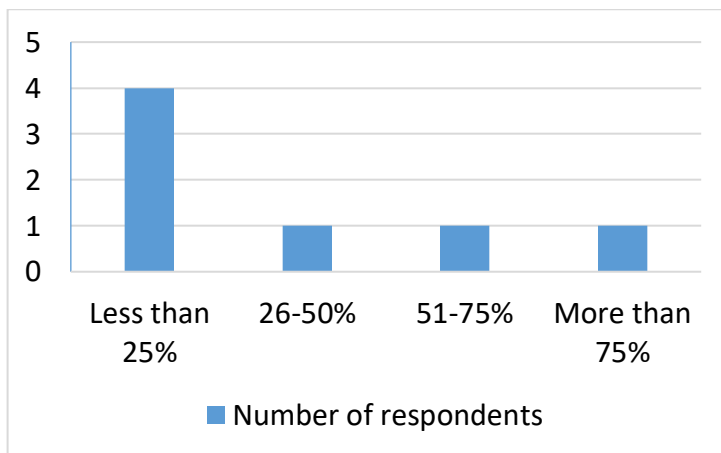
Monthly rental range:

- One bedroom \$40 - \$1580
- Two bedroom \$1125 - \$2230
- Three bedroom \$1569 - \$1979
- Studio \$869 - \$1315

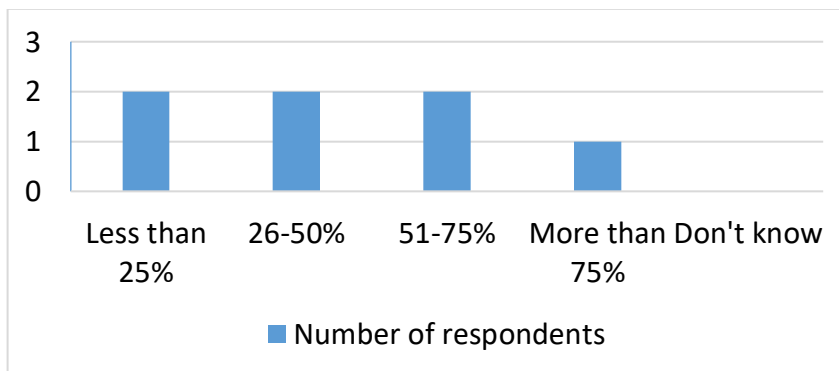
Do you participate in a voucher/low-income housing program?

- 2 report participating in a low-income housing program: Section 8
- 5 report not participating

In your estimation, what percentage of your rental units have tenants who smoke living in them?

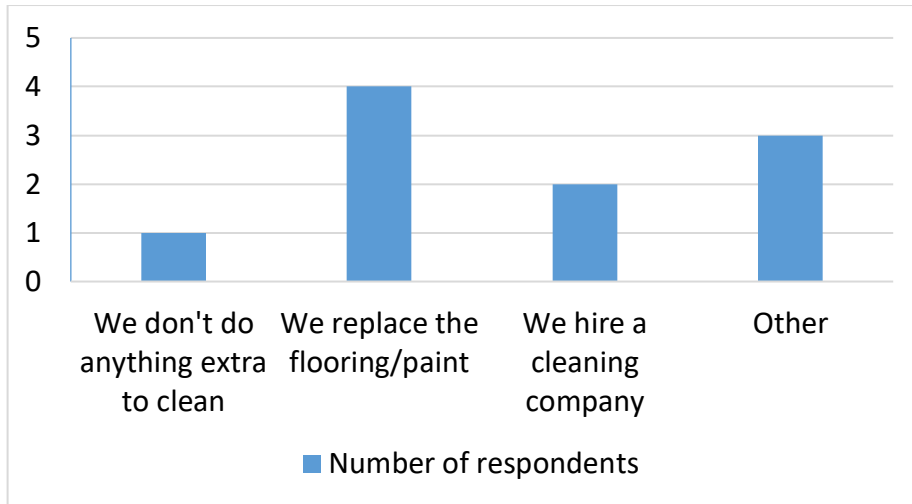


Approximately what percentage of your rental units have families with children living in them?



APARTMENT MAINTENANCE

How much effort do you spend cleaning apartments that have been smoked in? Check all that apply:



“Other” responses:

- Need to clean fixtures, lights, ceiling tile, carpet paint
- We gut the unit depending on condition
- Paint/Carpet clean

How much on average do you spend in cleaning/turn-over costs in apartments that have been **smoked in**?

N = 5

ANSWER: \$2,000

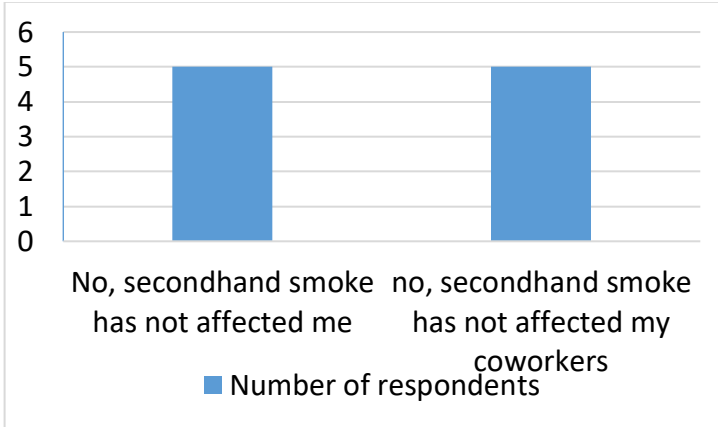
How much on average do you spend in cleaning/turn-over costs in apartments that have been **smoke-free**?

N = 5

ANSWER: \$620

HEALTH OF EMPLOYEES

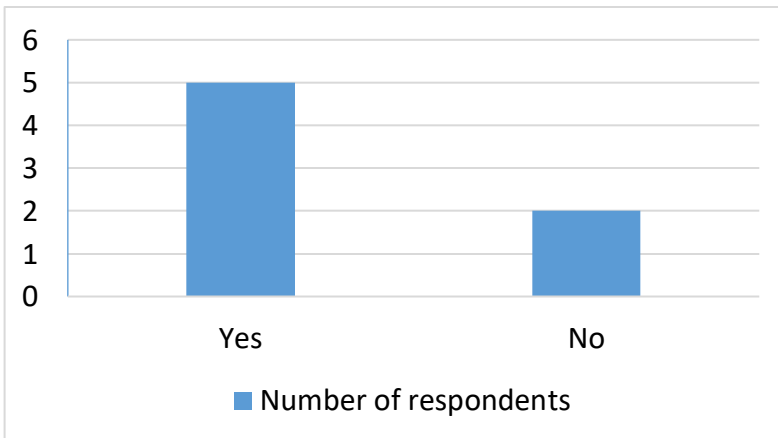
Have your or your co-workers health been negatively impacted by second hand smoke on the property?
Check all that apply:



RESIDENT EXPERIENCE

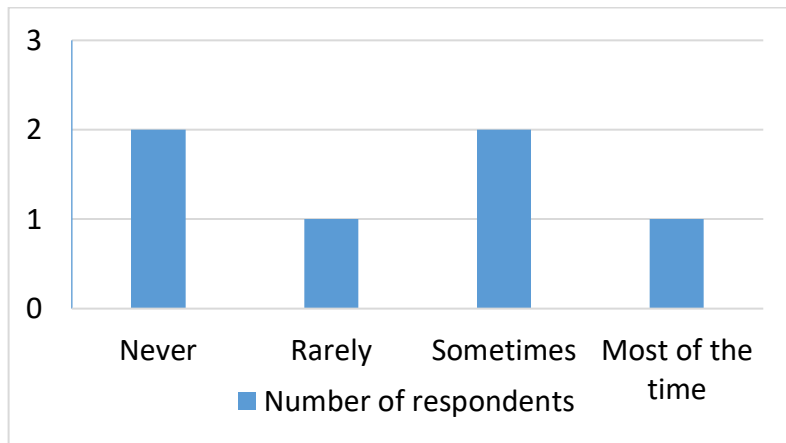
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Do you get complaints from tenants about secondhand smoke?

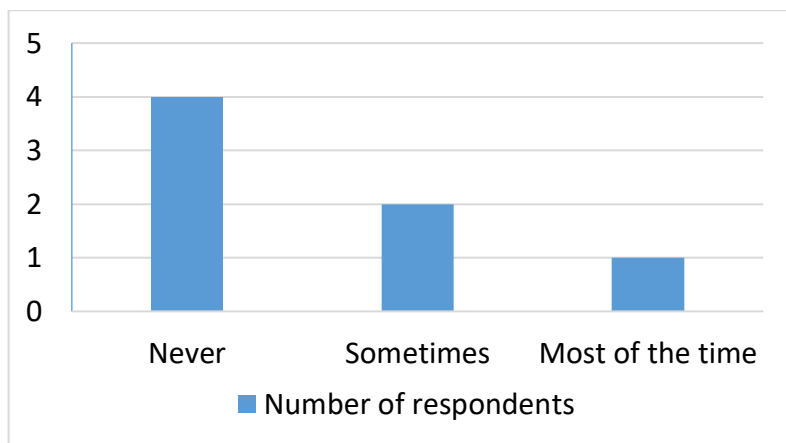


How often do you get a request from a potential tenant for a non-smoking unit?

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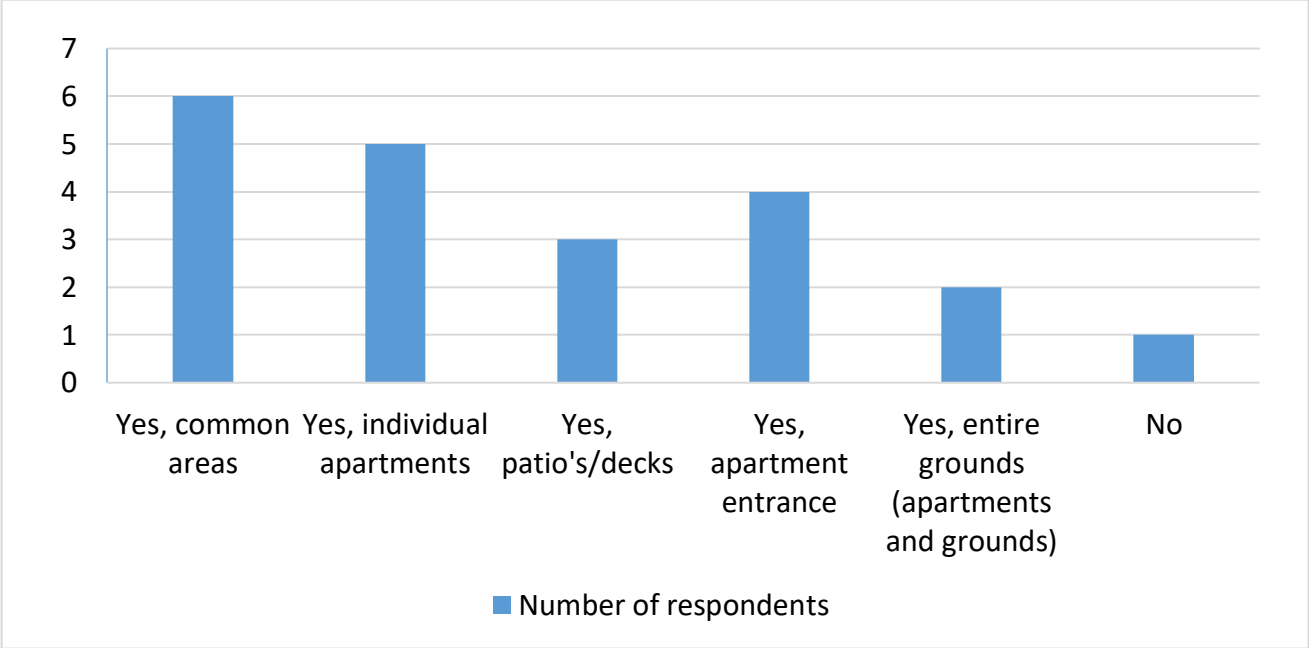
How often do you get a request from a potential tenant for a smoking unit?



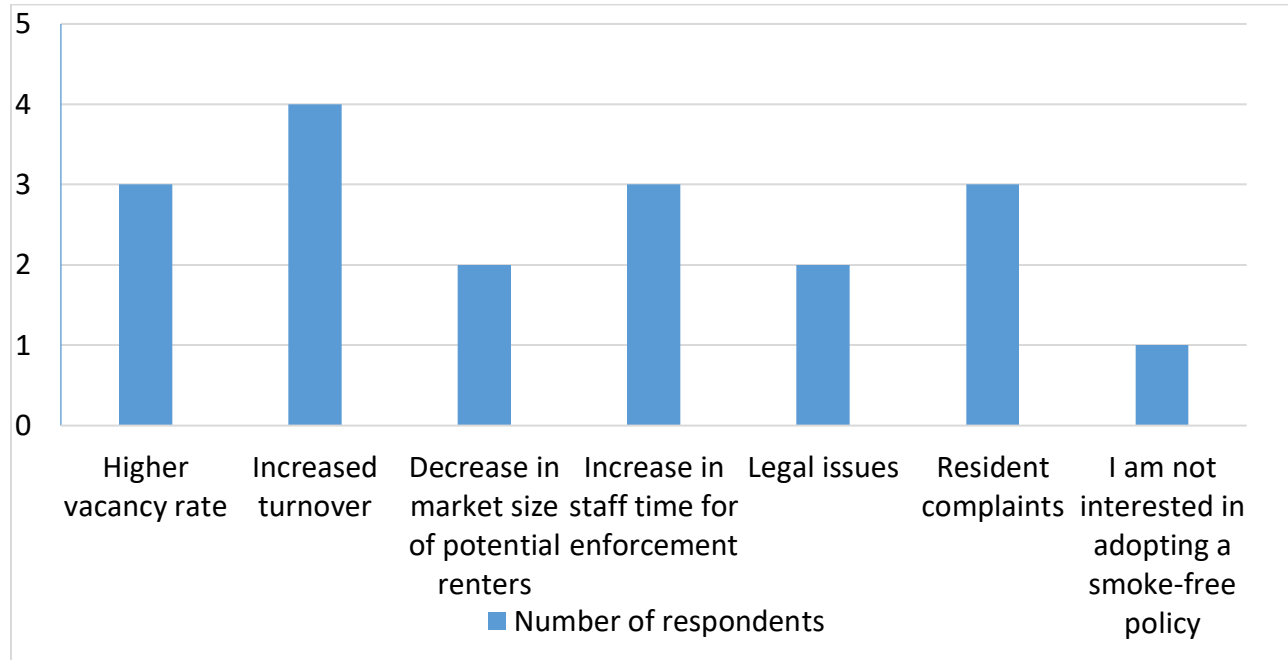
SMOKE FREE READINESS

Total respondents: 7 unless stated otherwise

Do you prohibit the smoking of cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, or other tobacco products in listed buildings/properties? Check all that apply:



If you manage a property without a smoke-free policy, please indicate what concerns you have about restricting smoking in any of your units and/or building(s)? Check all that apply:



Who makes policy decisions for your building/property?

- Management/owners (3)
- Steven Scott Management
- Regional and Vice President
- Mainstreet Companies Inc
- Property Manager

How interested are you in adopting a smoke-free policy in your building?

N=6

- 1 responded Somewhat interested
- 2 responded I don't make policy decisions, please contact
 - Mainstreet companies
 - Property manager
- 3 responded I already manage a property (or properties) with a smoke-free policy, and would consider implementing a policy at other property (or properties) that I manage.

What additional support/resources do you need to consider adopting a smoke-free policy in your building?

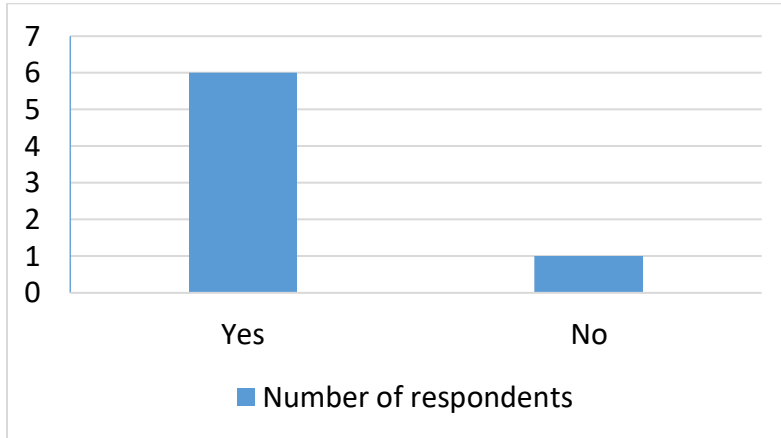
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- 1 responded Conduct tenant survey to measure tenant readiness
- 1 responded Conduct lunch and learn for building/property staff

FIRE SAFETY

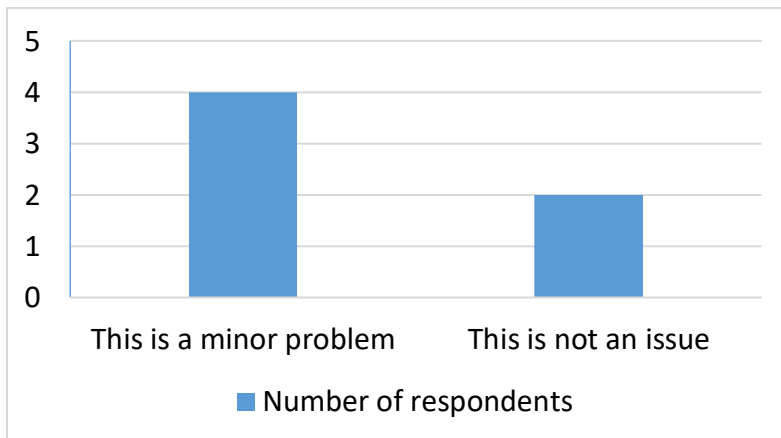
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Do you offer receptacles for residents to dispose of their lit tobacco product(s) outside or in common smoking areas?



Is physical damage by cigarette smoke an issue for your property?

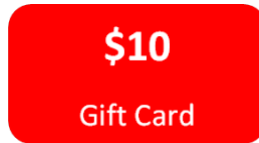
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COMMENTS

- We have been smoke free for years. However, occasionally we have people attempt to smoke in unit. Damage to ceiling tiles in bath and film on walls can be a sign. Any complaints are investigated. Sometimes it is difficult to catch since we can't barge into a unit. We have a designated area away from the building and doors outside. We do get complaints since the smokers bring the smell into the building with them after they have smoked. We are smoke free and all units are smoke free.

Appendix I – Survey Cover Letter



Get paid for your opinion!

Dear Resident,

The City of Eden Prairie is conducting a resident survey that asks questions of adults who live in apartment buildings in the city. The City is interested in learning about smoking in apartments, and what you think about secondhand smoke and smoke-free policies.

As a thank you for your time, you will receive a \$10 Target store gift card for completing the survey.

The survey should be completed by the head of household, and only one survey should be completed for each household.

- Answering the questions on the survey will take about 5-10 minutes.
- Your answers are important, and all questions must be answered to receive the gift card.
- Completion of the survey will not affect your ability to live in your apartment.
- Your answers will be kept private, and will be combined with the answers from many other people taking the survey.
- No one will know which answers are yours.
- A summary of results will be shared with your property manager, but your manager will not see specifically how you answered the questions.

Please follow the instructions on the half sheet with yellow highlight that is provided in this packet to return the survey and get your \$10 gift card.

For information about this survey or if you have any questions, please contact Rose Hauge.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for your participation!

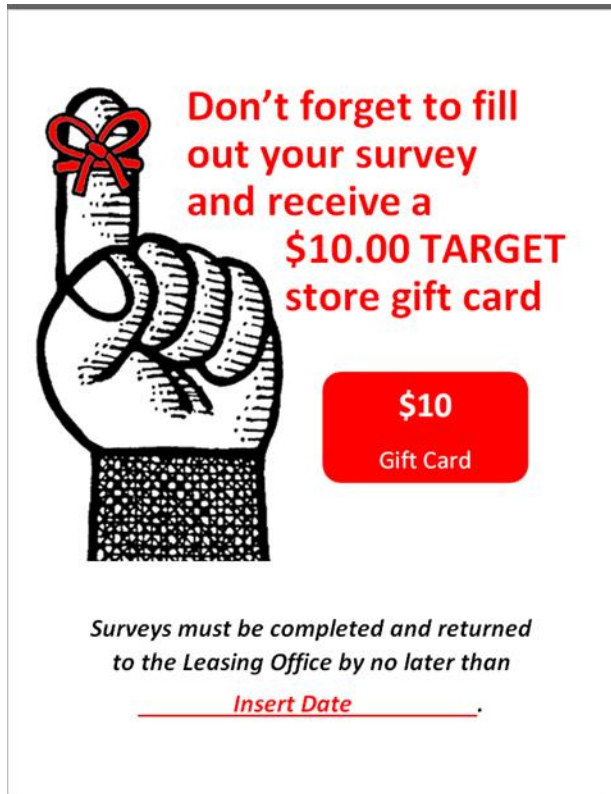
Appendix II - Promotion Flyers



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Watch for your survey
the week of
(insert information).



**Don't forget to fill
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and receive a
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*Surveys must be completed and returned
to the Leasing Office by no later than
Insert Date.*

Appendix III- Gift card instructions

Smoke-Free Housing Resident Survey Instructions

Thank you very much for completing this important survey. We value your input about secondhand smoke and smoke-free policies. We are offering one \$10 Target gift card per household as a thank you for your time and contribution.

To receive the gift card, please follow these steps:

1. Place the completed survey in the envelope provided. All questions must be answered to receive the gift card.
2. Bring your completed survey to (insert location and dates). The last day to turn in surveys is (insert date). When you return your survey to the office, you will receive your gift card.

Thank you for your participation!

Appendix IV – Resident Survey

Eden Prairie Renter Survey - Smoking NOT Permitted in Building

1. The apartment that you live in:

a. In total, how long have you lived in your current apartment building?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- More than 10 years

2. Smoking rules inside your apartment:

a. If applicable, what type of receptacle do you use to put out your lit tobacco product(s)? Check all that apply:

- Ash tray
- Tin can
- Sink then garbage
- Garbage
- Sidewalk / patio floor
- Receptacle provided by management company outside the building

b. Do you allow people, including yourself, to smoke tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, cigarillos, water or regular pipes, hookahs and bidis) in / around your apartment? Check all that apply:

- Smoking is NOT allowed anywhere inside my apartment
- Smoking IS allowed anywhere in my apartment
- Smoking IS allowed in some places in my apartment
- Smoking IS allowed on my patio / deck/porch/garage

3. Smoking behavior and exposure to tobacco smoke:

a. In the past month have you used the following tobacco products? Check all that apply

- Cigarettes
- Cigars
- E-cigarettes/vapes
- Cigarillos
- Water or regular pipes
- Hookahs
- Bidis
- I don't smoke

b. How often do you smell tobacco smoke coming into your apartment from another unit or outside? Check all that apply.

- Everyday
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- A few times a year
- Never

If “never” skip to question #4

c. Have you reported your tobacco exposure in your apartment to your landlord?

- Yes
- No – if no, why not: _____

d. Do you believe you, or anyone in your household, has experienced any health problems related to tobacco smoke entering your apartment?

- Yes - If yes, what were the health problems? _____
- No

4. Smoking rules made by your property manager/management company:

a. Which of the following statements best describes the rules made by your landlord about tobacco smoking in your apartment building? Check all that apply:

- Smoking is NOT allowed in any shared areas inside my building (e.g. laundry rooms, hallways, stairwells, etc.)
- Smoking is NOT allowed inside any individual apartment unit
- Smoking is NOT allowed in the entrance area outside the building
- Smoking is NOT allowed anywhere outdoors
- Smoking is allowed anywhere on the property
- Smoking is allowed in individual apartments but not in shared areas like laundry rooms or hallways
- Smoking is allowed in some outdoors areas
- Don't know/not sure

b. How does your manager enforce the smoke-free (no-smoking) policy? Check all that apply:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Fine
- Eviction
- Don't know
- My manager doesn't enforce the policy

Other: _____

c. How satisfied are you with follow up to smoking related complaints by management:

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Not satisfied
- No opinion
- Not applicable

5. Your experience with the smoke-free policy:

a. Have you or anyone living in your apartment changed smoking behaviors since the building went smoke free? (This includes all burnt tobacco products, such as cigarettes, cigars, hookah and water pipes.) Check all that apply:

- Yes, quit smoking
- Yes, tried to quit smoking
- Yes, cut back on smoking
- Yes, quit smoking cigarettes and now smoking e-cigarettes
- No, no changes in current smoking behavior
- No one living in my apartment smokes

6. Your thoughts about smoke-free apartments:

a. When you are looking for a place to live, what do you look for? Rank the following with 1 being most important and 5 being least important:

___ Housingcost

___ Proximitytowork/school

___ Transportation

___ Good school district

___ Smoke-free policy

Other _____

b. Would you support a **citywide** policy or ordinance requiring apartment buildings to be smoke free? (e.g. not allow smoking anywhere inside the building)

- Yes
- No

7. About you:

a. What is your age?

- 18-25 years
- 26-55 years
- 56-65 years
- Over 65 years

b. Which of the following do you consider yourself? (Check all that apply.)

- Asian or Asian American
- Black or African American
- White
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Hispanic or Latino/a/x
- Other: _____

c. What was your 2018 household income? This was your total income before taxes, or gross income, of all persons in your household combined for last year.

- \$23,000 or less
- \$23,001-\$39,000
- \$39,001-\$55,000
- \$55,000 -\$79,000
- \$79,001-\$100,000
- More than \$100,000

d. Including yourself, how many adults and children live in your household?

- ___ Number of children age 0-17
- ___ Number of adults age 18-65
- ___ Number of adults age 65 and older

8. Please share any other thoughts you may have:

Contact Information

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