SAMPLE TENANT SURVEY

Purpose: To assess tenant receptiveness to smoke-free policies in your complex and to find out where smoking is currently occurring, and if there are any areas that are already smoke-free. Survey developed by the Smoke free Apartment House Registry, www.smokefreeapartments.org

Sample Introduction:

Dear Valued Tenant:

We at _____ Apartments are interested in the comfort and safety of our tenants, and strive to provide a pleasant and enjoyable living experience. In 2006, the U.S. Surgeon General released a report on secondhand smoke which stated that there is no risk-free level of exposure. According to the Surgeon General, secondhand smoke exposure can be particularly dangerous to sensitive populations such as children and people with heart or breathing problems.

We have decided to review our smoking policy to determine if it should be revised in light of those findings. We value your tenancy and would appreciate your input so that we can design a policy that is equitable to our residents, and provides guidance as to where smoking will or will not be permitted. We believe a revised policy will reduce complaints from tenants and between neighbors about drifting secondhand smoke. All answers will be kept confidential.

Sample Questions: Please fill in the blanks and/or circle yes or no.

1. I have been a resident of _____apartments for _____ years
2. Number of children living in apartment_____
3. Number of people who smoke that live in the apartment _____
4. Guests are allowed to smoke in the apartment? Yes / No
5. I/we have experienced secondhand smoke drifting into my/our unit. Yes / No

   If yes: Please describe where smoke is coming from, for example: hallway, adjacent patio, adjoining apartment, etc

6. I would prefer to live in a smoking permitted/not permitted unit. Please circle one

   Permitted Smoking NOT permitted

7. I would enjoy the pool area more if smoking were not permitted there. Yes / No

8. I would prefer these additional areas to be smoke-free. _____

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Name (please print) Unit Number