

## **THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA**

### **LITTER ERADICATION POLICY**

#### **General Policy**

All resident's, members of resident's household, and guests must comply with the Sarasota Housing Authority's (HACS ) policy on the proper disposal of garbage. Residents must dispose of garbage in a sealed bag which must be placed **inside** a trash dumpster or garbage shoot on their site. Trash bags or trash cans are never to be seen in or around the unit and must never be left along side a dumpster or garbage shoot. All trash bags must be taken directly to and placed inside the dumpster/garbage shoot. Bertha Mitchell residents must place all garbage in sealed trash bags and inside trash containers, which are only to be placed in front of their unit on trash collection days.

McCown Tower is a high rise, and its residents must dispose of all garbage in bags which must be placed in the respective garbage shoots located on each floor. McCown residents must not leave any garbage in the garbage shoot rooms nor in front of their units.

Bulk items may only be deposited at dumpsters on the day(s) specified by your property manager. Bulk items left in front of units or deposited on HACS property other than on the designated day will be deemed a violation of this policy and be subject to the penalties specified in this policy. Property Managers must notify all residents of the designated day(s) on which tenants may deposit bulk items.

#### **Penalties**

- Each violation of having garbage in any form on the unit grounds, for failure to place a trash bag into the dumpster/garbage shoot or for placing loose household garbage into the dumpster/garbage shoot without a bag shall result in a \$25 fine.
- A tenant who has received three litter fines in a three month period shall attend a meeting with their property manager and resident council to determine appropriate recourse.

#### **Policy Implementation**

- The Janie Poe, Bertha Mitchell, Orange Avenue/Courts, and McCown Tower complexes will each have a resident who will be selected by their respective resident councils to patrol the grounds of their properties. The Resident Patrol will receive a \$200 a month stipend for agreeing to patrol their property 6 days a week (Monday through Saturday) beginning no later than 8am each day. The Resident Patrol will make daily reports on tenants who have litter on their unit grounds and will submit their daily report to their property manager. Copies of the reports shall also be provided to the Resident Council. The Resident Patrol shall be paid their stipend on the last business day of each month. In the event that HACS, in cooperation with

the resident council, is unable to hire a resident patrol for a particular property, HACS will identify residents who violate this policy and assess the \$25 fine.

- Property Managers will assess \$25 fines for each tenant named in the Tenant Patrol report. \$10 of each \$25 fine assessed and collected will be contributed to the Resident Council.
- All tenants are responsible for keeping their unit grounds free of litter regardless of how it was deposited on the unit grounds. This policy is intended to prompt all tenants to be much more vigilant about litter on their properties and to correct the behavior of some of a few of our tenants who are negligent about the disposal of their own garbage.

This policy was developed in conjunction with the Resident Councils. It is our mutual hope and expectation that this policy will eradicate litter from our sites and increase the sense of respect and pride for our property. Thank you for your attention to this policy.

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Signature of Head of Household

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Date

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Property Manager

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Date