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Marijuana Notice to Tenants

After the passage of SQ788 which legalized medical marijuana in the State of Oklahoma, it is the policy of the U.S. Department of Urban Development (HUD) that the manufacture, distribution, use or possession of marijuana is still illegal under federal law even if it is legal under any state law whatsoever.

Owners of federally funded housing like the Housing Authority of McAlester are required by federal regulations to deny housing to anyone who MHA determines is illegally using a controlled substance, including marijuana, at the time of application.

MHA cannot create leases or policies that allow a family or individual to live in public housing who use illegal drugs, that includes marijuana. HUD requires that MHA create and enforce policies that mandate an eviction of any household with a member that is illegally using marijuana or whose use of marijuana interferes with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents.

HUD also requires MHA to create and enforce its No Smoking Policy. This notice supplements the No Smoking Policy. The No Smoking Policy became effective in January 2018.

MHA may evict you for manufacture, distribution, use or possession of marijuana even though it is legal in the State of Oklahoma.

This is a federal mandate.

This means MHA does not have the option to allow you or a member of your household to be on MHA property with marijuana.

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