

Pike County Housing Authority

Lease Attachment B – Firearms & Weapons Policyⁱ

PCHA recognizes the importance of protecting its residents' health, welfare, and safety, while simultaneously protecting the rights of its residents to keep and bear arms, as required by local, state, and federal law. PCHA therefore adopts the following Firearms and Weapons Policy. Residents, members of the resident's household, and their guests:

1. Shall comply with all local, state, and federal legal requirements applicable to the ownership, possession, transportation, and use of firearms or other weapons. The term "firearm" includes any weapon, from which a shot, projectile, or other object may be discharged by force or combustion, explosive, gas, and/or mechanical means, whether operable or inoperable, loaded or unloaded, and any weapon or destructive device as defined by law.
2. Shall not permit any guest onto PCHA property, including the Resident's residential premises, knowing that said guest illegally possesses a firearm on his/her person.
3. Shall not display a weapon in connection with a verbal or non-verbal threat of bodily harm, without legal justification that the weapon is necessary for self-defense;
4. Shall not discharge or use any firearm or other weapon within the residential premises except when such discharge or use is made or done in self-defense. Shooting, firing, exploding, throwing, or discharging a weapon, or damaging any property, through reckless, careless, or negligent use of a weapon will not be permitted.
5. Shall not inflict any injury upon another person through the intentional use of a weapon without legal justification that the weapon is necessary for self-defense. Injury upon another person through reckless, careless, or negligent use of a weapon will not be permitted.
6. Shall not display or carry a firearm or other weapon in any maintenance space, office space, or common area of PCHA property pursuant to 430 ILCS 66/65. However, in the case of PCHA units at 530 E. Adams # 1-12 the construction of this building makes it impossible to avoid common areas entering and exiting the residential premises. Therefore, PCHA makes the following exception; it will be understood that the common area must be used for transportation of firearms or other weapons to/from the residential unit, but the common area should be free of firearms or other weapons except for transportation of firearms or other weapons to/from the residential unit. At all times the firearm or other weapon must be encased or concealed.
7. Shall exercise reasonable care in the storage of loaded or unloaded firearms and ammunition, or other weapons in their residential premises.

PCHA also retains the right to notify any local, state, or federal agency regulating weapon and/or firearm ownership of any information or concerns which PCHA may have that is relevant to an individual's weapon ownership/possession. It is only in this circumstance that any information on firearm ownership shall be relayed beyond the files of the PCHA.

Violation of this Policy by any resident, member of the resident's household, and their guests may be grounds for lease termination and eviction.

ⁱ 9.18.14 Version