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PEST CONTROL POLICY

The Teague Housing Authority and its residents must exert best efforts to ensure a clean and healthy living environment throughout all THA housing developments. These efforts must include effective pest control (of roaches, other insects, mice and other vermin). The following policies and practices are intended to mutually achieve effective pest control throughout THA housing developments.

GENERAL CLEANLINESS

The THA - will exert best efforts to ensure that grounds, common areas and community facilities are clean and free of any garbage or debris which would attract or provide a food source for insects or vermin. Areas in and around garbage dumpsters and litter containers and community facilities in which food is served will be given special attention.

Residents - must exert best efforts to keep individual apartments clean and free of any garbage or debris which would attract or provide a food source for insects or vermin. Residents are also urged to report any knowledge of site conditions which would attract pests or of actual infestation by roaches, other insects, mice or other vermin. Residents are also encouraged to urge their neighbors to assist in keeping site grounds, common areas and public facilities as clean as possible, for example, place litter and non-household garbage in proper containers.

MONTHLY EXTERMINATION

The THA - will conduct monthly extermination of all apartments, common areas, and building exteriors. The extermination will be done by an authorized Pest Control Company who has been licensed by the State to perform the extermination work. The extermination will be performed on the third Thursday of each month.

Residents – do not have to be present at the time of extermination.

SPECIAL EXTERMINATIONS

The THA - will periodically conduct intensive exterminations to better control persistent infestation problems and vulnerable areas, and to respond to special emergent circumstances. These special treatments will be conducted by a licensed contractor.

Residents - are urged to inform site management staff of particular problem areas and of changed conditions which may require special pest control treatment.

CONDITION EVALUATION

The THA - will include pest control observations during all apartment inspections and during the completion of work orders.

Residents - are urged to inform THA staff of any infestation problems.

ENFORCEMENT

The THA - has included extermination requirements as part of the Residential Lease provisions in order to ensure a healthy living environment; violations of extermination requirements will result in a Lease Violation and, if they persist, may result in the termination of tenancy.

TECHNICAL ELEMENTS AND ASSISTANCE

The THA - The THA will ensure that extermination chemicals are all approved by State standards and, if safety warnings are required, that residents are fully aware of these cautions.