SMOKE-FREE HOUSING BC

SAMPLE PETITION

Request action to address Second-hand smoke infiltration

As residents of [*Name of apartment complex and address]* we are concerned about the health impacts of our exposure to second-hand smoke migrating from neighbouring units into our homes. There is no known safe level of exposure to this dangerous human carcinogen. Many of the undersigned have suffered from second-hand smoke infiltrating their homes on a frequent and on-going basis. Others are supportive of this petition because of the known health hazards of breathing a toxic substance at home.

We are requesting that you adopt a no-smoking policy for the building, and that all future tenancy agreements include a no-smoking clause that bans smoking in individual units, on outside balconies and patios and the entire residential property [*or limit smoking to an outdoor designated smoking area, away from individual units and balconies, entrances, operable windows and air intakes].*

We further request that until the building has been converted to 100% smoke-free status, that the property manager address all complaints of second-hand smoke infiltration. If management fails to take reasonable steps to address these complaints, we will apply to the Residential Tenancy Branch for an order requiring the landlord to provide reasonable enjoyment and/or compensate tenants for their loss of reasonable enjoyment.

Please let us know in writing how you plan to address this issue. We would appreciate a response for a resolution to this escalating problem within 10 working days.

Respectfully,

Name	Signature	Unit #