

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements under Definition of "Substantial Deviation" and "Significant Amendment or Modification" Final Rule 903.7(r)(2), the East Chicago Housing Authority (ECHA) has amended its 2018 Annual and 5 Year Plans. This amendment represents a "Significant Amendment or Modification" to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP). **The amendment to the ACOP incorporates HUD's adoption on November 29, 2016, of Rule RIN 2577-AC97, effective February 3, 2017, which requires every Public Housing Agency (PHA) administering public housing, to implement a smoke-free policy. (24 CFR Parts 965 and 966) The non-smoking policy will now be agency-wide and include all of the Scattered Sites. The non-smoking policy has been and continues to be at the following sites: John B. Nicosia Sr. Building, James Hunter Sr. Building, and the Administrative Office. The final rule; RIN 2577-AC97, the Non-Smoking Policy for ECHA, the Smoke-free Lease Addendum and House Rules amendments are available to the public for a review and comment period, beginning May 1, 2018 through July 9, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, at the East Chicago Housing Authority's Administrative office located at 4444 Railroad Ave., East Chicago, IN, 46312. All interested parties are invited to review the documents. Any comments concerning the amendments to The Plan must be in writing and submitted to the above address by 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 9, 2018.**

A Public Hearing regarding the planned changes/amendments is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., on Monday, July 9, 2018 at the **East Chicago Housing Authority's Administrative office located at 4444 Railroad Ave., East Chicago, IN.** If you have any questions, contact Rita De La Rosa at 397-9974, ext. 35.