

GANG AND GANG RELATED ACTIVITIES

The housing authority has a responsibility to maintain an environment free of violence, intimidation, or other behaviors which threaten the safety and well-being of housing authority residents and their guests. Anti-social and/or criminal activities of gangs or gang-like groups threaten the environment and interfere with housing authority communities.

Anti-social and/or gang activities will not be tolerated and the housing authority hereby bars all gangs, gang affiliations, and gang related activities on housing authority property at all times.

A “gang” is defined as any identifiable group or club which exists without the sponsorship of the housing authority or the sponsorship of any recognized adult community or civic organization and which engage in anti-social or criminal behavior or activity which is disruptive of the environment.

Activities of gangs, associations or organizations that include recruitment, initiations, hazing, intimidation, retaliation, and/or related activities which could potentially cause bodily harm, or personal degradation or disgrace and result in physical or mental harm to residents are prohibited as are all forms of criminal activity.

Gangs are not permitted to meet or congregate on housing authority premises or at housing authority related activities at any time. Such meeting or congregation will be considered trespassing. Trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

A record of all known gangs and members of such gangs will be compiled and held by the housing authority Liaison Officer. Parents will be notified in writing if their child is suspected of gang involvement and/or activities.

Disciplinary Actions for Specific Gang-Related Activities

Graffiti: Any resident discovered to have been responsible for gang graffiti on housing authority buildings or property will face immediate eviction. Any resident discovered to be with another resident at the time the graffiti is applied may also be evicted. Additionally, parent(s) or guardian(s) will be held liable for the damage and are responsible for applying any costs of having the damage professionally removed and/or repaired.

Attacks: Any resident who is involved in or participates in any gang-related attack upon the person of a resident and/or guest or housing authority employee will be immediately evicted. Any threat of attack will be considered an attempt to intimidate and will result in eviction.

Meetings: Residents found to be congregating or meeting with gangs on housing authority grounds will be evicted.

Recruiting: Any resident found to be recruiting for a gang membership or threatening a resident or guest for either not joining a gang or wishing to withdraw from a gang will be evicted.

Weapons: Weapons are not allowed on housing authority property outside of the public housing residents unless properly permitted.

“Wannabees”: “Wannabees” are to be dealt with, as appropriate, under terms of this policy/rule. For purposes of clarification, “wannabees” are groups of youth not affiliated with recognized gangs but who engage in gang-like activities and/or mimic gang behavior.

~~Any gang related activity will fall under one-strike “criminal” activity.~~