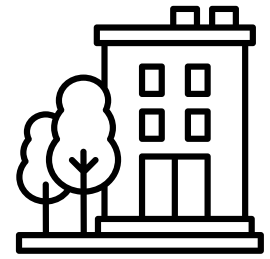


MINNEAPOLIS

SMOKE-FREE HOUSING DATA GATHERING



There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, yet in the United States, 1 in 3 renters is exposed to secondhand smoke in their home (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). As well, historical data demonstrate significant disparities in smoke-free housing protections for low-income renters in Minneapolis (Minneapolis Health Department 2016 Smoke-Free Rental Housing Survey). To address this issue, the Minneapolis Health Department is exploring potential city-wide policies that would reduce the disparities in the availability of smoke-free housing for people living on a limited income. Between 2022 and 2024, the Health Department partnered with the Live Smoke Free program in an iterative data gathering process to identify community support and concerns about these policies. Data gathering focused on two potential policies.

1. **Disclosure:** a citywide policy or ordinance requiring owners of multi-unit buildings to tell potential residents what the smoking policy is for the building prior to signing a lease or purchasing a unit.
2. **Requirement:** a citywide policy or ordinance requiring all multi-unit buildings to be smoke free.

2022: KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS



Tenant Legal
Advocate



Real Estate
Expert



Minneapolis City
Leadership Staff



Public Housing
Leader



Minneapolis City
Councilmember



Tenant's Rights
Organizer



Rental Licensing
Expert



Affordable Housing
Provider/Advocate

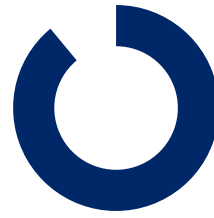
Respondents were **generally supportive of citywide policies to support smoke-free housing**, noting the public health benefit; however, **some expressed concerns** that policies may have a disparate impact on housing stability for people who smoke.

2023: COMMUNITY SURVEYS



175

surveys were collected during outreach at six community events between June and October 2023.



89%

of Minneapolis residents surveyed reported that they do not believe smoking should be allowed in multi-unit housing.

2023-2024: LISTENING SESSIONS



Black/African American community



East African community



Native American community



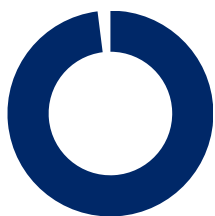
Asian and Asian American community



Latinx community

Out of 64 total participants

- most reported they were regularly exposed to secondhand smoke in their home, and felt they had no course of action to change that.
- there was overwhelming support for a citywide disclosure policy and strong support for a citywide smoke-free multi-unit housing policy.



98%

support a citywide **disclosure** policy



87%

support a citywide **requirement** for smoke-free multi-unit housing policy

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Based on the data gathered across diverse stakeholders and community groups, there is strong support for both citywide disclosure and smoke-free requirement policies for multi-unit housing. These policies should be implemented equitably and prioritize housing stability.

Scan this QR code to learn more at Live Smoke Free:



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