



SAMPLE PETITION

Request Action to Address Second-Hand Smoke

As residents of [Name of apartment complex and address], we are concerned about the health impacts of breathing second-hand smoke from neighbouring units into our homes. Many of the undersigned have suffered from second-hand smoke entering their homes on a frequent and ongoing basis. Others are supportive of this petition because of the known health impacts of breathing such a toxic substance at home.

We are requesting that the building be converted to smoke-free, and that all tenancy agreements include a non-smoking clause that bans smoking in individual units, outside balconies, decks and patios, and the entire residential property [or limits smoking to a designated smoking area outside far enough away that smoke does not drift into individual units and balconies].

We further request that, until the building has been converted to 100% smoke-free status, the property manager address complaints of second-hand smoke where there is evidence that the smoke seeping into units is frequent and ongoing. If management fails to take reasonable steps to address these complaints, we will apply to the Residential Tenancies Program for an order requiring the landlord to provide occupancy without interference and/or compensate the tenants for their loss of occupancy without interference.

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

Respectfully,

...(example petition table below)

