It is the policy of the Norton Housing Authority that the use of candles or any open flame device is not allowed in residents’ apartments, building hallways or any common areas of all Norton Housing Authority developments.

This ban includes, but is not limited to: decorative oil lamps, incense, candelabras, dinner table candles (tapers), tea lights and scented candles. As of this date, the use of candles or any open flame device is prohibited by all residents of the Norton Housing Authority for the following reasons:

* Candles and incense can unintentionally be left unattended and can cause fires, serious injury and damage.
* Decorative and/or scented candles have caused numerous fires.
* Candles and open flames pose an unacceptable risk to all residents and neighbors.
* Scented candles most often produce soot, which causes property damage by blackening walls, ceilings & carpets.

This policy was approved by the Board of Commissioners for the Norton Housing Authority on June 17, 2014 and re-approved on **October 13, 2015**.

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James Dinsel, Chairman