

# CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON—TAX CREDIT RENTAL APPLICATION

TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH ADULT APPLICANT

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# Right to Request a Modification or Accommodation Notice Required Under Portland City Code Title 30.01.086.C.3.B

Within the City of Portland, a landlord is required to include this notice with application forms for the rental of a dwelling unit.

State and federal laws, including **the Fair Housing Act**, make it illegal for housing providers to refuse to make **reasonable accommodations** and **reasonable modifications** for individuals with disabilities. All persons with a disability have a right to request and be provided a reasonable accommodation or modification at any time, from application through to termination/eviction.

# Some examples of reasonable accommodations include:

- Assigning an accessible parking space
- Transferring a tenant to a ground-floor unit
- Changing the rent payment schedule to accommodate when an individual receives public benefits
- Allowing an applicant to submit a housing application via a different means
- Allowing an assistance animal in a "no pets" building. More information about assistance animals is available here:

https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/fair\_housing\_equal\_opp/assistance\_animals

## Some examples of reasonable modification include:

- Adding a grab bar to a tenant's bathroom
- Installing visual smoke alarm systems
- Installing a ramp to the front door

## Under fair housing laws, a person with a disability is someone:

- With a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of the individual;
- With a record of having a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of the individual; or
- Who is regarded as having a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

Major life activities include, but are not limited to seeing, walking, reaching, lifting, hearing, speaking, interacting with others, concentrating, learning, and caring for oneself.



## **Reasonable Accommodations**

A reasonable accommodation is a change or exception to a rule, policy, practice, or service that may be necessary for a person with a disability to have an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling. This includes public use and common spaces or fulfilling their program obligations. Any change in the way things are customarily done that allows a person with a disability to enjoy housing opportunities or to meet program requirements is a reasonable accommodation.

All housing or programs are required to make reasonable accommodations. Housing providers may not require persons with disabilities to pay extra fees or deposits or any other special requirements as a condition of receiving a reasonable accommodation.

## **Reasonable Modifications**

A reasonable modification is a structural change made to the premises in order to afford an individual with a disability full enjoyment of the premises. Reasonable modifications can include structural changes to interiors and exteriors of dwellings and to public use and common areas.

Under federal law, public housing agencies, other federally assisted housing providers, and state or local government entities are required to provide and pay for structural modifications as reasonable accommodations/modifications. For private housing, the person requesting the reasonable modification will need to cover the costs of the modification.

## **Verification of Disability**

In response to an accommodation or modification request and only when it is necessary to verify that a person has a disability that is not known or apparent to the housing provider, they, can ask an applicant/tenant to provide documentation from a qualified third party (professional), that the applicant or tenant has a disability that results in one or more functional limitation. If the disability-related need for the requested accommodation or modification is not known or obvious, the housing provider can request documentation stating that the requested accommodation or modification is necessary because of the disability, and that it will allow the applicant/tenant access to the unit and any amenities or services included with the rental equally to other tenants.

A housing provider cannot inquire into the nature or extent of a known or apparent disability or require that an applicant or tenant release his or her medical records. Housing providers can require that the verification come from a qualified professional, but they cannot require that it be a medical doctor.

Nondiscrimination laws cover applicants and tenants with disabilities, as well as applicants and tenants and without disabilities who live or are associated with individuals with disabilities. These laws also prohibit housing providers from refusing to rent to persons with disabilities, making discriminatory statements, and treating persons with disabilities less favorably than other tenants because of their disability.

Under fair housing laws, it is illegal for a housing provider to deny reasonable accommodations and reasonable modifications to individuals with disabilities. If wrongfully denied an accommodation or modification contact HUD or the Fair Housing Council of Oregon. Time limits apply to asserting any legal claims for discrimination.

Call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777 or TTY 1-800-927-9275 or visit https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/fair\_housing\_equal\_opp/complaint-process

HUD will investigate at no cost to the complainant.

For more information about reasonable accommodations and modifications visit www.hud.gov/program\_offices/fair\_housing\_equal\_opp/reasonable\_accommodations\_and\_modifications

Call the Fair Housing Council of Oregon at (503) 223-8197 ext. 2 or http://fhco.org/index.php/report-discrimination.



If you believe you have been harassed or discriminated against because of your race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status, disability, marital status, source of income, sexual orientation including gender identity, domestic violence, type of occupation, or age over 18 seek legal guidance regarding your rights under Fair Housing law.

For translation or interpretation, please call 503-823-1303 TTY at 503-823-6868 or Oregon Relay Service at 711

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This requirement is in addition to any other rights and responsibilities set forth in the Oregon Residential Landlord and Tenant Act under Oregon Revised Statute Chapter 90, and Portland Landlord-Tenant Law under Portland City Code Title 30.

The information in this form is for educational purposes only. You should review appropriate state statute, city code, and administrative rule as necessary. If you need legal guidance, or are considering taking legal action, you should contact an attorney.



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# Statement of Applicant Rights and Responsibilities Notice Required Under Portland City Code Title 30.01.086.C.3.C

Within the City of Portland, a landlord is required to include this notice with application forms for the rental of a dwelling unit.

# **City of Portland Applicant Rights**

The City of Portland has adopted local requirements that provide additional rights and responsibilities for landlords and applicants for rental housing, beyond state law requirements, during the rental unit advertising and application process.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit supplemental information to offset any reasons that could lead to denial. In the event of denial, applicants have the right to appeal the decision within 30 days.

# Applicants are strongly encouraged to review their rights before submitting an application.

City requirements address the following landlord tenant topics: advertising and application process screening, security deposits, depreciation schedules, rental history, notice rights, and rights for relocation assistance.

The City of Portland city code, rules, required notices and forms are listed below, and are available at: [portland.gov/rso] or by contacting the Rental Services Office at (503) 823-1303 or rentalservices@portlandoregon.gov.

## **Residential Rental Unit Registration**

Portland City Code 7.02.890

# **Application and Screening Requirements**

- Portland City Code 30.01.086
- Rental Housing Application and Screening Administrative Rule
- Statement of Applicant Rights and Responsibilities Notice
- Right to Request a Modification or Accommodation Notice
- Rental Housing Application and Screening Minimum Income Requirement Table

## **Security Deposit Requirements**

- Portland City Code 30.01.087
- Rental Housing Security Deposits Administrative Rule
- Rental History Form
- Notice of Rights under Portland's Security Deposit Ordinance



# **Mandatory Renter Relocation Assistance**

- o Portland City Code 30.01.085
- Mandatory Relocation Assistance Exemption Eligibility and Approval Process Administrative Rule
- Tenant Notice of Rights and Responsibilities Associated with Portland Mandatory Relocation Assistance
- o Relocation Exemption Application Acknowledgement Letter (If applicable)



If you believe you have been harassed or discriminated against because of your race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status, disability, marital status, source of income, sexual orientation including gender identity, domestic violence, type of occupation, or age over 18 seek legal guidance regarding your rights under Fair Housing law.

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## **CITY OF PORTLAND • TAX CREDIT**

# RENTAL CRITERIA FOR RESIDENCY

#### OWNER/AGENT'S EVALUATION PROCESS

Upon receipt of a completed application, the contents of the application are compared to the screening criteria by Owner/Agent and the Applicant is either approved or denied in compliance with all local, state and federal laws. Applicants are welcome to provide supplemental evidence to mitigate potentially negative

Applicants have 30 days to appeal denied applications, during which time they may correct, refute, or explain negative information forming the basis for the denial. Applicants are also prequalified for any rental opportunities at Owner/Agent's properties for three months following the approval date. All screening fees are waived for three months following the approved appeal, but Applicants under these circumstances will be required to certify in writing that no conditions have materially changed from those described in Owner/Agent's approved application. If conditions have materially changed, Owner/Agent may use those changes as the basis for a denial.

### OCCUPANCY POLICY

- Occupancy is based on the number of bedrooms in a unit. (A bedroom is defined as a habitable room that is intended to be used primarily for sleeping purposes, contains at least 70 square feet and is configured so as to take the need for a fire exit into account.)
- The general rule is two persons are allowed per bedroom. Owner/ Agent may adopt a more liberal occupancy standard based on factors such as size and configuration of the unit, size and configuration of the bedrooms, and whether any occupants will be infants.
- A minimum of one person per bedroom may be required under applicable regulations

### **GENERAL STATEMENTS**

- Current, positive, government-issued photo identification that allows Owner/Agent to adequately screen for criminal and or credit history will be
- Each applicant will be required to qualify individually or as per specific criteria areas.
- Inaccurate, incomplete or falsified information will be grounds for denial of the application.
- Any applicant currently using illegal drugs will be denied. If approved for tenancy and later illegal drug use is confirmed, termination shall result.
- Any individual whose tenancy may constitute a direct threat to the health and safety of any individual, the premises, or the property of others, will be denied tenancy.
- Per HUD & IRS Section 42 regulations, with limited exceptions, households which are comprised entirely of full time students may not be eligible for housing. NOTE: If, after taking occupancy, the household becomes comprised entirely of full-time students and does not meet any of the exceptions, that household will no longer qualify and will be required to vacate the premises.

### INCOME CRITERIA

- Monthly household income should be at least \_ (if blank, 11/2) times the monthly stated rent\* and cannot exceed the applicable maximum income limit assigned to the unit. The income limits are a percentage of the area median income, published annually by HUD, and adjusted for house-Exceptions will made bе rent ratios for those with a minimum of six months of documented, guaranteed rental assistance and/or for those with verified assets on hand sufficient to pay rent and utilities for a minimum of six months.
  - \*If applicant will be using local, state or federal housing assistance as a source of income, "monthly stated rent" as used in this section means that portion of the rent that will be payable by applicant and excludes any portion of the rent that will be paid through the assistance program.
- Monthly income must be from a verifiable, legal source.
- Minimum monthly income will be consistent with project guidelines.
- Income and assets of all household members will be verified per methods approved by IRS Section 42 regulations. Verification requests will be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed by management, directly to the verifying institution/agency or employer and not hand-carried by applicant.

## **RENTAL HISTORY CRITERIA**

- Twelve months of verifiable contractual rental history from a current unrelated, third party landlord, or home ownership, is required. Less than twelve months verifiable rental history will require an additional security deposit or acceptable co-signer.
- Three or more notices for nonpayment of rent within one year will result in denial of the application.
- Three or more dishonored checks within one year will result in denial of the application.
- Rental history reflecting any past due and unpaid balances to a landlord will result in denial of the application except for unpaid rent, including rent reflected in judgments or referrals of debt to a collection agency, that accrued on or after April 1, 2020, and before March 1, 2022.
- Rental history including three or more noise disturbances or any other material non-compliance with the rental agreement or rules within the past two years will result in denial.

## **EVICTION HISTORY CRITERIA**

Five years of eviction-free history is required except for general eviction judgments entered on claims that arose on or after April 1, 2020, and before March 1, 2022. Eviction actions that were dismissed or resulted in a judgment for the applicant will not be considered.

#### CREDIT CRITERIA

- Negative or adverse debt showing on consumer credit report will require additional security deposits or acceptable co-signers.
- Ten or more unpaid collections (not related to medical expenses) will result in denial of the application.

#### FAIR HOUSING LAWS

Landlord has a non-discrimination policy as required by federal, state or local law and does not discriminate against any applicant because of the race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, familial status or source of income of the applicant.

## **CRIMINAL CONVICTION CRITERIA**

Upon receipt of the Rental Application and screening fee, Owner/Agent will conduct a search of public records to determine whether applicant or any proposed resident or occupant has a "Conviction" (which means: charges pending as of the date of the application; a conviction; a guilty plea; or no contest plea), for any of the following crimes as provided in ORS 90.303(3): drug-related crime; person crime; sex offense; crime involving financial fraud, including identity theft and forgery; or any other crime if the conduct for which applicant was convicted or is charged is of a nature that would adversely affect property of the landlord or a tenant or the health, safety or right of peaceful enjoyment of the premises of residents, the landlord or the landlord's agent. Owner/Agent will not consider a previous arrest that did not result in a Conviction or expunged records.

If applicant, or any proposed occupant, has a Conviction in their past which would disqualify them under these criminal conviction criteria, and desires to submit additional information to Owner/Agent along with the application so Owner/Agent can engage in an individualized assessment (described below) upon receipt of the results of the public records search and prior to a denial applicant should do so. Otherwise, applicant may request the review process after denial as set forth below, however, see item (c) under "Criminal Conviction Review Process" below regarding holding the unit. A single Conviction for any of the following, subject to the results of any review process, shall be grounds for denial of the Rental Application.

- Felonies involving: murder, manslaughter, arson, rape, kidnapping, child sex crimes, or manufacturing or distribution of a controlled substance.
- Felonies not listed above involving: drug-related crime; person crime; sex offense; crime involving financial fraud, including identity theft and forgery; or any other crime if the conduct for which applicant was convicted or is charged is of a nature that would adversely affect property of the landlord or a tenant or the health, safety or right of peaceful enjoyment of the premises of the residents, the landlord or the landlord's agent, where the date of disposition has occurred in the last 7 years.
- Misdemeanors involving: drug related crimes, person crimes, sex offenses, domestic violence, violation of a restraining order, stalking, weapons, criminal impersonation, possession of burglary tools, financial fraud crimes, where the date of disposition has occurred in the last 5 years.
- Misdemeanors not listed above involving: theft, criminal trespass, criminal mischief, property crimes or any other crime if the conduct for which applicant was convicted or is charged is of a nature that would adversely affect property of the landlord or a tenant or the health, safety or right of peace-ful enjoyment of the premises of the residents, the landlord or the landlord's agent, where the date of disposition has occurred in the last 3
- Conviction of any crime that requires lifetime registration as a sex offender, or for which applicant is currently registered as a sex offender, will result in denial.

## Criminal Conviction Review Process.

Owner/Agent will engage in an individualized assessment of the applicant's, or other proposed occupant's, Convictions if applicant has satisfied all other criteria (the denial was based solely on one or more Convictions) as required by local, state and federal law, and:

- (1) Applicant has submitted supporting documentation prior to the public records search: or
- (2) Applicant is denied based on failure to satisfy these criminal criteria and has submitted a written request along with supporting documentation. Supporting documentation may include:
  - Letter from parole or probation office;
  - Letter from caseworker, therapist, counselor, etc.;
  - Certifications of treatments/rehab programs; Letter from employer, teacher, etc. iv)
  - Certification of trainings completed;
  - Proof of employment; and Statement of the applicant.

Landlord will also perform an individualized assessment if no supplemental information is received as required by any local, state or federal law.

- Owner/Agent will: (a) Consider relevant individualized evidence of mitigating factors, which may include: the facts or circumstances surrounding the criminal conduct; the age of the convicted person at the time of the conduct; time since the criminal conduct; time since release from incarceration or completion of parole; evidence that the individual has maintained a good tenant history before and/or after the conviction or conduct; and evidence of rehabilitation efforts. Owner/Agent may request additional information and may consider whether there have been multiple Convictions as part of this process.
- (b) Notify applicant of the results of Owner/Agent's review within a reasonable time after receipt of all required information.(c) Hold the unit for which the application was received for a reasonable time
- under all the circumstances to complete the review unless prior to receipt of applicant's written request (if made after denial) the unit was committed to another applicant.