



# Haverford Township - Department of Codes Enforcement

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**Attached herewith is an application for the required license to lease or rent any dwelling, dwelling unit or rooming unit. The following rules and regulations must be complied with:**

1. Complete the attached License Application form and Occupancy Registration form and submit with the required Seventy-five (\$75.00) dollar fee per unit. The Housing License fee is for a twelve month period from March 1st to February 28th/29th. **Payment must be received by March 1st or a penalty of Fifty (\$50.00) dollars will be added, making the total due \$125.00.**
2. List all occupants on the registration form and provide a copy of the executed lease. **Applicant shall promptly notify this office of any change of occupancy.**
3. Obtain the required inspection each time the occupancy of the rental unit is changed. An inspection fee of **Fifty (\$50.00)** Dollars will be charged for each inspection and reinspection. Failure to show for your appointment will result in a **Fifty (\$50.00) Dollar** service fee.
4. For your protection and that of the occupants, be sure that the contractor has obtained the required permits for all repairs and alterations. Use only contractors having the required trades license for Haverford Township.
5. Street numbers: Each structure to which a street number has been assigned shall display 3 ½" in height, street numbers in a position easily observed and readable from the public right-of-way.
6. The interior and exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to health, safety or welfare of the occupants and to protect the occupants from the adverse effects of the environment.
- 7. Ordinance 1960, Chapter 182, Section 106 prohibits more than three (3) unrelated persons to occupy any dwelling unit within Haverford Township.**
8. All student rental units are required to obtain a "Student Rental License" from the Zoning Hearing Board of Haverford Township prior to occupancy (Ordinance 1960, Chapter 182, Section 202B(3)(e)).



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## Housing Rental Application For License to Lease or Rent

Date:

Students:    Yes                                  No                                  New                                  Renewal

Name of Owner:

Address:

Phone Number:

Address of Unit:

Number of Units:

Fee Paid:

Apartment Name:

Manager:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Signature of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Print \_\_\_\_\_

The owner shall promptly inform the Department of Codes Enforcement in writing of any change made to a property which alters the information provided in the application of permit. Unless previously revoked or suspended such permit shall expire as the 1st day of March its issuance, at/or prior to which time applications shall be made for renewal of such permits for a further period of twelve months.

**\* The operation of a rental property is considered a business-activity for the purpose of the Township's Business Privilege Tax. An annual business license should be applied for and an annual business tax return should be filed with the Township's business tax administrator. All requests for forms and questions regarding the tax should be directed to TRI State Financial (610) 270-9520.**



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## Occupancy Registration Rental Units

Pursuant to Haverford Township Ordinance No. 1960, Chapter 104, every owner, operator and/or agent of any Housing rental unit shall be responsible for the registration of all occupants.

Address of Building / Apartment:

Building and Unit Numbers:

Section A - Name of all Occupants

Section B - College Student Rental - Ordinance No. 1960, Chapter 182, Section 202

School:

Student(s) Name

Student's Home Address

1.

2.

3.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*We, the occupants have read and understand the Rules and Regulations which prohibits more than three unrelated occupying said Rental Unit.

\*\*Signatures must be obtained before Occupancy Registration form is returned to this office.

# FAIR HOUSING ACT KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES



Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended in 1988, is known as the Fair Housing Act. The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to discriminate in any type of housing related transaction on the basis of:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Sex
- National Origin
- Disability
- Familial Status (presence of minor children in a household, pregnant women or anyone securing legal custody of a child)

## Illegal activities

It is against the law to do any of the following because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of housing
- Make housing unavailable or deny that housing is available
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for the sale or rental of housing, a mortgage, home loan, homeowners insurance or any other housing transaction
- Advertise in a discriminatory way
- Threaten, coerce or intimidate anyone exercising a fair housing right or assisting others in exercising those rights

## Families with children

Examples of illegal practices include "no children" policies, refusing families due to the ages of their children (e.g. – no children under 7) rejecting families based on the presence of lead based paint, or segregating housing so that children are only allowed in particular areas. It's also illegal to discriminate because of "unsafe conditions," state that parents and children cannot share a bedroom, or force children of opposite sexes to have separate bedrooms. These types of decisions are the parent's choice to make. Overly restrictive occupancy policies and per capita charge (e.g. - \$850 for two, \$100 each additional occupant) can have a disparate impact on families with kids and violate the Fair Housing Act. If a provider can offer a legitimate nondiscriminatory justification for the policy, then it may be permissible.

## Discriminatory advertising

Generally, a housing advertisement should describe the property itself, and not the potential occupant. Section 3604(c) of the Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to make, print or publish, or cause to be made, printed or published, any notice, statement or advertisement, with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling, that indicates any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.



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## Accommodations and modifications

The Fair Housing Act requires housing providers to make reasonable accommodations, which are changes in the rules, policies, practices, or services, when such accommodations may be necessary to afford a person with a disability equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling. Under the law, a disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of a person's major life activities. A simple example of a reasonable accommodation would be to waive a "no pet" policy or a pet fee for a person with a disability who requires an assistance animal.

The Act also requires housing providers to allow a tenant with disabilities to make modifications to housing when reasonable. Examples of modifications include installation of a wheelchair ramp, grab bars in the bathroom or widened doorways for wheelchair access. Unless the housing is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, modifications are made at the tenant's expense.

## Best practices

Any person involved in a housing transaction is responsible for following and upholding the fair housing laws. This includes owners of property, onsite managers, rental agents, mortgage lenders, real estate brokers and agents. Train all employees or agents to obey fair housing laws. The crucial requirement is that all persons who inquire about available housing be treated in the same manner. The sequence in which they are told about availability, shown available housing, asked for credit references, should be identical for all, and the information given should be the same.

Develop standard procedures for dealing with all consumers and make all decisions on whether to accept or reject applicants based on identical criteria. Avoid advertising that could be construed as an attempt to select or discourage persons on the basis of any of the protected classes, and display an equal opportunity statement or logo. Also, maintain a list of available housing units to ensure that all applicants are given the same information, and include on this list such things as the apartment number, the rent, utilities, security deposit, date of availability, and deposit required.

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