



APPLICANT SCREENING and PET POLICY

Application Process

- ❖ We offer applications to everyone who wants to apply. **This may result in multiple applications being processed concurrently, creating a competitive situation among applicants.**
- ❖ We begin processing applications in the order in which they are received and paid for.
- ❖ We will decide (approve/deny) on an application package once we have been able to verify all information.
- ❖ If we are unable to verify information on an application, the application may be denied.

Complete Application

- ❖ Each adult over 18 yrs. old must submit a signed application with a fee of \$45.00.
- ❖ We will not process applications without the paid screening fee.

Credit/Criminal/Public Records Check

- ❖ A credit/criminal/public records check will be performed **on all applications.**
- ❖ Applications may be rejected for unfavorable or lack of credit history.

General Screening Guidelines – RMS manages properties for several different owners. The following criteria are provided as a guideline for our properties.

- ❖ Credit score of 650 or above
- ❖ Household income of 2X the monthly rent (Applicants receiving local, state, or federal housing assistance must have 2X the tenant portion of rent)
- ❖ 2 years of positive rental history
- ❖ No criminal or eviction history

If your application is accepted you will have 24 hours to deliver non-refundable reservation funds equal to the First Month's Rent for the property.

At the time the reservation money is collected and funds are deposited into our account, the rental unit will be taken off the market. **This will NOT be refunded to you if you change your mind or do not move in.** This payment will hold the property for **14 days**, at which time the security deposit becomes due.

PLEASE NOTE: Photo ID will be required from the tenant(s) before keys are released.

Pet Deposits

- ❖ If a property allows pets & your pet(s) are approved, there will be an additional pet deposit.
- ❖ All pets must be 12 months or older and be owned by you prior to renting from RMS. No puppies, kittens, or pets that are new to you will be allowed.
- ❖ Restricted Dog Breeds: Pitbulls, Doberman Pinschers, Rottweilers or wolf mix breeds.

Please be aware – No smoking allowed in any of our properties!!



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Rental Services Helpdesk Hours

MON, WED, FRI 9–11am and 1–4pm

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.

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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>.



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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: [\[portland.gov/rso\]](http://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

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Mandatory Renter Relocation Assistance

- 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
- 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.

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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