

# WEST VIEW | Applicant Screening Criteria

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If any applicant needs assistance, known as "reasonable accommodation," in the application process, please advise the landlord.

## APPLICANT PROCESS - Applicant is urged to review the screening criteria to determine if requirements can be met.

- Applicant(s) is urged and may be required to view the interior of the property before submitting an application.
- At time of application, applicant(s) shall provide a copy of one piece of valid & current photo identification (i.e. Driver's License, Passport, etc.).
- Each proposed occupant age 18 and over shall submit a completed application.
- Each applicant shall have a legally issued U.S. Social Security Number.
- A \$50 application fee must be paid per adult. A co-signer fee of \$25 may apply. These fees are non-refundable.
- In the event applicant(s) is/are approved, a one-time \$100 Administrative Fee must be paid at time of Lease Signing.
- Applications are processed in the order they are received. Applications with unpaid fees or applications that are incomplete, un-signed, inaccurate, or illegible will be returned and not processed, and any paid application fees will be forfeited.
- Acceptance or denial of the application may take up to three (3) business days. Lack of action or commitment on the applicant(s) part may result in denial of the
- Upon application approval, applicants(s) may be required and should expect to pay Security Deposit, sign lease agreement and/or pay applicable fees and/or deposits within one (1) business day.

GENERAL CRITERIA - Each adult applicant must qualify individually, regardless of age, and MUST MEET ALL THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA. Applicants who do not qualify under these guidelines will be asked to obtain a valid cosigner and/or the application may be denied.

### INCOME:

- Each applicant's income shall be at least three (3) times the monthly rent. \*
- Each applicant must show at least 2 years of continuous employment meeting the combined income criteria of 3x monthly rent.
- At the time of application, it is the obligation of each applicant to provide proof of income by submitting copies of the following: If employed, copies of the last two (2) pay stubs and last year's W2 OR if self-employed, copies of last two (2) years tax returns and three (3) months' bank statements in the following increments: current, 6 months previous and 12 months previous. Other forms of proof may be considered from applicants with special income circumstances, such as retired persons and social security recipients
- Stability of the source and amount of income during the past five years may be considered.
- All sources of employment and non-employment income shall be legally obtained and verifiable.
- Housing and utilities shall not exceed 35% of total income. Installment debt payments shall not exceed 35% of total income. If the applicant does not have installment debt, income to debt ratio for housing may be permitted to be up to 50% of income.

# HOUSING:

- The applicant(s) shall provide information necessary to verify current and previous rental history for the past three years.
- Each applicant's two (2) most recent years of address history must be verifiable, paid and from a non-related Landlord OR demonstrate on-time mortgage payments for at least the most recent two (2) years.
- If the applicant's housing during the past five years has included home ownership, mortgage payment history shall be considered.

### **CREDIT WORTHINESS:**

- Credit worthiness may be determined from a credit report, which should reflect prudent payment history and a credit score of greater than 670.
- Each applicant's history should be free of evictions, judgments, collections and bankruptcies.
- A valid explanation may be considered by owner/agent if provided by applicant(s) IN WRITING.

### OTHER:

- Westview Real Estate may run a criminal background check. Arrests and/or convictions may be evaluated. Any individual whose occupancy could constitute a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals or could result in physical damage to the premises will be denied.
- The behavior and demeanor of applicants during the application process will be considered.
- Any information that is incomplete, illegible, inaccurate, or falsified may be grounds for rejection or termination of the rental agreement upon discovery.

# LIMITATIONS-

- Advertised rental amounts are based on single occupancy per bedroom and/or studio. Rental price will increase \$35/per extra occupant, \$50 for certain buildings.
- All units require Renter's Insurance throughout Lease Term.
- Smoking is prohibited in the unit and building, as well as within 30 feet of the building at any time.
- Pets (Cats ONLY) may or may not be permitted, dependent on the owner/agent. In the event a pet is permitted, tenant will be subject to a pet fee and deposit, payable
- The owner/agent will allow aid animals or modifications to the unit necessary to assist those with disabilities.

### VARIANCE POLICY-

- Failure to meet the screening criteria as stated may be grounds for:
  - 1. Denial of the application;
  - If cosigner is accepted, valid photo ID is required. Such individuals(s) will also be required to meet the screening criteria and may be required to provide proof of such.
  - 3. Requirement of payment of an additional deposit.
  - Additional documentation may be considered in lieu of a US Social Security Number.

