

THE NEW RULES FOR SCREENING RENTAL APPLICANTS IN MINNEAPOLIS

WHAT RENTERS NEED TO KNOW

The City of Minneapolis has new rules that give owners 2 options for screening your rental applications:

OPTION 1

INCLUSIVE SCREENING CRITERIA

Owners can't deny your application for certain things in your past:

CRIMINAL HISTORY

- Certain past misdemeanors or felonies that often led to application denials before

RENTAL HISTORY

- Limited rental history or certain past evictions

CREDIT HISTORY

- Credit score or limited credit history

INCOME

- Not having income equal to 3 months' rent, as you now have the right to show that you have paid the rent in similar situations

OPTION 2

INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENTS

Owners have to evaluate your application with any supplemental evidence you provide:

SUPPLEMENTAL EVIDENCE

- Information you share to explain your rental or criminal history
- You can provide things like proof that you completed a job training or community re-entry program
- You can also give references from employers or property owners

Owners have to consider:

SPECIFIC FACTORS

- What specific things in your past would cause you to be denied?
- How long ago did these things happen?
- How old were you when these things happened?



TIPS FOR RENTERS

Understand the Screening Criteria

Owners have to tell you how they screen before you apply. You can ask them to use 1 of the 2 new screening options, but it is up to them to decide.

Check Your Criminal History, Rental History and Credit History

You can access this information for free. Visit www.annualcreditreport.com for your credit report and ask your bank for your credit score. Search the Minnesota Courts' online database for your criminal and rental history: www.mncourts.gov/publicaccess.

Strengthen Your Applications

Share supplemental evidence like proof that you completed job training or a community re-entry program. You can also offer references from employers, property owners or parole officers.

Know Your Rights and Obligations

If your application is denied, the owner must provide a reason within 14 days. Visit the City's website and reach out to the renter advocacy organizations listed at the right for more information.

Report Violations

If you think an owner broke the law by denying your rental application, you can call the City at (612) 673-3000 to file a complaint.

Renter Advocacy Organizations

HOME Line
612-728-5767

HousingLink: Housinglink.org

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid
612-334-5970

Tenant Resource Center
612-302-3180



QUESTIONS?

Call 311 or visit our website to learn more:

www.minneapolismn.gov/renterprotections

For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats, please call the Regulatory Services Accessibility Line at 612-673-3221, or email RegulatoryServicesADALine@minneapolismn.gov.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users call 612-263-6850.

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