

Terms and Conditions

Virginia Communities Application for Residency

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We will apply the Deposit in accordance with the provisions set forth below. The Application Fee is a non-refundable application fee for processing this Application and will not be refunded to you. Upon receipt of this Application, the Deposit and the Application Fee, we will set aside and reserve the Apartment Home for you.

By submitting this Application, you agree to enter into a lease ("Lease") for the Apartment Home under the terms specified in this Application. We may require you to sign the Lease concurrently with your submission of this Application. However, if we put you on a waiting list for an Apartment Home, you will not be obligated to sign a Lease until we advise you (in writing, in person or by telephone) that an Apartment Home is available, and you accept the Apartment Home. You will have 24 hours after you are notified by us to accept or reject the Apartment Home, which you may do in writing, in person or by telephone. If you accept the Apartment Home, you will have 24 hours to pay all associated deposits and you must sign a lease within five (5) days or your rights to lease the Apartment Home will terminate. If you do not timely notify us of your acceptance of the Apartment Home, we will thereafter have no obligation to lease the Apartment Home to you.

If, for any reason, we decline this Application, then we will refund the Deposit to you in full. If we approve this Application, we will ask that you execute the Lease (if you have not already done so). Upon your execution of the Lease, we will apply a portion of the Deposit to the Security Deposit and the remainder of the Deposit, if any, to the Common Area Amenities [Charge/Rent] that is due upon the execution of the Lease. If, however, you decide prior to executing the Lease that, notwithstanding this Application, and our approval, you no longer wish to proceed with the Lease, you must so notify us in writing (the "Termination Notice"). To be effective, the Termination Notice must be delivered by you during regular business hours to one of our representatives at the leasing office where the Apartment Home is located. Concurrently with your delivery of the Termination Notice to us, in consideration for our having held the Apartment Home off the market and reserved the Apartment Home for you, you agree to pay to us a "Reservation Fee" in an amount equal to the product of (i) the number of days from the date of this Application until we received the Termination Notice; multiplied by (ii) the base rent that would have been payable by you under the Lease for the Apartment Home (calculated on a per diem basis). After our receipt of the Termination Notice, we will refund the Deposit to you in accordance with our customary practice, less the full amount of the Reservation Fee, unless you have previously paid the Reservation Fee to us, in which case no deductions from the Deposit will be made.

In all events, if you have not executed and returned the Lease to us within five (5) days after this Application is signed by you, we will assume that you are not interested in proceeding, the Apartment Home will no longer be reserved for you, and we will refund the Deposit to you, less the full amount of the Reservation Fee.

By accepting the Deposit and the Application Fee from you, we are not obligated to approve this Application or rent the Apartment Home to you. Our approval of this Application is contingent upon our receipt of a satisfactory report of your rental history, credit history and other information that we deem necessary.

By signing this Application, you certify that all persons over eighteen years of age who will be occupying the Apartment Home have completed and provided to us a separate Application for Residency, and that each such occupant of the Apartment Home will sign the Lease at the time required by us.

You authorize us, through our designated agent or employees, to obtain and verify information, *including a criminal background* check and ID verification for the purpose of determining whether or not to lease the Apartment Home to you, including by ordering or obtaining a consumer credit report. Applicants must successfully pass all verifications to move forward with a lease. You understand that should you enter into the Lease for the Apartment Home, we and our designated agents and employees will have a continuing right to review your credit information, rental application, payment history and occupancy history for account review purposes and for improving application methods. Should you enter into the Lease, you understand we may retain and incorporate data from your credit report to study and improve internal housing- and application-related metrics, and you authorize us to do so.

By submitting this application, you hereby consent to AvalonBay sharing Applicant's nonpublic personal information (as defined by the Gramm Leach Bliley Act, 15 U.S.C. §6802(e)) with one or more third party vendors (collectively, "Vendors") for the purpose of AvalonBay receiving an identity verification product in connection with my application, and for the Vendors' use in the preparation of similar reports.

By signing this Application, you certify that all information contained in this Application is true, correct and complete.

AGENCY DISCLOSURE (applicable for Virginia and Minnesota applicants only)

AvalonBay Communities, Inc. ("Manager"), and its leasing agents have been retained by the owner of the community in which your apartment is located as its representative for management and leasing services. Manager owes fiduciary duties such as loyalty and faithfulness to the owner. As our customer, we want you to understand that an agency relationship exists between Manager and the owner. Under applicable law, prompt disclosure in writing of agency relationships to all actual and prospective parties to a transaction at the earliest practical time is encouraged and/or required. Each party should carefully read all documents pertaining to any real estate transaction. Should you have any questions, please let us know and we will gladly answer them. By signing this application, each of the undersigned acknowledges that he or she has read and received a copy of this Agency Disclosure.

It is unlawful to discriminate against an applicant or tenant because of their race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status, disability, or any other basis that may be protected under applicable state or local law.

Statement of Tenant Rights and Responsibilities as of July 1, 2020

This is a summary of tenants' rights and responsibilities under the Virginia Residential Landlord/Tenant Act. The information below is not intended as legal advice. Tenants with questions are encouraged to contact their local legal aid program at (866) 534-5234 or at <https://www.valegalaid.org/find-legal-help>

Tenant Rights:

- **Applications:** Tenants may be charged a nonrefundable application fee of no more than \$50 (not including third party costs for a background check) and a refundable application deposit. If the tenant does not rent the unit, the application deposit must be returned, minus any actual costs or damages. (§55.1-1203)
- **Written lease:** Under the VRLTA, a landlord is required to provide a tenant a written lease. If a landlord fails to do so, the VRLTA still protects a tenant by establishing a statutory lease between landlord and tenant for 12 months not subject to automatic renewal. (§55.1-1204)
- **Disclosure:** A landlord must reveal certain information to the tenant, including:
 - Any visible evidence of mold. (§55.1-1215)
 - The name and address of the owner or property manager. (§55.1-1216)
 - Notice of sale or foreclosure of the property. (§55.1-1216, 1237)
- **Security Deposit:** A landlord may require a security deposit of up to two month's rent. Within five days of move in the tenant has a right to object to anything in the move-in report. The tenant also has a right to be present at a move-out inspection. The tenant also has a right to be present at a move-out inspection, which must be made within 72 hours of delivery of possession. (§§55.1-1214, 1226)
- **Receipts:** Upon request, a tenant is entitled to a written receipt of rent paid by cash or money order. Upon request, a tenant is entitled to a written statement of all charges and payments over the past 12 months. (§55.1-1204(0), (1))
- **Privacy:** A landlord may not release information about a tenant without consent, except under certain conditions, which are generally when tenant information is already public. (§55.1-1209)
- **Fit and Habitable Premises:** A tenant has the right to a fit and habitable rental unit in accordance with the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The landlord must make all repairs needed to keep premises fit and habitable. (§ 55.1-1220) To enforce the right to get repairs, a tenant must be current in rent, give the landlord written notice and wait a reasonable period. If repairs are not made, a tenant can file a Tenant's Assertion in General District Court. This must be filed no later than five days after rent is due. There is no rent withholding in Virginia, except under repair and deduct. (§55.1-1244)
- **Repair and Deduct:** If an issue on the property affects life, health, safety, or seriously affects habitability, and a landlord has not begun to address it within 14 days after written notice from the tenant, the tenant may contract to have the repair done by a licensed contractor at a cost of not more than \$1,500, or one month's rent, whichever is more. The tenant may deduct the actual cost of the repair from the rent. The tenant must send the landlord an itemized invoice and a receipt for payment to the contractor for the work, along with any payment of remaining rent owed. (§55.1-1244.1)
- **Eviction:** A landlord may not evict a tenant without following the court eviction process. The landlord first sends a written notice and next the landlord files an unlawful detainer lawsuit. The landlord must get a court order of possession, followed by a Writ of Eviction that is served by the Sheriff. (§§55.1-1245, 1252). A tenant not getting paid due to a federal shutdown of 14 or more days can get an eviction lawsuit for nonpayment of rent postponed for 60 days. (§44- 209)
- **Redemption (Pay & Stay):** After an unlawful detainer lawsuit for nonpayment of rent is filed, a tenant has the right to pay to a zero balance on or before the court date and have the lawsuit dismissed. After a court issues a judgment of possession, a tenant has the right to pay to a zero balance up to two business days before the Sheriff's eviction and have the eviction cancelled. A tenant may use one of these rights only once in a 12-month period. (§55.1-1250)

Tenant Responsibilities:

- **Rent:** Unless the lease says otherwise, rent is due in equal payments each month on or before the first of each month. (§55.1-1204)
- **Late Fees:** If rent is not paid on time, the tenant must pay a late fee if the lease requires one. A late fee can be no more than 10 percent of the monthly rent, or 10 percent of the unpaid balance, whichever is less. (§55.1-1204(E))
- **Insurance:** A tenant may be required to have and pay for renter's insurance. A tenant also may be required to have and pay for damage insurance and/or a security deposit, but the total of both the damage insurance premiums and the security deposit may not exceed two months' rent. (§§55.1-1206, 1208)
- **Access:** A tenant must allow a landlord access to the unit at reasonable times and for practical purposes, such as maintenance, inspection, or to provide services. A tenant must allow access unless the landlord's request is unreasonable. Unless impractical due to an emergency, the landlord must give 24-hours' notice of maintenance. If the tenant requests maintenance, notice is not required. (§55.1-1229)
- **Maintain Fit and Habitable Premises:** The tenant must keep the rental unit as clean and safe as conditions allow and in accordance with the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The tenant must promptly notify the landlord of visible mold and use reasonable efforts to prevent moisture and mold. The tenant must promptly notify the landlord of insects or pests and must not be at fault in failing to prevent insects or pests. (§55.1-1227)

Fair Housing: The tenant may have a right to file a fair housing complaint if the landlord or property manager violates the Virginia Fair Housing Act. (§36-961. et seq)

COVID-19 Relief: A tenant not getting paid due to the state of emergency declared by the Governor for the Covid-19 Virus can get an eviction lawsuit for nonpayment of rent postponed for 60 days by showing up on their court date and providing written proof within 90 days after the Governor ends the declaration of emergency. (§44-209).