

Rental Housing Association of Berkshire County, Inc.
Landlords helping landlords through education and communication.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill in completely:

Date _____ Email _____
Name _____ Home Phone _____
Business Name _____ Business Phone _____
Mailing Address _____ Fax Number _____
Mailing City _____ Mail State _____ Mail Zip _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Property Address(es)

{Use additional page if needed} Total Number of Units _____

Please sign below and RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

DUES SCHEDULE: If you join RHABC January through May the fee is \$90, June through September \$45 (you can also take advantage of a \$10 discount in November off of the total renewal fee), October through December \$90 for the following year membership and remainder of current year is free. Payable to: **RHABC, Inc.**

I hereby apply for membership in RHABC, Inc. Upon approval of my application I/ we agree to abide by the Rules and By-laws of the Association. I agree to complete an annual re-certification. I agree to pay the dues according to the schedule established by the Board of Directors.

The power to interpret, administer and endorse the provisions hereof shall be vested in the Board of Directors with power of suspension or expulsion, after hearing, of any member found violating same, or sprit hereof.

I have read the above and agree to abide by the code of Ethics (Below)

Date _____ Signature _____

FOR OFFICE USE

Date App Received _____ Date Paid _____ Amount Paid _____ Received By _____

10 Reasons to Start Your Membership

1. Understand the rules of housing court to be an effective Plaintiff.
2. Stay current with developments in the industry through our monthly news letter, website and dinner meetings.
3. Learn about pending laws and regulations that impact landlords and in turn influence legislators with your opinions.
4. Have access to Massachusetts specific materials, including landlord manuals, forms and sample leases.
5. Find ways to lower your expenses and run your business more effectively.
6. Learn ways to limit liability from tenants, guests and vendors.
7. Education on discrimination and code enforcement to avoid fines.
8. Prevent Lead paint poisoning by learning the laws and their impact on your business.
9. Meet and Learn from other members who are eager to share solutions to common Issues
10. Become part of the strong voice of the property owners group in Western Mass
11. *Bonus* Members have access to the members only section of the website where they can list their rental units for public viewing for free. The website is advertised DAILY in the local circulations and ads are paid for by the association.

Rental Housing Association of Berkshire County, Inc., CODE OF ETHICS

Each member shall subscribe to the Code of Ethics stated by the association as follows: We, the members of the RHABC, Inc., recognize our duty to the public and ultimate nature of the relationship between the apartment resident and the owner or manager, and being aware of the vastly increasing role of the apartment industry and providing the apartment residing public with the maximum in quality and service upon highest standard of honesty and integrity do hereby bind ourselves, with the adoption of this code of ethics, with each and every member, together and alone agreeing, that, so long as we remain members of the RHABC, Inc., and so long as nothing contained herein shall be unlawful, we shall:

Promote, employ and maintain a high standard of integrity, obligations and services in the operation of all rental housing units. Maintain and operate all rental housing units in accordance with fair and honorable standards of competition, ever mindful of the purposes of RHABC, Inc and in compliance with articles and by-laws thereof. Strive continually to promote the education and fraternity of the membership and to promote the progress and dignity of the rental housing industry in creating a better image of itself in order that the public may enjoy the many benefits of the rental Industry. Establish high ethical standards of conduct with rental agencies, suppliers and others doing business with the rental housing industry. Endeavor to expose all schemes to mislead or defraud the renting public and to aid in the exposure of those responsible. Refrain from attempting to obtain residents, through advertising or other wise, by means of deceptive, misleading or fraudulent statements, misrepresentations or the use of implications, unwarranted by fact or reasonable probability. Members shall be truthful in representing current or former tenant's qualifications to other members.

This association is formed for the members of **RHABC**. While designed to provide information that is both accurate and authoritative in regard to the subject matter covered, it is presented with the understanding that the association is not engaged in rendering legal, accounting, or investment advice. If legal advice or other expert advice is required, the services of a competent professional should be sought. **RHABC** disclaims all liability for the actions or in actions taken as a result of communications from or to its members, officers, speakers and/or directors.

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