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**GUIDE TO VIRGINIA**

**LANDLORD-TENANT LAW**

**AND**

**LOCAL RENTAL HOUSING**

**IN**

**PLANNING DISTRICT 16**

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# **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN HOUSING**

IT'S YOUR RIGHT!

YOU MAY NOT BE DENIED HOUSING BASED ON...

RACE

COLOR

RELIGION

SEX

NATIONAL ORIGIN

DISABILITY

ELDERLINESS

FAMILIAL STATUS (families with children)

SOURCE OF FUNDS (e.g. a housing voucher)\*

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

GENDER IDENTITY

VETERAN STATUS

\*The law does not apply to owners of four or fewer rental units in Virginia, or those who own a 10% or less interest in four or more units. The law also does not apply if the source of funds is not approved within 15 days of submitting the request to approve the tenancy.

Realtors, real estate agents, rental agents, and most landlords must show you ALL AVAILABLE housing based on your financial ability only! If you feel that you have been denied an opportunity to see or obtain housing, or even been treated with less enthusiasm because of your identity as a member of any of the above listed protected classes, or because you have children, PLEASE call HUD at (800) 669-9777 (TTY for the hearing impaired at (800) 927-9275. You can also contact the Virginia Fair Housing Office at (804) 367-8530 or (888) 551-3247, or visit their website at <http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/FairHousing/>.

Discrimination is not always obvious and is more often subtle acts or statements. For a free brochure explaining your rights, options, and the sometimes-subtle discriminatory actions, contact the Fredericksburg Area Association of Realtors at (540) 373-7711.

## **SPECIAL TIPS TO KNOW**

**DISABLED TENANTS** – must be allowed to make reasonable modifications to their individual units and to the common access areas. Special parking must be allowed. A “no pet” policy cannot prevent a person from keeping an assist animal. For example, Seeing Eye dogs are not considered “pets” and MUST be allowed

without any extra charge or fee by most landlords. Providing fraudulent documentation about a disability, or a disability-related need for a reasonable accommodation, for an assistance animal is prohibited.

Discrimination against disabled persons may be: a landlord's refusal to allow a disabled tenant to make reasonable and necessary modifications to the premises at the tenant's expense, or a refusal to make reasonable and necessary accommodations to rules, policies, or services. It may also be refusal to renew or terminate a lease or a landlord making changes to an existing lease/rental agreement **because of** a tenant's disability.

**The Disability Resource Center** is available to assist persons with disabilities in locating housing. Call (540) 373-2559. TTY for the hearing impaired 540-373-5890.

**CHILDREN** – Although a reasonable limit on the number of occupants is allowed, this limit cannot mandate “no children.” For example, a 1-bedroom unit that allows 2 adults must allow 1 adult and 1 child. A 3-occupant limit must allow a single person with 2 children.

**NOTE:** Landlords may impose occupancy standards restricting the maximum number of occupants to two (2) persons per bedroom.

**ELDERLINESS** – Although the Federal Housing Laws do not cover age, Virginia's fair housing laws make it illegal to discriminate based on elderliness. Elderliness refers to any persons who have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday. Neither landlords nor their agents are allowed to steer elderly persons away from or toward any particular housing units.

Sometimes landlords or their agents make discrimination seem reasonable or acceptable. It is YOUR DECISION where to live! If you feel like you have been discriminated against, and if you want to fight it, call HUD at (800) 669-9777, or the Virginia Fair Housing Office at either (804) 367-8530 or (888) 551-3247.

**NOTE: All HUD-assisted or HUD-insured housing, including housing under the Housing Choice Voucher Program, shall be made available without regard to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. Landlords also may not ask about sexual orientation to determine eligibility for HUD-assisted housing.**

## **OVERVIEW OF LANDLORD-TENANT LAW**

Many leases in Virginia are governed by the Virginia Residential Landlord & Tenant Act (“VRLTA”) and nationally by the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (“Fair Housing Act”).

### **I. FOUR RULES FOR RENTERS TO REMEMBER**

These rules cannot prevent every problem that a renter may face but following them is likely to prevent a lot of confusion and stress.

- 1) **Read written leases completely.** Not knowing what's in the lease doesn't excuse you from responsibilities.
- 2) **Put agreements in writing.** Agreements are hard to prove if they are not in writing. If the landlord tells you he will clean the carpeting after you move in, get that in writing. If it's important to you, then you will have to prove that this agreement existed. You can only do that if you have it in writing.
- 3) **Discuss problems with the other party.** Cooperation with the landlord is your best insurance for resolving problems.
- 4) **Notify the other party in writing.** If you can't resolve a problem, then a statement of the problem should be put in writing promptly and sent to the landlord. You must *keep* a copy of the letter to prove notification has been given.

## **II. SIGNING A LEASE AND MOVING IN**

### **A. BEFORE YOU SIGN**

A landlord must offer a prospective tenant a written rental agreement containing the terms of rental of the dwelling unit and the terms and conditions of the landlord-tenant relationship.

In addition to the rental agreement, landlords must also give prospective tenants the statement of tenant rights and responsibilities developed by the Department of Housing and Community Development. This statement must be signed by both landlord and tenant within one month of the effective date of the rental agreement. A landlord may not sue a tenant in any court for any reason unless this statement has been signed. If a tenant refuses or fails to sign the statement of tenant rights and responsibilities, the landlord must record the date(s) when the form was provided and record that the tenant refused or failed to sign the form.

#### **RENTAL AGREEMENTS MAY NOT INCLUDE:**

1. Provisions where the tenant can agree to give up any tenant rights, remedies, or agree to waive any of the landlord's responsibilities or liability. These provisions are unenforceable by a court and a tenant can recover damages and court fees from a landlord attempting to enforce any such provision.
1. Provisions demanding or accepting payment of any fee, charge, or other thing of value from any provider of cable television service, cable modem service, satellite master antenna television service, direct broadcast satellite television service, subscription television service, or service of any other television programming system in exchange for granting a television service provider mere access to the landlord's tenants or giving the tenants of such landlord mere access to such service.

**Protecting status of Domestic Abuse Survivors:** A landlord must consider a person's status as a domestic abuse survivor when reviewing a credit score in a rental application. Survivor status can be shown by a court order, police report, or letter from a sexual & domestic violence program, housing counselor, or attorney.

**Prohibition on using negative credit information arising from the COVID-19 pandemic against tenants or applicants for tenancy:** A landlord who owns more than four rental dwelling units or more than a 10 percent interest in more than four rental dwelling units, whether individually or through a business entity, in the Commonwealth, shall not take any adverse action against an applicant for tenancy based solely on payment history or an eviction for nonpayment of rent that occurred during the period beginning on March 12, 2020, and ending 30 days after the expiration or revocation of the state of emergency declared by the Governor related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This protection is set to expire either seven years after the expiration of any state of emergency declared by the Governor related to the COVID-19 pandemic or on July 1, 2028, whichever is later.

## **B. WRITTEN LEASES**

**A lease is a contract. You should read and understand all sections of the lease before signing.** If a lease is signed by the tenant and the landlord, a copy shall be provided to the tenant within 1 month. Payment of rent by a tenant or collection of the rent by a landlord can create a lease between the parties even if a written lease has not been signed.

If a landlord fails to offer a written agreement, the following default conditions will be applied by law: the lease will last for 12 months and will not be automatically renewed (except for a month-to-month lease). Rent is due on the first of each month in equal installments. If the amount of each installment is not agreed upon, the payment amount will be set at “fair market rent.” Rent is late if not paid by the fifth of each month, and landlords may charge late fees up to a maximum of 10%, or 10% of the unpaid balance, whichever is less, only if it is provided in the lease agreement. Landlords may also require a security deposit. Security deposits cannot exceed the total amount of 2 months’ rent. This does not prevent landlord and renter from creating a written rental agreement during the 12-month period.

## **C. ORAL AGREEMENTS**

An oral agreement needs to be put in writing to be easily enforced. Example: if a landlord tells a tenant that a dwelling will be painted, that promise should be put in writing to become part of the rental agreement.

## **D. DISCLOSURE**

At the time of move-in, the landlord must give the tenant written notice of the name and address of: 1) the person or persons authorized to manage the premises, and 2) the owner, or person who acts in legal matters for the owner.

Tenants moving in must be notified of any planned conversion in the next 6 months that would displace them. If the property is sold, the landlord must notify the tenant of the name, address, and phone number of the new owner.

In addition, if the property is a multifamily dwelling unit located in any locality in which a military air installation is located, a prospective tenant shall be provided with a written disclosure that the property is

located in a noise or accident potential zone, or both, as designated by the location on its official zoning map. If such a disclosure is not provided, a tenant may terminate the lease agreement anytime during the *first 30 days* by sending to the landlord a written notice of termination by certified or registered mail.

#### TENANTS AFFECTED BY FAULTY CHINESE MANUFACTURED DRYWALL

If a landlord has knowledge of the existence of defective drywall with origins of Chinese manufacturing that has not been remedied, the landlord must provide prospective tenants with a written disclosure that the property contains such defective drywall.

1. Any tenant not provided with the written disclosure above may end his or her lease within 60 days of discovering the defective dry wall. If a tenant wishes to end his or her lease early, the landlord must be notified in writing.
2. Termination of the lease is the only remedy that a tenant has for a landlord's failure to disclose the defective dry wall to the tenant.

**NOTE: EFFECTIVE July 1, 2014, if the landlord has actual knowledge that the property was previously used to manufacture methamphetamine (meth) and has not been cleaned according to Department of Health guidelines, the landlord must provide written disclosure before renting the property. If the landlord did not disclose, then the tenant may end the lease agreement within 60 days of discovering that the property was used to manufacture meth and not cleaned by the guidelines. The tenant must provide a written notice to the landlord and terminate the lease within one month after sending that notice to the landlord.**

#### **E. SECURITY DEPOSITS**

Before a tenant moves into a unit, the landlord may require the tenant to pay a security deposit. Here are some important facts about security deposits:

1. Security deposits cannot exceed the amount of 2 months' rent, even without a written agreement.
1. Landlords may allow tenants to provide security deposit insurance for all or part of the security deposit requirement. Security deposit insurance guarantees an amount of money to the landlord to pay for damage to the rental unit that would normally be withheld from the security deposit, so that a tenant can get their deposit back faster and make moving easier.
1. When a tenant moves, the landlord may withhold all or some of the security deposit. The landlord may legally withhold the security deposit for things like unpaid rent (including late fees), damage caused by the tenant beyond reasonable wear and tear, and utility fees upon move-out.
1. Landlords can require tenants to pay the premiums for damage insurance, renter's insurance, or both. These payments are rent, and the tenant will never get them back. However, a landlord cannot require a tenant to pay more than two months' rent in security deposits, damage insurance, and renter's insurance combined.

Note: Where a landlord obtains damage insurance or renter's insurance for the tenant, the landlord shall name the tenant as a "co-insured."



If a tenant allows insurance required by the rental agreement to lapse, the landlord may provide any landlord's renter's insurance to cover the tenant. The tenant will have to pay that coverage until they provide written documentation of a reinstated insurance.

1. A landlord may also require a refundable application deposit and a nonrefundable application fee.

**Effective July 1, 2014, landlords are no longer required to pay interest on security deposits.**

Many disputes occur between landlords and tenants over the amount of money that the landlord can legally withhold from a security deposit. For information about the law governing the return of the security deposit, see page 21.

## **F. INSPECTION OF THE DWELLING**

An inspection of the dwelling unit when it is first occupied is very important. This inspection can ensure your security deposit is returned to you. An inspection checklist should note all damages or defects to the property in each room (such as problems with or damage to windows, doors, woodwork, ceilings and walls, floors, cabinets, plumbing pipes and fixtures, structural systems, and appliances).

**The inspection checklist should also indicate whether there is any visible evidence of mold in the unit. If there is visible evidence of mold, the tenant may reject or accept the tenancy.** If the tenant decides to accept, the landlord shall promptly remediate the mold condition, reinspect the dwelling to confirm that there is no visible evidence of mold in the dwelling, and prepare a new report stating that there is no visible evidence of mold in the dwelling unit upon reinspection. This must be done no later than 5 business days after the tenant chooses to accept.

**The landlord has 3 options for inspection:**

1. Inspect the dwelling unit themselves and provide a copy of itemized damages to the tenant within 5 days of occupancy. The tenant may request additional items to be added or object to any item on the list within 5 days of receiving the landlord's report, after which the report is deemed correct and final.
1. Adopt a written policy to allow the tenant to submit the itemized damage list within 5 days of occupancy. The landlord can object to any item on the list within 5 days of receiving the tenant's report, after which the report is deemed correct and final.
1. Adopt a written policy to provide that the landlord and tenant shall prepare the inspection report jointly. In this case the report is deemed correct and final after it is signed by both landlord and tenant.

**If the landlord does not follow any of these three options, a tenant should still submit an itemized damage list of their own.**

## **G. TENANTS IN FORECLOSED PROPERTIES**

Virginia Law

A landlord must notify a tenant in writing within 5 business days of the landlord receiving written notice from their mortgage lender of a mortgage default, of mortgage acceleration, or of a foreclosure sale.

1. If the landlord fails to provide the notice required, the tenant has the option to immediately terminate the lease agreement upon 5 business days' notice to the landlord and is entitled to a return of the security deposit in accordance with the law or the rental agreement, whichever is applicable.
1. If the dwelling is vacant, the landlord must disclose to any prospective tenants in writing at or before the start of tenancy of a mortgage default, notice of mortgage acceleration or notice of foreclosure sale relating to the dwelling unit.
2. The landlord is not required to notify tenant if the managing agent does not receive written notice from the mortgage lender or if the tenant provides a copy of written notice from the lender to the landlord (such as if the notice comes to the rental property and the tenant gives the notice to the landlord.)

NOTE: A tenant who entered into a lease before a notice of foreclosure may remain in the foreclosed property until the end of the lease unless the property is purchased by a bona fide purchaser who will reside in the property as their primary residence. In which case, the tenant must receive 90-day notice before being forced to vacate.

### **III. DURING THE RENTAL AGREEMENT**

Landlords and tenants both have specific rights and responsibilities during the lease. It is important to know these rights and responsibilities. Otherwise, both landlords and tenants may unknowingly violate the law.

#### **A. TENANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### **1. PAYMENT OF RENT**

Rent must be paid at the time and place designated by the landlord, and in the form requested (cash, check, money order).

Effective July 1, 2014, landlords may require that tenants pay the government or service fees for energy sub-metering if the technology is included in the home and if the lease allows for these payments. They are non-refundable and count as rent. Late charges for failure to make a timely payment for sub-metering may not exceed \$5.

Failure to pay rent when due, including repeated late payment of rent, or the voluntary withholding of rent (for whatever reason) may be a violation of the rental agreement. This may cause the landlord to take the following protective measures allowed by law:

- a) **Five day pay-or-quit notice:** The landlord may issue a notice giving the tenant 5 days to pay the rent in full or vacate the premises.
- b) **Unlawful detainer warrant:** If full payment of rent is not made within 5 days and the tenant fails to vacate, the landlord has the right to begin eviction proceedings against a tenant in the local general district court. However, it does not relieve a tenant of his obligation to fulfill the terms of the rental

agreement. Landlords may ask the court to amend the amount of rent that they claim from their tenant but may not file additional unlawful detainer actions in order to update their claim.

- c) **Eviction:** The eviction will be dismissed if the tenant pays all rent that is owed (plus reasonable late charges and attorney fees, if any, and court costs) to the landlord or into the court no later than 48 hours before the sheriff executes the writ of possession. See “The Eviction Process” on page 21 for more details.

If the tenant disputes the amount of rent owed, they must appear on the return date to get a second court date for a hearing on the dispute. If they do not appear, the court will enter a default judgment for the landlord. If the court enters a judgment for possession in favor of the landlord at the first or second court date, the tenant has 10 days to appeal to Circuit Court and post an approved bond. The amount required for a bond shall be the claimed outstanding rent, plus any late fees and relevant legal costs. Otherwise, on the 11th day, the local sheriff can serve a writ of eviction to forcibly evict the tenant and his/her belongings. If the tenant does not voluntarily move within 72 hours of being served the writ of eviction, the sheriff can return to forcibly evict the tenant and his property.

After the court enters an order for possession, the landlord has 180 days to request a writ of eviction. The landlord may cancel their writ and request another one if still within 180 days. The sheriff must execute the writ of eviction within 30 days of the writ being issued by the court. Otherwise, it is invalid and may not be used.

**Effective July 1, 2019, if a tenant does not pay owed rent and related fees by their first court date, they may still get their eviction dismissed if they pay the claimed amount to the landlord or the court no less than 48 hours before the date that the sheriff is scheduled to serve the writ of eviction.**

UNDER VIRGINIA LAW, A LANDLORD CANNOT FORCIBLY EVICT A TENANT ON HIS OWN. THE LANDLORD MUST USE THE COURTS TO DO SO. THUS, IT IS ILLEGAL FOR A LANDLORD TO LOCK OUT A TENANT OR TERMINATE THE TENANT’S UTILITIES ON THEIR OWN.

The estimated length of time from the 5 day pay-or-quit notice to actual forced eviction of the tenant is about 30 days without a hearing. An extra 2-4 weeks are required with a hearing.

**Charges for late rent:** Effective April 22, 2020, a landlord may charge a late fee of no more than 10% of the periodic (monthly or weekly) rent, or 10% of the remaining balance due and owed, whichever is smaller, and only if the late fee is provided for in the written lease agreement. If the late fee is not in the written lease a landlord may not enforce one.

**Rent Check Drawn on Insufficient Funds:** If a landlord receives, as a rent payment, a check or electronic funds transfer taken from an account without enough money to cover the value of the check or electronic transfer, OR if a stop-payment order has been placed in bad-faith by the tenant, written notice may be given to the tenant requiring payment within 5 days by cash, cashier’s check, certified check, or completed electronic funds transfer. If such payment is not received, the landlord may take action to evict the tenant just like he can when a tenant fails to pay rent. A landlord may also charge a bad check fee not to exceed \$50.00.

**Eviction Diversion Pilot Program:** Tenants subject to unlawful detainer cases in the cities of **Danville, Hampton, Petersburg, and Richmond** may enter a court-monitored payment plan in order to pay their rent. Tenants must appear at the first docket call of their case and request entry to the Program and must also testify that they are employed / are able to make payments in addition to explaining why they were unable to make rent.

Several restrictions apply to tenants who wish to enter the Program. Tenants may not:

1. Within the last 12 months, have been late on rent more than twice in 6 months or three times in 12 months,
2. Have participated in an eviction diversion program within the last 12 months,
3. Have exercised their right of redemption within the last six months, or at any point before July 1, 2020.

Tenants are required to pay 25 percent of their landlord's requested amount up-front. Over the next three months, they must then pay 25 percent of the amount by the fifth day of each month.

Landlords should give written notice to the court clerk and to the tenant if the tenant misses a payment under the plan. The tenant will then have 10 days to file an affidavit stating that the rent has actually been paid. Failure to make a payment under the program may lead to accelerated eviction proceedings and further legal judgments.

Landlords are not prohibited from filing additional unlawful detainer actions for non-rent violations (e.g., disturbing other tenants). Landlords and tenants may also enter payment agreements outside of the Program.

The Eviction Diversion Pilot Program went into effect on July 1, 2020 and will expire on July 1, 2024

## 2. MAINTAINING A CLEAN AND SAFE DWELLING

**A tenant has the obligation to maintain a clean and safe dwelling.** Tenants must:

- 1) Conduct themselves and require their visitors to conduct themselves in a manner that doesn't violate the peace and enjoyment of the neighbors;
- 2) Not deliberately destroy or damage any part of the dwelling;
- 3) Abide by all reasonable and lawful rules and regulations of the lease;
- 4) Use all utilities, facilities, and appliances in a reasonable manner;
- 5) Keep all fixtures as clean as their conditions permit;
- 6) Regularly remove all garbage and waste, and dispose of it in appropriate facilities;
- 7) Keep their house or apartment in a clean and safe condition;
- 8) Comply with all applicable housing and fire codes;
- 9) Not remove or tamper with a working smoke alarm—or carbon monoxide alarm installed by the landlord so as to make it not work (including removing working batteries) and maintain all smoke alarms;
- 10) Maintain the carbon monoxide alarm in accordance with the uniform set of standards for maintenance of carbon monoxide alarms established in the Uniform Statewide Building Code;

- 11) Keep their house or apartment free from insects and pests and promptly notify the landlord of any insects or pests; and
- 12) Refrain from painting, disturbing paint, or making alterations to dwellings containing landlord-disclosed lead-based paint without prior written consent from the landlord if the rental agreement requires such consent;
- 13) Refrain from removing any timber from landlord's property without landlord's permission;
- 14) Use care to prevent pets from causing personal injury in the dwelling.

A local law enforcement officer may issue a summons or a ticket for violations of the Uniform Statewide Building Code to the lessor (tenant) or sub lessor (another tenant occupying the dwelling in place of the original tenant for a period of the lease) so long as a copy of the notice is served on the owner of the building/property as well.

### **What can a landlord do if a tenant violates any of the above obligations?**

A landlord must notify a tenant in writing of a violation. If the tenant violates one of the above obligations, the tenant no longer has the right to repair, replace or clean a damaged item in the dwelling. Once the landlord notifies the tenant in writing of a violation the landlord may enter the dwelling and have the work done (or hire someone else to perform the work) and bill the tenant. The bill will be due when the rent is due next.

## **B. LANDLORD'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

**A landlord must make all repairs and do whatever is necessary to maintain a dwelling in fit and habitable condition.** The landlord must:

- 1) Supply running water and reasonable amounts of hot water at all times, air conditioning (where installed) and reasonable heat in season.
- 2) Maintain in good and safe working order all electrical, heating, plumbing, sanitation, ventilation, air conditioning, and other facilities (including those required by any state or local housing or health code) and appliances supplied, or required to be supplied, by the landlord.
- 3) Keep all common areas shared by two or more dwelling units of multifamily premises clean, in structurally safe condition, as well as provide and maintain appropriate waste receptacles in common areas.
- 4) Provide and maintain in common areas appropriate receptacles for collection, storage, and removal of ashes, garbage, rubbish, and other waste within the expected range when two or more dwelling units dispose of trash there.
- 5) Maintain premises to prevent the accumulation of moisture and the growth of mold. Where there is visible evidence of mold, the landlord must promptly remediate the mold conditions and re-inspect the dwelling unit to confirm that there is no longer visible evidence of mold.
- 6) Comply with requirements of applicable building, housing, health, and fire codes. (Landlords must also comply with local zoning ordinances limiting the number of occupants in a dwelling unit.)
- 7) Maintain any carbon monoxide alarm that has been installed by the landlord in the dwelling unit.

Note: Upon written request from tenant the landlord must install a carbon monoxide alarm within 90 days. The landlord may charge a fee to cover the costs.

A landlord who owns more than 200 rental units on the same piece of real property must require a pre-employment criminal history record check for any applicant for employment who will have access to keys for each rental unit.

A landlord may be liable for the tenant's actual damages caused by the landlord's failure to perform these responsibilities.

The landlord and tenant may agree in writing that the tenant perform some of the above specified duties and specified repairs, maintenance tasks, alterations, and remodeling, but only if the transaction is entered into in good faith, and not for the purpose of evading the obligations of the landlord, and if the agreement does not diminish or affect the obligation of the landlord to other tenants.

**A tenant who is a victim of domestic violence and who has obtained a protective order excluding a co-tenant or other authorized occupant from the premises may request the landlord to install a new lock at the landlord's expense.**

A tenant may make a written request to his or her landlord to produce a record of all charges and payments over the course of the entire tenancy or a 12-month period (whichever happens to be shorter) and this report must be given within 10 business days of receiving such request.

A tenant must present written authorization from the landlord in order to have water and sewer service placed in his name by the locality (unless the locality adopts a resolution not requiring the authorization). The local water and sewer authority may also require a tenant to pay a security deposit equal to 3 to 5 months of water and sewer charges. This deposit may be waived where the tenant presents documentation showing that he receives need-based rental assistance.

**What can a tenant do if the landlord violates the above obligations?** A tenant must notify a landlord in writing of any violation. A landlord's failure to act within 30 days is considered an unreasonable delay. If a landlord fails to supply an *essential service* (heat, running water, hot water, electric, or gas) a tenant may be able to recover damages or find other housing until the essential service is supplied. The tenant may also choose to file a complaint with the local building department or housing inspector and request an on-site inspection to determine whether code violations exist. Local building departments must enforce the Uniform Statewide Building Maintenance Code if a violation of the Unsafe Buildings Section does exist. This includes the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and the City of Fredericksburg.

If, at the beginning of the tenancy, a condition exists in a rental dwelling unit that makes it uninhabitable (fire hazards, serious threats to life, health or safety of the occupants such as lack of running water or proper utilities, or an infestation of rodents), the tenant may terminate the lease and receive a full refund of all deposits and rent paid to the landlord. The tenant **must** provide the landlord with **written notice** of their intent to terminate the lease within **7 days** of the date on which possession of the dwelling unit transferred to the tenant. The landlord has 15 business days from the date of delivery of the notice or the date the tenant leaves the unit (the later of the two) to return any rent and deposits paid. The landlord can refuse to accept the termination notice in writing

with reasons for refusal within 15 business days, but if the tenant didn't move in or has left, the tenant can then file suit contesting the refusal and demanding any rent or deposits. Whichever side wins can recover attorney fees.

**Requesting non-emergency repairs:** Tenants requesting repairs must give written notice to the landlord of the needed repairs and wait 14 days. If repairs are not made within 14 days, they can contract with a licensed contractor or pesticide business to get the needed work done, or pursue any of the remedies detailed below, such as filing a Tenant's Assertion. The cost cannot be more than \$1,500, or one-month's rent, whichever is higher. The tenant can deduct the cost of the repairs from the rent by giving the landlord an itemized statement of the work and a receipt for the work.

After 30 days (or sooner in the case of an emergency) a tenant may take the following actions:

**1. Rent Escrow (Tenant Assertion)**

If a tenant wishes to continue living in the dwelling (with violations corrected), the next rent payment may be placed into a *rent escrow* account in the General District Court within 5 days of the rent due date. (A tenant may not simply stop paying rent on his own). A rent escrow account is set up by the court to hold the tenant's rent payments until the dispute between the tenant and landlord is settled. Once an account is established, a court hearing may be held. At the hearing the court determines the validity of the tenant's claim and decides what to do with the funds.

**1. Tenant's Assertion and Complaint**

Where the tenant claims adverse conditions are present such as fire hazards, serious threats to life, health or safety of the occupants such as lack of running water or proper utilities, or an infestation of rodents, the tenant may pay their rent in an escrow account. The tenant proceeds by stating their assertion in a general district court where the property is located by declaring all relevant facts and asking for one or more forms of relief such as termination of the rental agreement or utilizing payment to apply towards fixing the issue(s).

1. Prior to granting any relief the tenant must prove that the landlord was notified by written notice about the conditions OR was notified of the conditions by a violation or condemnation notice from an appropriate state or municipal agency AND the landlord still refuses to remedy the problem(s). The period of time deemed unreasonable for the landlord to delay remedying the problem(s) is left to the judgment of the court, but anything beyond 30 days is generally unacceptable. All escrowed funds will be returned to the tenant if the conditions have not been remedied within 6 months and if the landlord has not made reasonable attempts to remedy.
2. The court will schedule a hearing within 15 days of service of process upon the landlord notifying him of the conditions present along with the rent being paid to an escrow account until further notice. The court will schedule a hearing earlier in cases of emergencies such as lack of heat in winter conditions.
3. If the tenant is successful in a Tenant's Assertion, and asks the court to end the lease early, then the court may order the lease to terminate within 30 days of the hearing.
4. Tenants who are successful in their assertion may also ask the judge to order the landlord to pay their court costs and attorney fees.

## 1. Injunction

For serious violations affecting health or safety, the tenant may seek an emergency order (injunction) from the circuit court. Such an order will require the assistance of a lawyer and may order a landlord to correct violations in the Uniform Statewide Building Code or a local building, housing, health, or fire code.

## 1. Termination of Lease

If a tenant wishes to terminate a rental agreement for a serious violation and/or continuous violation, he/she must send the landlord a written notice stating that the lease will terminate in 30 days if the violations are not corrected within 21 days, unless the rental agreement provides for a different notice period.

A tenant may use the rent escrow process even if he has received prior late payment notices, and it may serve as a defense to a landlord suit that is based upon nonpayment of rent.

**The landlord and the tenant may agree in writing to early termination of a rental agreement.**

**Subsidized Housing:** All landlords must put on any notice terminating a subsidized tenancy the statewide legal aid telephone number and website address. The notice will not be effective without this information.

A Public Housing Authority that wishes to demolish or dispose of housing must give 12 months' advance notice to the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA), to any agency giving rental assistance to tenants who would be displaced, and to each individual tenant before filing a demolition application with HUD. The notice must say:

- The expected date an application to demolish or dispose will be given to HUD.
- The name, address, and phone number of the local legal aid program.
- Instructions how to get more information about the application and timeline.
- Instructions how to give written comments to the PHA about the demolition or disposal.

During this 12-month period, the PHA cannot increase rent, change leases, or evict residents except as allowed by law.

**A landlord shall provide a tenant with a written receipt, upon request of the tenant, whenever the tenant pays rent in the form of cash or a money order.**

**NOTE: Virginia's landlord-tenant Acts do not apply to persons living in transient lodging (such as motels) as their primary residence for less than 90 consecutive days.**

## C. RIGHT OF ACCESS BY THE LANDLORD

The right of access by a landlord is restricted. The landlord must give the tenant reasonable notice (generally at least 72 hours) and enter the dwelling at reasonable times. The landlord may enter without the tenant's consent in case of emergency or to perform maintenance work that was requested by the tenant. In addition, during the



pendency of an unlawful detainer filed by the landlord against the tenant, the landlord may request the court to enter an order requiring the tenant to provide the landlord with access to such dwelling unit.

**Refusal by tenant to allow access:** A tenant must also be reasonable and must consent to the landlord's request to inspect the premises and make necessary repairs.

**Abuse of access by landlord:** A landlord may not abuse the right to access or use it to harass a tenant.

**During health-related states of emergency** such as a pandemic, the tenant can provide the landlord with written notice saying that the Landlord cannot enter for non-emergency maintenance. If notified, the landlord can only enter once every six months, with seven days written notice, at a time consented to by the tenant, and landlord's employees and agents must wear any personal protective equipment required by state law.

**The landlord has no other right to access except by court order or as permitted by law, or if the tenant has abandoned and surrendered the premises.**

#### **D. TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF THE TENANT FOR NON-EMERGENCY REPAIRS**

A landlord, in his discretion, can decide to relocate a tenant for up to 30 days in order to perform non-emergency repairs on a unit. The landlord must give at least 30 days' notice before any such relocation, the relocation must be to a comparable dwelling unit or hotel selected by the landlord and the relocation must come at no cost to the tenant.

The tenant is responsible for paying the existing rent for the relocation period. A tenant who fails to cooperate with a landlord's request for relocation has violated the rental agreement unless the tenant agrees to terminate the rental agreement during the 30-day notice period.

NOTE: Landlords are NOT responsible for paying for mold removal and tenant temporary housing IF the mold is caused by the tenant's failure to maintain the dwelling. Also, a tenant cannot terminate the lease if the landlord has remedied the mold in accordance with professional standards.

NOTE: If fire or casualty damage destroy the unit so as to substantially impair a tenant's enjoyment of the dwelling unit or so as to require the tenant to vacate to accomplish the required repairs, the tenant may terminate the lease by vacating and giving notice within 14 days after leaving. The landlord may terminate the lease after a 30-day notice to the tenant expires. The landlord must return all security deposits and prepaid rent unless he reasonably believes the tenant caused the damage or casualty.

#### **E. ADDITIONAL RULES AND CHANGES IN RENTAL AGREEMENTS**

A landlord may adopt rules or regulations concerning the tenant's use and occupancy of the dwelling unit and premises. Regulations are enforceable only if:

1. Its purpose is to promote the convenience, safety, or welfare of the tenants in the premises, preserve the landlord's property from abusive use, or make a fair distribution of services and facilities held out for the tenants generally;
1. It is reasonably related to the purpose for which it is adopted;
1. It applies equally and fairly to all tenants;
1. It is written explicitly enough to fairly inform a tenant of what they are required to do or is prohibited from doing to comply;
1. It is not for the purpose of evading the obligations of the landlord; and
1. The tenant has been provided with a copy of the rules and regulations or changes to such rules and regulations at the time he enters into the rental agreement or when they are adopted.

**What changes are allowed after the lease has been signed?**

1. Minor changes: Such as adding new parking rules are allowed.
2. Substantial changes: Such as increasing the security deposit or adding new restrictions on subleasing are not allowed before a lease expires unless the tenant agrees to them in writing.
1. Changes in ownership: If the dwelling is sold, except in the case of foreclosure, the new owner is bound to honor any rental agreement in place when the dwelling was sold.

**No unilateral change in the terms of a rental agreement by a landlord or tenant shall be valid unless (i) notice of the change is given in accordance with the terms of the rental agreement or as otherwise required by law and (ii) both parties consent in writing to the change.**

**F. RELEASE OF TENANT RECORDS**

A landlord or managing authority may release to a third party certain limited information about a tenant. This information includes a tenant’s rent payment record, a copy of a material noncompliance notice that has not been remedied, or a copy of a termination notice where the tenant did not remain on the premises thereafter. A landlord may also release tenant information to a third party when the tenant has given prior written consent, when the information is a matter of public record, when the information is requested by a law-enforcement official in the performance of his duties, when the information is requested via subpoena in a civil case, when the information is requested to obtain federal census information, or when the information is provided in case of an emergency, or if it is released to the landlord’s attorney or collection agency.

A tenant may designate a third party to receive copies of written notices from the landlord relating to the tenancy. If a tenant designates a third party, the landlord must mail the third party a copy of any summons or notice at the same time the summons or notice is mailed to or served upon the tenant.

**G. RETALIATORY CONDUCT PROHIBITED:**

A landlord may not **retaliate** by increasing rent, decreasing services, bringing or threatening to bring legal action, or by causing a termination of the rental agreement after learning that the tenant has:

1. Complained to a governmental agency regarding the violation of a building or housing code,

1. Made a complaint to or filed a suit against the landlord,
1. Organized or become a member of a tenants' organization; or
1. Testified in a court proceeding against the landlord.

## **H. PROPERTY/HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATIONS**

A homeowner's association or property owner's association may not:

1. Condition or prohibit the rental of a unit to a tenant
2. Charge any deposit from the tenant
3. Evict or pressure a unit owner to evict a tenant
4. Condition or prohibit the rental to a tenant of a lot by a lot owner or make an assessment or impose a charge except for service fees, common expenses, or late fees.

## **IV. ENDING THE RENTAL AGREEMENT AND MOVING OUT**

A tenant or landlord cannot break a rental agreement before its scheduled expiration date (except for military personnel and members of the National Guard under certain circumstances). All rental agreements must be terminated in accordance with their terms and conditions and the provisions of the law. **Many tenants are unaware of the need to provide advance written notice of their intent to vacate. Failure to do so may result in fees being withheld from a security deposit.**

### **A. TERMINATING LEASES AND ORAL AGREEMENTS**

**Automatic renewal clauses:** Many leases are automatically renewed unless written notice of termination is given by either party. If no notice is given, the lease is automatically renewed under the same terms specified in the renewal clause. For example, many one-year leases convert to month-to-month leases at the end of the 1-year term. **Many tenants are unaware of the need to provide advance written notice of their intent to vacate. Usually tenants must give at least a month's written notice of their intent to vacate.**

If the landlord proposes any changes to a lease (such as rent increase), written notification must be given before the lease expires. Unless the tenant agrees to the change in writing, that written notice will serve as a notice to vacate the premises.

If the tenant remains in possession of the dwelling with the agreement of the landlord AND if no new rental agreement is entered into, the terms of the original agreement remain in effect and govern the new month-to-month tenancy. There is an exception: the rent must be either the original rent or a new rent that was established in the landlord's 30-day notice to the tenant that his or her lease was about to expire.

The Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act – requires a landlord who owns more than four rental dwelling units or more than a 10 percent interest in more than four rental dwelling units, whether individually or through a business entity, in the Commonwealth to, in the case of any rental agreement that contains an option to renew or an automatic renewal provision, provide written notice to the tenant notifying the tenant of any

increase in rent during the subsequent rental agreement term no less than 60 days prior to the end of the current rental agreement term.

Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act requires any owner of multifamily premises that fails to renew the greater of either 20 or more month-to-month tenancies or 50 percent of the month-to-month tenancies within a consecutive 30-day period in the same multifamily premises to serve written notice on each such tenant at least 60 days prior to allowing such tenancy to expire. A landlord is exempted from the 60 days' notice requirement where a tenant has failed to pay rent in accordance with the rental agreement.

**Termination of oral agreements:** Written notification to terminate a rental agreement is required even when there is no written lease. Usually this notification must be given 30 days before the last rent is due.

**Subsidized housing:** It is important to verify requirements with your resident manager or Section 8 housing administrator when you occupy subsidized housing. Failure to follow correct procedures can result in your rental subsidy being revoked.

**Mobile homes:** Park owners must offer year-round residents at least one-year leases that shall automatically renew for at least one more year unless the park owner gives a 60-day notice prior to the expiration of the first one-year lease. If the park owner and the mobile home seller have common family members or business interests, the lease shall be renewed except for good cause reasons that would otherwise justify eviction. A 180-day notice is required to terminate a rental agreement based upon rehabilitation or a change in use of a mobile home park. A mobile home park owner who wants to sell or redevelop the park for another use must – within the 180-day period – give each resident \$2,500 in relocation expenses. In Planning District 8 (most of northern Virginia), this amount is \$3,500. Relocation expenses are subject to an agreement between the owner and resident that the resident will remove the home from the park. A mobile home park owner who wants to sell the park must give 90 days' advance written notice of the asking price to each resident, and to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for posting on its website. If the park owner gets an offer, the owner must give 60 days' advance written notice of that offer to each resident, and to DHCD for posting on its website. During those 60 days, the park owner must consider offers from a resident group representing at least 25 percent of the park residents.

**NOTE:** A tenant who owns his mobile home and who has been evicted from a mobile home park shall have 90 days after a judgment has been entered to sell or remove their home from the park. A mobile home park resident who has been evicted also has the option to rent the mobile home to a tenant within the 90-day post-judgment period, who will pay lot rent to the park owner, and mobile home rent to the mobile homeowner.

## **B. RETURN OF THE SECURITY DEPOSIT**

The landlord needs to inform the tenant that damages are greater than the security deposit and need a third-party contractor, and if they do and if the landlord does this, they shall have an extra 30 days on top of the 45 to give that itemization of damages and cost of repair.

**Inspection of the dwelling:** A landlord is required to make an inspection of the dwelling unit after it is vacated in order to determine the amount of the security deposit to be returned to the tenant. Upon request by the landlord to a tenant to vacate, or within five (5) days after receipt of notice by the landlord of the tenant's intent to vacate, the landlord shall provide written notice to the tenant of the tenant's right to be present at the landlord's inspection for the purpose of determining the amount of security deposit to be returned. Inspection by the landlord must be made within 72 hours of termination of the rental agreement. Following the move-out inspection, the landlord shall provide a tenant with a written security deposit dispositions statement, including an itemized list of damages. It is important for both parties to be present at the inspection so that any disagreements regarding damages may be resolved. The checklist from the final inspection should be compared to the one completed at the time the dwelling was first occupied in order to determine the amount of damages for which the tenant may be liable.

**Deposit withholdings:** During the tenancy the tenant must be given written notification of any deductions which will be made from a security deposit. The deductions must be itemized and sent to a tenant within 30 days of the deduction unless the deductions occur less than 30 days prior to the termination of the rental agreement.

**A landlord may withhold money from a security deposit for the collection of unpaid rent (including late fees), damages caused by a tenant beyond reasonable wear and tear, reasonable utility fees, and actual damages for breach of rental agreement.** A dwelling must be left clean and free of all items belonging to the tenant. Any cleaning costs that are made necessary by the conditions the tenant left behind may be deducted from the security deposit.

**“Wear and Tear”:** What constitutes “wear and tear” is a common cause for disagreement between landlords and tenants. Generally, wear and tear is defined as unavoidable deterioration of the dwelling and its fixtures, which results from normal use. For example, deterioration of carpeting resulting from normal traffic through a dwelling is wear and tear, but cigarette burns in the carpet are avoidable and constitute damages.

**Return of the deposit:** A landlord has up to 45 days after a dwelling is vacated to return a security deposit. An itemized list of withholdings must accompany the amount returned. Whoever owns or holds the rental property at the end of the lease must meet this obligation. If the deposit is not returned within 45 days, or if unreasonable withholdings are made, a tenant may seek relief through a lawsuit (warrant in debt) filed in the General District Court.

The landlord may charge a fee for returning the security deposit prior to the 45-day deadline if the lease provides for the fee and the tenant gives written notice requesting the expedited processing.

If there is more than one tenant on the rental agreement, return of the security deposit will be made by one check, payable to all tenants, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by all tenants. The check will be sent to the forwarding address provided by one of the tenants. If no forwarding address is provided within a year of ending the tenancy by any of the tenants, the landlord should remit such sum to the State Treasurer as unclaimed property on a form prescribed by the last administrator that includes the name, social security number (if known), and the last known address of each tenant on the rental agreement.

## C. THE EVICTION PROCESS

**The law gives the landlord the right to repossess a dwelling following a serious violation of the rental agreement by the tenant. The eviction process may vary slightly in different localities; however, there are three basic steps:**

- 1) A violation of terms and conditions of the rental agreement occurs, such as nonpayment of rent, disturbing other tenants, physical destruction of the premises, etc.
- 2) A written notice is mailed to the tenant, or hand delivered by the landlord or his agent, specifying the act(s) and omission(s) constituting the violation, and stating that the rental agreement will terminate as provided in the notice.
  1. **Correctable violations:** If the violation is correctable by repairs, payment of damages, or other actions and the tenant adequately corrects the violations prior to the date specified in the notice, the rental agreement will not terminate. The correction period is usually 21 days. The rental agreement usually terminates within 30 days of the notice date if the violations are not corrected within 21 days.
  1. **Non-correctable violations:** If the violation is not correctable or has occurred before, the landlord may terminate the rental agreement with a straight 30-day notice. Eviction notices can be reduced from 30 to 15 days for tenants who have committed a criminal or willful act which is not remediable, and which poses a threat to the health or safety of other tenants (e.g., illegal drug activity).
  1. **Delinquent rent:** If the notice is for unpaid rent, and the tenant fails to pay rent within 5 days after receiving notice, then the landlord may terminate the rental agreement and seek possession of the dwelling unit.

**Even if the landlord does not file a lawsuit for unpaid rent, he is still able to recover rent that is due or owing, late charges and fees provided for in the rental agreement, and any reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.**

- 3) The landlord seeks to obtain possession of the dwelling by filing a request with the clerk of the General District Court to issue a "summons for unlawful detainer" on the tenant advising him when to appear in court. The summons for Unlawful Detainer must have plain English instructions that explain it, such instructions must: (i) be printed in no less than 14 point type; (ii) be understandable to persons whose literacy level matches the Virginia literacy level for fourth grade; (iii) explain that failure to appear in court on the hearing date may result in eviction from the defendant's household; and (iv) provide the statewide Legal Aid and Virginia Eviction Reduction Pilot program websites and, if applicable, telephone numbers, directing defendants to contact those programs for more information and assistance. The landlord must present a copy of the notice they gave to their tenants and have it entered into evidence. If the court finds on the return date or

trial date that the tenant has no legal right to the dwelling, the tenant is ordered to vacate the unit by a specific date (usually within 10 days) or face forcible eviction by the sheriff. The tenant has 10 days to appeal to Circuit Court and post an approved bond. The amount required for a bond shall be the claimed outstanding rent, plus any late fees and relevant legal costs. Otherwise, on the eleventh (11th) day the local sheriff can serve a writ of eviction to forcibly evict the tenant and his/her belongings. If the tenant does not voluntarily move within 72 hours of service, the sheriff can return to forcibly evict the tenant and his property.

After the court enters an order for possession, the landlord has 180 days to request a writ of eviction. The landlord may cancel their writ and request another one if still within 180 days. The sheriff must execute the writ of eviction within 30 days of the writ being issued by the court. Otherwise, it is invalid and may not be used.

The sheriff executing a writ of eviction is required to return such executed writ to the clerk of court who issued such writ. Also, the Office of the Executive Secretary is required to report annually on the number of executed Writs.

The landlord may choose to continue his **monetary claims** for up to 120 days in order to establish the final rent and damages due.

The court may order, at the request of the landlord, that the tenant pay rent due (and future rent as it becomes due) into escrow in order to continue the case or set the matter off for trial. However, the court shall not order rent payments into escrow if the tenant asserts a good faith defense.

NOTE: A landlord cannot take the rental property back by diminishing services/utilities or restricting access to the unit UNLESS the refusal complies with BOTH an unlawful detainer action from a court AND the execution of a writ of eviction. Any rental agreement that states otherwise is unenforceable by law even if the landlord only owns a single rental property.

**RENTING A MOTEL ROOM:** A person occupying a hotel, motel, extended stay facility, vacation residential facility, boardinghouse, or similar lodging as his or her primary residence for fewer than 90 consecutive days can be evicted by the owner of the establishment without following the procedure detailed above. The owner of the transient lodging must provide five-day written notice of nonpayment to a person living there. When the five-day notice has expired and the lodger has not paid in full, the owner may evict the lodger by changing the locks, shutting off utilities, or removing belongings (known as “self-help” eviction.)

However, if the person occupying the hotel or other lodging resides there as his or her primary residence for more than 90 consecutive days or is subject to a written lease for more than 90 days, that lodging will be treated as a dwelling unit subject to landlord-tenant law, including the prohibition against self-help eviction. After 90 consecutive days of residence, the owner of the lodging place must follow the eviction procedures detailed in the Eviction section of this guide.

**Tenant Liabilities:** Moving out within 5 days of receiving a notice of delinquent rent does not automatically release the tenant from his obligations. A judgment may be entered against the tenant, requiring payment of

rent until the rental agreement expires or until a new tenant enters, whichever comes first. In some cases, the tenant's wages may be garnished to ensure payment. In some cases, a tenant may also be liable for the landlord's attorney's fees.

**Limitations to Landlord Actions (No self-help evictions):** It is illegal for a landlord to remove or exclude the tenant from the premises, or deny essential services such as utilities, until the Court orders an eviction, and the sheriff enforces it.

**Any provision in any rental agreement allowing a landlord to take possession through terminating necessary utilities or lock-out is unenforceable. A tenant can file a Petition for Relief from Unlawful Exclusion in General District Court against a landlord who uses unlawful tactics to evict the tenant.**

Starting July 1, 2020, a tenant can get temporary relief even if the landlord has not been served, and even if the landlord is not in court. This is an *ex parte* order. The tenant must have made a good faith effort to notify the landlord of the filing of the petition and the hearing. If temporary relief is granted, there must be a full hearing within five days.

**Waiver of Landlord's Rights:** Unless the landlord accepts the rent with reservation and gives the tenant written notice of such acceptance within 5 business days, a landlord accepting full or partial payment of rent with knowledge of material noncompliance with the rental agreement waives or gives up the right to terminate the rental agreement. If a landlord has given the tenant written notice that rental payments are accepted with reservation, the landlord may accept full payment and still be entitled to receive an order for possession terminating the rental agreement. An important exception to the rule arises if the tenant's violation involves or constitutes a criminal or willful act that is not remediable and poses a threat to health or safety. In that case, the landlord may immediately terminate the agreement and seek possession of the premises.

**NOTE: If a landlord enters into a new written agreement with the tenant prior to eviction, an order of possession obtained before the new rental agreement is not enforceable.**

**Redemption of Tenancy:** The law gives the landlord the right to terminate a rental agreement and repossess a dwelling unit following a serious violation of the rental agreement by the tenant. However, in the case of nonpayment of rent, if a tenant pays all rent and arrears, along with any reasonable attorney fees and late charges and other charges and fees as contracted for in the lease and any court costs, all proceedings for eviction or unlawful detainer will cease even if the landlord says rent was accepted "with reservation." The court decides any dispute between the parties regarding amount owed. **This "right of redemption" of tenancy used to be exercised by the tenant ONLY ONCE during any 12-month period, but now the tenant can redeem the tenancy any time within a twelve-month period. Exception: Landlords with four or fewer units can say in writing that they will permit redemption only once per year.**

As of July 1, 2019, you have another chance to use the **right of redemption**, even after the first court date. If you can get together the amount of money listed above, and add sheriff's fees to that amount, you can pay that to your landlord no later than 48 hours before your scheduled eviction – that's the date on the notice given to you by the sheriff, after the landlord gets a **judgment** and has an **order of possession** issued telling the sheriff



to set up the eviction. Make sure you keep a record of how much money you pay the landlord and when you pay them. Also, the law requires this payment to be made by cashier's check, certified check, or money order.

**Please remember: If the Landlord has four or fewer units, the Landlord can notify the Tenant in writing that the Tenant can use the right of redemption only once every twelve months. Landlords with five or more units cannot restrict the number of times per year that a tenant can redeem the tenancy.**

**Expunging Dismissed Eviction Lawsuits in General District Court:** Starting January 1, 2022, if an eviction lawsuit is dismissed, the tenant can petition for expungement after 30 days of the dismissal. If more than six months have passed, the tenant can petition the court to expunge (remove) the court record. If an eviction lawsuit is nonsuited, then the time is 6 months from the date of the nonsuit.

**Special Protection for Victims of Domestic Violence:** An act of violence that occurs in a dwelling unit or on the premises may qualify as material noncompliance with the rental agreement that could justify eviction. However, a tenant who is a victim of family abuse may be protected from eviction (1) if they notify the landlord of the abuse and the landlord then bars the perpetrator from the dwelling unit, *or* (2) if they obtain a protective order against the perpetrator.

A person who is not a tenant or authorized occupant in the dwelling unit and who has obtained an order from court granting such person possession of the premises to the exclusion of one or more co-tenants may provide a copy of such order to the landlord and submit a rental application to become a tenant within 10 days of such an order. If such person meets the landlord's rental criteria, they may become a tenant. If such person does not meet the criteria, they have 30 days to vacate after the landlord gives written notice of rejection.

**To qualify for protection, a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence must:**

1. within 21 days of the alleged offense, provide written documentation to the landlord that corroborates their status as a victim of family abuse and shows that the perpetrator has been excluded from the dwelling unit; AND
1. Notify the landlord within 24 hours if the perpetrator, in violation of a bar notice, returns to the dwelling unit or premises. If the tenant can prove that they did not know that the perpetrator violated the bar notice, or that it was not possible for her to notify the landlord within 24 hours, then the tenant must notify the landlord within 7 days of the perpetrator's return.

If these conditions are not met, a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence may remain responsible for the acts of other co-tenants, occupants, or guests, including the perpetrator, and may be subject to termination of the rental agreement pursuant to the lease.

**Victims of family abuse, sexual abuse, and criminal sexual assault are also specially protected.** These victims are allowed early termination of their rental agreements so long as they follow these steps:

The victim must EITHER:

1. Obtain an order of protection AND
1. Give written notice of termination to the landlord within the period of the protective order or the period of an extension of the protective order.

1. The notice of termination must include a date for the termination of the lease.
1. The date of termination must be at least 30 days after the date the next rent payment is due.
1. The order of protection or the conviction order AND the written notice of termination must be provided to the landlord at the same time.

OR:

1. Obtain a court order convicting a perpetrator of any crime of sexual assault, sexual abuse, or family abuse against the victim AND
1. Give written notice of termination to the landlord (following 2a-2c above)

Rent will remain due at such time as agreed upon in the rental agreement up through the effective date of the termination.

The landlord may not charge the victim any fees or damages for ending the lease early in these situations. Any co-tenants on the victim's lease remain responsible for the rent through the end of the original (not terminated) rental agreement. But, if the only remaining tenant is the perpetrator, the landlord may terminate the rental agreement and collect actual monetary damages for the early termination from the perpetrator.

## **D. DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Personal property left in the dwelling unit (or storage area) after the lease ends and the landlord regains possession can be considered abandoned at the time. The landlord may dispose of the property after 24 hours if the landlord has given the tenant proper prior written notice. A termination notice is one way, but not the only way, that the landlord may give such notice.

If a tenant who is the sole tenant under a written rental agreement still residing in a dwelling unit dies and there is no person authorized to handle probate matters for the deceased tenant, the landlord may dispose of personal property left on the premises or in the dwelling unit, provided he has given at least 10 days' written notice to the person identified in rental application as the person to be contacted in the event of the tenant's death.

The lease is considered terminated on the date of the tenant's death. The landlord does not have to seek an order of possession for the property from the court. The estate of the tenant remains responsible for actual damage caused by the tenant, but the landlord must continue to mitigate these damages.

## **V. UTILITY TERMINATION**

Where utilities are not included in the rent and are a part of a contractual relationship between the tenant and the utility company, the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) has published rules to limit the termination of service in certain circumstances:

1. **Cold Weather Terminations**: Each utility must have on file with the SCC a policy document known as a tariff. The tariff must address the utility's policy regarding cold weather terminations. These policies vary from utility to utility. Anyone faced with termination of service in cold weather season should inquire with the utility or the SCC regarding that utility's limitations on termination of service.

1. **Serious Medical Conditions:** There are now rules requiring certain public utilities to provide up to a 60-day delay of service termination for nonpayment for people with documented Serious Medical Conditions. The ONLY utilities included are investor-owned electric utilities, electric cooperatives, and public utilities such as water service.
  1. A Serious Medical Condition (SMC) is a physical or psychiatric condition that requires medical intervention to prevent further disability, loss of function or death.
  1. A SMC is typically characterized by a need for ongoing medical supervision or the consultation of a physician.
  1. In order to document a SMC, the treating physician must complete the SMC form and file it with the SCC (usually annually).

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## **RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

### **I. SUBSIDIZED HOUSING**

Based on their income, individuals and families may qualify for subsidized housing through the Section 8 and other rental assistance programs such as Section 202 (elderly and handicapped) and Section 515 (rural). Rent for this housing is generally based on 30% of the adjusted gross income of the family. The rental assistance is either tied to units in a multi-family housing complex (project-based assistance) or tied to vouchers that individuals use to shop for their own individual housing in the local housing market.

Subsidized housing is very limited in this area; therefore, waiting lists are quite long. Federal law requires, however, that priority be given to applicants who: (1) either work or live locally; or (2) who have a disability or share a household with a spouse or other adult who has a disability; or (3) who are homeless at the time of admission. Currently, there are no multi-family project-based Section 8 housing developments in Caroline or King George counties. Individuals, however, can use a “housing choice” Section 8 voucher in these two counties, as well as in Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, and Stafford, if they find a landlord who is willing to accept the voucher. Spotsylvania and Caroline counties also have low-rent housing (Section 515) under USDA/Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration).

Waiting time for qualified applicants to obtain multi-family project-based housing and vouchers can vary considerably based on factors such as: (1) whether applications are being accepted; (2) the frequency with which vacancies become available; (3) whether additional vouchers are awarded to local agencies administering the Section 8 program; and (4) whether applicants meet qualifications for preferences.

### **II. TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS**

Virginia’s low-income housing tax credit law allows landlords renting units to low-income tenants who reside in a domestic violence or homeless shelter during the 12 months preceding the lease term, as well as elderly and disabled tenants, to qualify for tax credits of 50% of the rent reductions that are allowed to such tenants. Tax credits will generally not reduce rents as much as Section 8 and other rent subsidy programs.

# EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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## **ACTS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER**

Undisclosed location.

Domestic Violence Hotline: 703-221-4951

Domestic Violence Services: (703) 221-4460

Sexual Assault Services: (703) 497-1192

ACTION in Community Through Service (ACTS) provides services to our neighbors experiencing crisis. Services include, but are not limited to, intensive case management, Children's Coordinator's services, life skills classes, and rapid rehousing.

## **ACTS HOMELESS SHELTER**

17866 Main Street

Dumfries, VA 22026

Phone: 703-221-3188

An 18-bed homeless shelter that provides short-term emergency housing. Single females and females in a family allowed. No single males allowed, but men allowed if they are in a family. Additional services include, but are not limited to, intensive case management, Children's Coordinator's services, life skills classes, and rapid rehousing. 30 day stay limit, with the option of an extension to 45 days.

## **COLD WEATHER SHELTER**

Phone: 540-358-5801

Cold Weather Shelter program is operating out of temporary hotel rooms. Provides shelter to the homeless on cold nights between November and February with no fee. Operated by Micah Ministries.

## **EMPOWERHOUSE**

150 Olde Greenwich Drive

Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Phone: 540-373-9372 (office)

Emergency Hotline: 540-373-9373

This shelter is for victims of domestic violence (and children) who are in crisis. Max. length of stay is 60 days.

## **MICAH HOSPITALITY CENTER**

1013 Princess Anne St.

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Phone: 540-479-4116

Provides services and support to the homeless in the Fredericksburg region. They offer advice, services, showers, clothes, and meals. Operated by Micah Ecumenical Ministries.

## **RAPPAHANNOCK UNITED WAY BARBARA C. TERRY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND**

3310 Shannon Park Drive

Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Phone: 540-373-0041

Barbara C. Terry Society offers emergency assistance to struggling households, helping families meet the needs of housing (rent and mortgage), food, utilities, and transportation. Fund focuses on helping families who do not qualify for other community-based services and who are facing an economic crisis for the first time.

## **RESIDENTIAL RECOVERY PROGRAM**

1512 Princess Anne St.

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Phone: 540-479-8302

Offers homeless individuals leaving hospitals access to health assistance, food, and shelter. Provides basic care after medical procedures. A medical referral or mental health referral is required.

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

142 Olde Greenwich Drive

Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Phone: 540-898-8065

Financial Assistance Hot Line: 540-898-8065

Assistance is provided to 20 families a week after a Thursday Interview. Material assistance such as rent, utilities, food, and clothing offered. Call Hot Line to begin the interview process.

## **ST. WILLIAM OF YORK**

3130 Jefferson Davis Hwy

Stafford, VA 22554

Phone: 540-720-6652

## **THE HILDA M. BARG HOMELESS PREVENTION CENTER**

14945 Jefferson Davis Hwy

Woodbridge, VA 22191

Phone: 703-792-8810  
Intake Hotline: 703-792-3366  
Emergency shelter for families and individuals. Provides services such as job and housing search assistance, rent assistance, and counseling. Intake Hotline must be called to initiate housing.

### **LOISANN'S HOPE HOUSE**

902 Lafayette Boulevard  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-371-0831  
Intake Hotline: 540-358-5031  
Hope House is an emergency shelter that is

designed to improve the quality of life for families by helping them move from homelessness to permanent housing. Educational opportunities and support services offered. Intake Hotline must be called to initiate housing.

### **THURMAN BRISBEN CENTER (TBC)**

471 Central Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-899-9853  
80 bed shelter open to both individuals and families who are able to care for themselves.  
Average length of stay is 40-60 days.

## **HOMELESSNESS HELPLINE**

### **Helpline #: 540-358-5801**

The Homelessness Helpline is a 24/7 helpline dedicated to assisting those who are currently experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. The helpline serves all of Planning District 16 (City of Fredericksburg and the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford).

The helpline is focused on serving individuals and families who are:

- Sleeping outside (including in a car, tent, or abandoned building)
- In need of emergency shelter
- At immediate risk of sleeping outside or needing emergency shelter (within 14 days)

Callers will be assessed for all community services and be referred to appropriate services. All individuals and households must contact the homelessness helpline to access emergency shelter and targeted prevention services as the helpline is the only access point for these services. Multiple languages can be served through the use of interpretation services. The helpline partners with the following agencies for referrals:

### **HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES (FREDPREVENT!)**

Administered by Loisann's Hope House on behalf of the Fredericksburg Regional Continuum of Care and its partners, FredPrevent! provides services to families with children and individuals throughout Planning District 16 (Stafford, Spotsylvania, King

George, Caroline, and the City of Fredericksburg). These targeted prevention services aim to divert households at imminent risk of sleeping outside or needing emergency shelter from ever experiencing an episode of homelessness by providing them with limited financial and case management assistance as well as the tools and resources needed to remain permanently housed and stable in housing. Those in need of prevention services must call the Homelessness Helpline to be referred and scheduled for intake.

### **LOISANN'S HOPE HOUSE**

Hope House is an emergency shelter that is designed to improve the quality of life for families by helping them move from homelessness to permanent housing. Educational opportunities and support services offered. Intake hotline must be called to initiate housing.

### **MICAH ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES**

Micah Ecumenical Ministries serves as the street outreach provider for the Fredericksburg Regional Continuum of Care, focused on serving the street homeless and chronically homeless, Micah Ecumenical Ministries provides a number of services to ensure that those most vulnerable in our community have their basic needs met. Services include:

- Cold Weather Shelter (November-March)
- Hospitality Center (Monday - Friday 10am-2pm) – Located at 1013 Princess

Anne St. Fredericksburg, the hospitality center offers resources, co-located services (RACSB, DSS, and VA), showers, clothes, and meals.

- Employment/Income Services
- Residential Recovery Shelter- must be referred from hospital
- Street Outreach Services

### **SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF)**

Administered by Volunteers of America, Chesapeake, Inc., SSVF is a community-based program providing a range of supportive services

and comprehensive case management to very low-income Veteran families (need to have served Active Duty with an other than dishonorable discharge status) to promote housing stability. Services offered are time-limited rental assistance, security deposits, utility payments, transportation assistance, child care assistance, and general housing needs. Must be made eligible through the intake process.

### **THURMAN BRISBEN CENTER (TBC)**

80 bed shelter open to both individuals and families who are able to care for themselves.

Average length of stay is 40-60 days.

## **SUBSIDIZED AND SECTION 8 HOUSING**

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*Individuals and families may qualify for subsidized housing based on income.*

*Rent is generally based on 30% of your adjusted income.*

### **CAROLINE MANOR 1 & 2**

150 Courthouse Lane  
Bowling Green, VA 22427  
Phone: 804-633-9900

2 & 3 BR units. Call for pricings. Rural development and tax credit community with subsidized housing available if qualified. Laundry area on property. Residents pay all utilities except trash. Security deposit is 1 month's rent. Service animals only. Accessible unit available. Wait list. \$11 app. fee.

\$1,250; 3 BR: \$1,350. Security deposit ranges from \$350 through 1 month's rent, depending on credit score. Resident pays all utilities except water, trash and sewer. Up to 4 year wait list for project-based vouchers. For tax credit community, there is no wait list.

### **COURTHOUSE GREEN APARTMENTS**

8132 Pool Drive  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553  
Phone: 540-582-9421

Accepts vouchers. Tax credit and rural development community. 1 BR: \$691-\$877; 2 BR: \$801-\$1,987. Min. income requirement: 2x monthly rent. Security deposit is 1 month's rent. Resident pays all utilities

except water, sewer, and trash. Service animals allowed. App. fee \$22/adult. Wait list.

### **GARRISON WOODS**

207 Garrison Woods Drive  
Stafford, VA 22556  
Phone: 540-659-6078

Subsidized housing, doesn't accept vouchers. 1, 2, 3, & 4 BR units. Call for pricing. Rent is 30% of residents' gross annual income.

Resident pays all utilities except water, trash and sewer. No pets. 2-4 year wait list.

### **FOREST VILLAGE APARTMENTS**

1300 Forest Village  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-371-2200

Tax credit community and accepts Section 8 State & Project-based vouchers. 1 BR: \$1,050; 2 BR:

### **HAZEL HILL APARTMENTS**

100 Princess Anne Street #100  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-373-1422

Section 8 and subsidized housing. Rent is 30% of income. Resident pays all utilities except water, sewer, and trash. No pets. Security deposit based on income. Resident services program, nurse on staff,

community garden, after school/tutoring program.  
Must apply in person.

### **HERITAGE PARK APARTMENTS**

1003 Heritage Park  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-371-9362

Affordable housing with some Section 8 and some subsidized units with no min. income requirement. Tax credit program has min. income requirement of \$36,650. 2 BR: \$1100+; 3 BR: \$1250+. Resident pays all utilities except water, sewer, and trash. Security deposit is 1 month's rent. Pets welcome with breed restrictions and \$300 deposit. Smoke-free inside all units. Wait list, length of wait depends on unit and program type.

### **THE PINES**

8835 Crismond Lane  
Spotsylvania, VA 22551  
Phone: 540-582-2415

Rural development and tax credit community. 1 BR: \$737+; 2 BR: \$817. Resident pays water and sewer, but not trash. Max. income requirements. No pets. Wait list.

### **RIVERWOOD APARTMENTS**

368 Riverwood Drive  
Colonial Beach, VA 22443  
Phone: 804-224-0901

Section 8 and subsidized housing.  
1, 2, & 3 BR units. Call for pricing. Rent and security deposit income based. Residents only pay electric. Service animals only. Wait list.

### **SKY TERRACE**

25 Sky Terrace  
Stafford, VA 22556  
Phone: 540-658-1700

Accepts Section 8 and is a tax credit community. 2 BR: \$1500+; 3 BR: \$1818+; 4 BR: \$2003. Max. income requirements for some units. Min. income requirement: 2.5x monthly rent. Resident pays all utilities & \$17.00/month trash pickup. Security deposit \$500+. Pets allowed with breed restrictions. No wait list. \$35 App. fee.

### **STAFFORD LAKES APARTMENTS**

35 Stonehaven Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Phone: 540-286-0950

Tax credit community. 2 BR: \$1,350-\$1,550; 3 BR: \$1475. Min. income requirement: \$52,920 for 1 person; \$60,480 for 2 people; \$68,004 for 3 people. Sec. deposit \$350-\$900. Resident pays all utilities except water, trash, and sewer. Washer/dryer included. Pets allowed with breed restrictions and \$300 nonrefundable pet fee & \$25/pet rent. Pets must be under 50 lbs. 1 dog and 1 cat limit. 6 and 12 mo. leasing options. Application fee \$32/adult. Reservation fee \$350, must be paid at the same time as the application.

### **STONEGATE**

20 Stonegate Place  
Stafford, VA 22554  
Phone: 540-659-4141

Accepts Section 8 and is a tax credit community. 2-3 BR: \$1,937-\$2,243; Min. income requirement: \$49,000 for 2 BR; \$52,000 for 3 BR. Credit check required. Security deposit ranges from \$200-500. Military & Preferred employer discounts. Resident pays all utilities except water, trash, and sewer. Washer/dryer included. Pets less than 75 lbs. with breed restrictions. \$200 nonrefundable pet fee, \$100 pet deposit, \$35/monthly first pet rent, \$25 for second. Limit two pets. Wait list for 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom. \$40 app. fee. 12 mo. leasing options.

### **TIMBER RIDGE**

3500 Golden Field Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408  
Phone: 540-710-6595

Toll Free: 866-531-5431  
Accepts Section 8 and is tax credit community. 2 BR: \$1,646; 3 BR: \$2,021. Security deposit of \$500-\$1,000. Washer and dryer included. Pets welcome, except cats, with a \$300 fee and \$30/monthly pet rent with breed restrictions. Application fee \$44/adult.

### **COURTHOUSE LANE APARTMENTS 1**

150 Courthouse Lane  
Bowling Green, VA 22427  
Phone: 804-633-9900

Rural development and Section 8 housing. 32, 1 BR units. Rent is based on 30% of income, starting at \$775+. Call for exact pricing. Must be at least 62

years and/or disabled. Residents pay all utilities except trash and water. Pets allowed with breed restrictions and a \$200 one-time fee. Minimum 2 year wait list.

### **COURTHOUSE LANE APARTMENTS 2**

150 Courthouse Lane  
Bowling Green, VA 22427  
Phone: 804-633-9900

Rural Development and tax credit community with subsidized housing available if qualified. 24 1 BR units. 1 BR: \$719-902, based off 30 percent of adjusted gross income. Laundry room. Residents pay all utilities except trash and water. Pets allowed

## **SENIOR HOUSING**

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### **ALEXANDER HEIGHTS**

2704 Salem Church Rd.  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
Phone: 540-548-0010

Age 55+. Accepts Section 8. Min. income requirement is 2x monthly rent.  
1 BR: \$1,430-\$1,475; 2 BR: \$1,750-\$1,915. Washer and dryer included.

Accept pets under 45 lbs. with \$150 deposit with \$150 nonrefundable fee and \$45/month per pet. 2 pet limit. Administrative fee \$150. App. fee \$50/person. Parking fee: \$60. No wait list.

### **ASBURY MANOR**

10235 Brittany Commons Blvd.  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553  
Phone: 540-710-1905

Age 62+. Subsidized. 1 BR rent is 30% of income. Water, sewer, trash included. Pets under 20 lbs. with \$300 deposit. Some accessible units. Wait list.

### **BELLEVUE SENIOR APARTMENTS**

222 Belleview Ave.  
Orange, VA 22960  
Phone: 540-661-3300

Age 55+ community. Tax credit community. 1 & 2 BR units. Call for pricing. All utilities included. No min. income requirements. Max income req. based on occupancy. Call for details. Pets allowed with fee and monthly pet rent. 2 pet limit. One time \$300 pet fee with a \$25/mo. pet

with breed restrictions and a \$200 one-time fee. Minimum 2 year wait list.

### **LEE STREET TOWNHOMES**

150 Courthouse Lane  
Bowling Green, VA 22427  
Phone: 804-633-9900

Section 8, rural development, and tax credit community with subsidized housing available if qualified. 18 2 BR units. Call for exact pricing. Rent may be 30% of income. Call for exact rates. Washer/dryer in unit. Residents pay all utilities except trash. Security deposit is 1 month's rent. Service animals only. Accessible unit available. Wait list.

rent. Security deposit based on credit. No felons, sex offenders, or full-time students. \$25 app. fee.

### **ENGLISH OAKS**

11 Darlington Way  
Fredericksburg, VA 22406  
Phone: 540-372-7797

Age 55+. 1BR: \$1,325+; 2BR: \$1,425+. Resident pays all utilities except heat, water, sewer, and trash. FRED bus stop. Min. income: 1.5x month's rent. \$32 app. fee/adult. Security deposit from \$500-\$750. Pets under 35 lbs. with \$250 nonrefundable deposit and \$30 per month per pet, max 2 pets. Wait list.

### **ENOCH GEORGE MANOR**

10231 Brittany Commons  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553  
Phone: 540-710-9989

Fax: 540-710-0501  
Ages 55+. Tax credit community.  
1 BR: \$1,115; 2 BR: \$1,235. Min. income requirements: 1 BR: \$32,940; 2 BR: \$40,500. Security deposit \$350-\$600. Residents responsible for electricity. Cats and small dogs up to 50 lbs. w/ shot records and registration. Max. 2 pets. No pet fee. \$32 app. fee. \$200 holding fee.

### **THE EVERGREENS AT SMITH RUN**

2700 Cowan Boulevard  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-374-1544



Age 55+. 1 & 2 BR units. Call for exact rates. Ranges from \$2,016-\$2,564. Resident pays all utilities except water, sewer & trash. Pets less than 25 lbs. with a \$300 pet fee & \$25/month. Max. 2 pets. 2 accessible units available. FRED bus pickup and drop off. Amenity fee \$200. Swimming pool. App. fee \$50/adult.

### **THE GARDENS OF STAFFORD**

2195 Mountain View Road  
Stafford, VA 22556  
Phone: 540-657-1002

Ages 55+. Tax credit community and accepts Section 8. 1 BR: \$1,055+; 2 BR: \$1,419+. Max. income requirement based on occupancy (1 person: \$51,000; 2 people: \$58,260; 3 people: \$65,520). \$99 security deposit. Resident pays all utilities except water, sewer, and trash. Pets less than 35 lbs., \$150 deposit & \$20/month. 8 accessible units. 100% smoke free. \$32 app. fee.

### **GERMANNA HEIGHTS**

35059 Germanna Heights Drive  
Locust Grove, VA 22508  
Phone: 540-423-1090

Age 55+. Accepts Section 8 and is tax credit community. 1 BR: \$825; 2 BR: \$935. One pet under 25 lbs. w/\$300 deposit & \$25/month. 2 accessible units, all wheelchair accessible. Many amenities. Wait list.

## **GENERAL RENTAL UNITS**

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### **ARBOR GROVE**

100 Timber Lake Street  
Stafford, VA 22554  
Phone: 540-659-4287

Accepts Section 8 and is tax credit community. Call for rates or look online. Min/max income requirements based on number of occupants. Lease protection fee \$199, or \$599. Residents pay water,

### **KINGS CREST**

11500 Kings Crest Court  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
Phone: 540-891-9278

Age 55+. Section 8 and is tax credit community. 1 & 2 BR units. 1 BR: \$995; 2 BR: \$1,200. Deposit \$300-600 based on credit. Call for exact pricing and security deposit. Min. income req: 1 person: \$16,200; 2 or more \$19,800. Max. income req: 1 person \$45,150; 2 or more \$56,700. Max. income requirement. Residents pay electricity, telephone, and cable. Pets under 35 lbs. with non-refundable deposit. \$30 nonrefundable application fee/per adult, \$99 holding fee, goes towards deposit. Wait list.

### **MADONNA HOUSE**

2600 Cowan Boulevard  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-371-8212

Ages 55+. Accepts Section 8. Independent living. 1 BR: \$907; 1 BR/balcony: \$971; 2 BR: \$1,098. Min/max income requirements. 1-person min. income: \$21,768. Max: \$63,300. 2-person min. income: \$26,352. Max: \$72,360. Security deposit of \$300. Resident pays all utilities except gas, water, and trash. Pets less than 20 lbs. allowed with a \$300 fee. 3-6 month wait list.

### **MCKENDREE MANOR**

101 McKendree Court  
Fredericksburg, VA 22406  
Phone: 540-373-1419

Ages 62+ or anyone mobility impaired. 1 BR and efficiencies units. Subsidized. Rent is 30% of gross annual income. Pets less than 20 lbs. with refundable \$300 deposit. Service animals have no fee. 2 mobility impaired units. Wait list.

electricity, cable, sewer, and internet. Max of 2 pets allowed with \$250 fee, \$30/monthly 1 pet rent, \$50/monthly 2 pet rent. App. fee \$50/person. \$199 holding fee.

### **APARTMENTS BY GLENNEL**

11470 Woodside Drive  
King George, VA 22485  
Phone: 540-775-2889

1 BR: \$860; 2 BR: \$960 w/o washer and dryer, \$990 with. Water and trash included. Pets welcome (except cats) with breed restrictions. Min. security deposit is 1<sup>st</sup> month's rent.

### **AQUIA TERRACE**

190 White Pine Circle  
Stafford, VA 22554

Phone: 540-288-9800

1, 2, & 3 BR units available. Call for rates or look online. Min income is 3x rent. Security dep. \$250. Resident pays all utilities except trash. Pets allowed with breed restrictions & \$300 non-refundable fee, and \$35/monthly pet rent or \$70/monthly rent for 2 pets. 6 accessible units. Application fee \$40. Administrative fee \$200.

### **BAYVUE**

1293 Bayside Ave.  
Woodbridge, VA 22191  
Phone: 703-491-5032

Efficiency: \$1174+; 1 BR: \$1377;  
2 BR: \$1629+; 3 BR: \$1,681. Security deposit of \$0-250. Residents responsible for electricity. Pets up to 40 lbs. with \$50 per month. 1 pet per household. Swimming pool, children's play area, grilling area and dog park. \$30 app. fee.

### **BELLS RUN TOWN HOMES**

50 Belladonna Lane  
Stafford, VA 22554  
Phone: 540-657-5483

3 BR: \$1,600+; 4 BR: \$1,650+. Security deposit of 1 month rent. \$15 trash utility fee. Pets welcome with \$350 pet deposit and \$25/monthly pet rent. 2 accessible units. Application fee \$50.

### **BREEZEWOOD APARTMENTS**

10502 Rising Ridge Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
Phone: 540-898-4411

Call for rates. Security dep. \$500+ with approved credit. Min. of 1 mo. rent w/ a max of 2 mo. rent. Resident pays all utilities except trash. Pets welcome, breed restrictions for dogs w/\$300 fee, \$25/mo. All charges per pet. Accessible units available. App. Fee \$50/adult. Min income requirement 2.5x monthly rent.

### **BRITTANY COMMONS**

10122 Kensal Way  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553  
Phone: 540-891-2990

Accepts section 8. 1 BR: \$1,560+; 2 BR: \$1,685-1,855; 3 BR: \$2,180-2,965. Call for floor plans with exact pricings. Min. income is 3x monthly rent. Security dep. is \$750 refundable fee or \$299 nonrefundable fee. \$20/month Trash fee. Pets allowed with \$40/month fee & \$350 – 450 non-refundable fee. Breed restrictions on dogs. 2 pets max. Some accessible units. App. fee \$40/person. \$125 holding fee. Short term lease available.

### **CAMDEN HILLS**

136 Wellington Lakes  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-479-3601

Accepts Section 8. 1 BR: \$1,229+; 2 BR: \$1,389+. Security dep. varies upon credit. Resident pays all utilities except trash. Pets with \$300 fee and \$25/mo. for dogs, \$15/mo. for cats. Breed restrictions apply. \$40 app. fee. \$100 holding fee.

### **COLONIAL HEIGHTS APARTMENTS (CVHC)**

202 Charles Street  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-604-9943

2 BR units. No pets. Deposit is 1 month's rent. App. fee \$25/adult.

### **THE COMMONS AT COWAN BLVD**

2352 Cowan Blvd.  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-371-6655

Accepts Section 8. 1 BR: \$1,050-\$1,120+; 2 BR: \$1069-1220+; 3 BR: \$1,402-\$1,499. Min. income requirements 3x monthly rent. Security deposit \$500 or 1 months rent. Resident pays all utilities. Pets allowed with \$300 fee and \$25 monthly charge. Breed restrictions. 90 lb. weight limit. \$40 app. fee. \$100 holding fee. 4-14 month leases.

### **COURTHOUSE GREEN APARTMENTS**

8132 Pool Drive  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553  
Phone: 540-582-9421

Section 8, tax credit and rural development community. 1 BR: \$640-\$826; 2 BR: \$750-\$936.

Min. income requirement is 2x monthly rent. Security deposit is 1 month's rent. Resident pays all utilities except water, sewer, and trash. Service animals allowed. App. fee \$22/adult. Wait list.

### **CRESCENT POINTE**

414 Malvern Hill Court  
Stafford, VA 22554  
Phone: 540-288-8700

Section 8 and tax credit community.  
3 BR: \$1,624+. Min. income requirement: \$44,100 for one person; \$50,400 for 2 people; \$56,700 for 3 people. Resident pays all utilities except trash. Security dep.: \$99 or 1 month rent. Pets under 70 lbs. with \$300 fee and \$50/month. 2 pets max., with breed restrictions. 2 accessible units. App. fee \$40.

### **CRESTVIEW APARTMENTS**

100 Crestview Way  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-368-1303

Accept Section 8 and tax credit community. 1 BR: \$1,450; 2 BR: \$1,589; 3 BR: \$1,864. Min. income requirements \$43,500-\$59,820. Security deposit \$250 or \$500. Pets under 75lbs allowed with \$100/pet deposit. 2 pets max. 200 nonrefundable fee for first pet and +150 for second pet. and \$35/month rent for first pet and \$25/month rent for second pet. 4 accessible units. Application fee \$40/per person.

### **DAHLGREN HARBOR APARTMENTS**

5392 Harbor Court  
King George, VA 22485  
Phone: 540-663-2617

2 BR: \$1,040. Min. income requirement. Security deposit depends on credit score; Resident pays all utilities except water, trash, and sewer. Pets welcome with non-refundable fee, & monthly rent per pet. Application fee \$50/adult.

### **ENGLAND RUN NORTH**

18 Newcastle Place  
Fredericksburg, VA 22406  
Phone: 540-369-4190

Accepts Section 8. 2 & 3 BR units: \$1,392-\$1,969+. Min. income requirements. 1 person: \$54,180; 2 people: \$61,920; 3 people: \$69,660. Security deposit varies based on credit. Resident is responsible for all utilities. Pets allowed with breed

restrictions and non-refundable \$350 deposit and a \$35 monthly pet rent. 2 pets max. Application \$35 fee/adult.

### **ENGLAND RUN TOWNHOMES**

2 Sondra Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA 22406  
Phone: 540-371-7066

Accepts Section 8, tax credit community.  
2 BR: \$1,429+; 3 BR: \$1,658+. Security deposit is credit based: \$200 w/ good credit, \$500 w/ bad credit. Resident pays all utilities except trash. Pets under 50 lbs. allowed with \$300 fee (\$450 fee for 2 pets) and \$35/monthly pet rent. \$100 security deposit/pet. 2 pets max. Application fee \$40/per adult.

### **FOREST VILLAGE APARTMENTS**

1300 Forest Village  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-371-2200

Tax credit community and accepts Section 8 State & Project-based vouchers. 2 BR: \$1,250. Security deposit ranges from \$200 through 1 month rent, depending on credit score. Resident pays all utilities except water and sewer. Up to 4 year wait list for project-based vouchers. For tax credit community, there is no wait list. \$35 app. fee.

### **GARRISON WOODS**

207 Garrison Woods Drive  
Stafford, VA 22556  
Phone: 540-659-6078

Subsidized. 1, 2, 3, & 4 BR units. Rent 30% of resident gross annual income. Resident pays all utilities except water, trash, and sewer. No pets, unless a service animal. 2-4 year wait list.

### **GREENS OF SALEM RUN**

5600 Salem Run Blvd  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
Phone: 540-785-5211

Accepts Section 8 and tax credit community. 2, 3, and 4 BR units. Call for rates. Min. income requirements. Security deposit based on credit. Resident pays all utilities except trash. 2 pet max with non-refundable fee & monthly pet rent. Some accessible units available. Application fee per adult.

### **HERITAGE PARK APARTMENTS**

1003 Heritage Park  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-371-9362

Affordable housing with some Section 8 and some subsidized units with no min. income requirement. Tax credit program has min. income requirement of \$36,650. 2 BR: \$1100+; 3 BR: \$1250+. Resident pays all utilities except water, sewer, and trash. Security deposit is 1 month's rent. Pets welcome with breed restrictions and \$300 deposit. Smoke-free inside all units. Wait list, length of wait depends on unit and program type.

### **KENDALWOOD APARTMENTS**

214 Kings Mill Court  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-371-0606

1 BR \$1,360+; 2 BR \$1,460+. Security dep. is \$500 including 1 month's rent. Resident pays for all utilities including trash. Pets welcome \$350 nonrefundable fee per pet and \$25/month pet rent. Breed restrictions on dogs. 2 accessible units available. App. fee \$50.

### **KILBURN CROSSING**

6601 Charmed Way  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
Phone: 540-786-8660

1, 2, & 3 BR units available. Call for rates. Min. income requirement of 3x monthly rent. 3-12 month leases available. Pets welcome, with breed restrictions on dogs, \$350 non-refundable fee, and \$40/monthly pet rent. 2 pets max. Accessible units. Application fee \$40. Processing fee \$200.

### **LAKWOOD APARTMENTS**

100 Waterside Terrace  
Stafford, VA 22554  
Phone: 540-720-0544

1 & 2 BR units. Call for rates. Min. income requirements \$54,00-\$65,000. Security deposit required \$200 or first month rent. Resident pays electric, cable and internet. Pets welcome under 50 lbs. with non-refundable fee and additional rent. \$32 Application fee/per adult.

### **THE LOFT AT LITTLE CREEK**

3600 Quantico Terrace Drive  
Triangle, VA 22172

Phone: 703-221-4696

Accepts Section 8. 1 BR units. Call for rates and security deposit. Some utilities included. Some accessible units available. Resident pays all utilities except water, trash, and sewer. Pets under 20 lbs. allowed with a \$500 non-refundable fee. Wait list. \$35 app. fee.

### **LONGVIEW APARTMENTS & TOWNHOMES**

13725 Lynn St.  
Woodbridge, VA 22191  
Phone: 703-494-1930

1, 3, & 4 BR units available. Prices range from \$1,153-\$2,694. Utilities included except electricity, cable, & landline. Security deposit \$175-1,000. Max of 2 pets under 75 lbs. \$40 (cats)- \$50 (dogs) per month per pet. Application fee \$30/per adult.

### **KENSINGTON CROSSING APARTMENTS**

101 Knights Court  
Fredericksburg, VA 22406  
Phone: 540-372-3793

Min. income requirement: 3.5x monthly rent. 1-3 BR. Ranges from \$1,456-\$2,152. Deposit \$350+. Resident pays all utilities. Pets allowed with breed restrictions on dogs, \$600 fee/per pet and \$50 monthly pet rent. Max of 2 pets. Administrative fee \$150/per household. Application fee \$40/per adult. \$150 fee for garage.

### **MAGNOLIA FALLS**

2500 Green Tree Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22406  
Phone: 540-371-5298

1-2 BR. Ranges from \$1,417-\$1,824. Min. income requirement: 3.5x monthly rent. \$1000+ refundable security deposit or nonrefundable \$175 bond. Resident pays all utilities. 3-13 month short-term leases available. No more than 2 pets with \$300 fee for 1<sup>st</sup> pet and \$150 fee for 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pet fee of \$50/month; breed restrictions. Accessible unit available. App. fee \$40/adult.\$150 admin fee.

### **THE MARK AT SALEM STATION APARTMENTS**

11132-A Sunburst Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
Phone: 540-898-1565

Min income requirement is 3.5x monthly rent. Call for rates. Security non-refundable deposit between \$600 & 2 month rent. One-time, \$350 amenities fee. Resident pays all utilities. Pets allowed with \$250 fee. Monthly pet rent \$35 (cats) \$45 (dogs). Breed restrictions on dogs. 3 accessible units. Application fee \$45/per adult. \$100 reservation fee applied to first month's rent.

### **MELROSE**

18194 Purvis Drive  
Triangle, VA 22172  
Phone: 703-221-3111  
1 BR: \$1,275; 2 BR: \$1,425-1,495;  
3 BR: \$1,595+. Min. income requirement: 3x monthly rent. Security deposit \$500+. Resident pays all utilities except water, sewer, and trash. 2 pets allowed under 100 lbs. with breed restrictions. \$250 pet fee and \$30 monthly pet rent. Application fee \$25.

### **MONMOUTH WOODS**

17060 Cromwell Place  
King George, VA 22485  
Phone: 540-775-0209 or 540-663-0433  
Accept Section 8, tax credit community.  
2 BR: \$1,323; 3 BR: \$1,514 Min. income requirement for 2 beds: \$40,800 3 bed: \$46,040. Security deposit is \$1,000-\$2,250. Trash included. 2 pets max with total weight of 75 lbs. welcome, \$500 deposit and \$30/month pet rent. 2 handicap accessible units. Application fee \$32.

### **NEW POST APARTMENTS**

200 Liberty Loop  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408  
Phone: 540-220-7563  
1 BR: \$953-1,220; 2 BR: \$1,255-\$1,380;  
3 BR: \$1,415-\$1,520. Max. income based on occupancy, min. income is 2.5x monthly rent. Pets under 50 lbs. and breed restrictions with 2 pet max. Non-refundable \$300 fee for 1<sup>st</sup> pet, \$200 for 2<sup>nd</sup> pet, and \$20/month pet rent.

### **PARK RIDGE TOWNHOMES**

86 Park Cove Drive  
Stafford, VA 22554  
Phone: 540-288-8406

Section 8. Tax Credit. 3 BR: \$1560+. Min. income requirement: 2.5x monthly rent. Security dep. \$500+. Resident pays all utilities. Pets allowed with \$350 fee and \$40/pet/month. Limit of 2 pets. \$40/adult app. fee.

### **POINTE AT STAFFORD**

300 Park Ridge Court  
Stafford, VA 22554  
Phone: 540-659-9770  
1 & 2 BR units. Call for rates. Security deposit is 2 mo. deposit-1 month rent or \$150 if gov/military. Resident pays all utilities. 2-12 month short-term leases available. Pets allowed with a \$300 non-refundable fee, \$45/monthly pet rent and breed restrictions on dogs. Max of 2 pets.

### **QUANTICO COURT**

19050 Fuller Heights Road  
Triangle, VA 22172  
Phone: 703-221-4888  
Accepts Section 8 and is tax credit.  
1 BR: \$985+. Min. income requirement \$29,550. Max. income based on size of household (3 persons max). Security deposit \$400-\$985. Residents pay electric. No pets allowed.

### **RESIDENCES AT BELMONT**

2520 Belmont Terrace  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-371-7005  
<https://www.mybelmontapts.com/>  
1 & 2 BR units. Ranges from \$1,473-\$2,199. Min income requirement is 3x monthly rent. Security deposit is 0-1 month's rent based on credit. Resident pays all utilities. 2 pets welcome with \$350 non-refundable fee, \$25-35 monthly pet rent with breed restrictions. 5 accessible units. \$62 application fee and \$150 administrative fee.

### **RIVERSIDE MANOR**

101 Riverside Manor  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-785-3620  
Accept Section 8 and is tax credit community. 2 BR: \$1848+; 3 BR: \$2148+. Min. income is 2x the rent Security deposit \$300+, based on credit. Resident pays utilities. 2 pets allowed with a \$300-

\$400 fee based on weight and \$40/monthly pet rent. Application fee \$40.

### **SALEM FIELDS**

7100 Alpha Court  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
Phone: 540-548-4500

Accepts Section 8 and tax credit community. 3 & 4 BR units available. Ranges from \$2,181-\$2,423. Min/max income requirements. Security dep. \$87.50+. Resident pays all utilities. Pets welcome with \$300+ fee, \$25 monthly pet rent, max 2 pets. \$35/per adult application fee.

### **SALEM RUN APARTMENTS**

5715 Castlebridge Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
Phone: 540-785-7089

Tax credit community. 2 BR: \$1,449+; 3 BR: \$1,987+. Min. income requirement: \$32,550 for 2 BR, \$35,970 for 3 BR. Security deposit 0-1.5 month's rent, based on credit. Resident pays electric & water. Pets under 70 lbs. with \$500 deposit per pet and \$30/monthly pet rent with breed restrictions. \$99 reservation fee. Application fee \$32/adult. Accessible units.

### **SHENANDOAH STATION**

19330 Belleau Wood Drive  
Triangle, VA 22172  
Phone: 703-221-2412

Accepts Section 8 and tax credit community. 1 BR: \$1,450+; 2 BR: \$2,200+. Min. income requirements: \$52,920 1 person, \$60,480 2 person, \$68,040 3 person, \$75,600 4 person, \$81,660 5 person, \$87,720 6 person. Security deposit \$500 -1 month's rent. All utilities included (including cable). 2 accessible units. Pets allowed with breed restrictions, \$400 fee and \$25/monthly pet rent. Max of two pets. \$400 admin fee and a \$40 app. fee.

### **SKY TERRACE**

25 Sky Terrace  
Stafford, VA 22556  
Phone: 540-658-1700

Accepts Section 8 and is a tax credit community. 2 BR: \$1277+; 3 BR: \$1359-\$1564; 4 BR: \$1557.

Max. income requirements for some units. Min. income requirement: 2.5x monthly rent. Resident pays all utilities & \$17.00/month trash pickup. Security deposit \$500+. Pets allowed with breed restrictions. \$35 app. fee.

### **SOUTHPOINT RESERVE AT STONEY CREEK**

5300 Steeplechase Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
Phone: 540-898-0616

1, 2, & 3 BR units available. Ranges from \$1,445-\$3,670. Resident pays all utilities. Pets welcome with breed restrictions, \$400 non-refundable pet fee and \$40/monthly pet rent. Application fee \$45. Admin fee of \$250.

### **STAFFORD LAKES APARTMENTS**

35 Stonehaven Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22406  
Phone: 540-286-0950

Tax credit community. 2 BR: \$1,250+; 3 BR: \$1,375+. Min. income requirement: 2.5 monthly rent. Security deposit \$350-\$900. Resident pays all utilities except water, trash, and sewer. Washer and dryer included. Pets allowed with \$300 nonrefundable deposit & \$25/monthly pet rent. Application fee \$32/adult. Reservation fee \$350, to be applied to first month's rent.

### **STONEGATE**

20 Stonegate Place  
Stafford, VA 22554  
Phone: 540-659-4141

Accepts Section 8 and is a tax credit community. 2-3 BR: \$1,937-\$2,243; Min. income requirement: \$49,000 for 2 BR; \$52,000 for 3 BR. Credit check required. Security deposit ranges from \$200-500. Military & Preferred employer discounts. Resident pays all utilities except water, trash, and sewer. Washer/dryer included. Pets less than 75 lbs. with breed restrictions. \$200 nonrefundable pet fee, \$100 pet deposit, \$35/monthly first pet rent, \$25 for second. Limit two pets. Wait list for 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom. \$40 app. fee. 12 mo. leasing options.

### **TOWNSEND SQUARE APARTMENTS**

1100 Townsend Blvd.  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Phone: 540-899-7711

Accepts Section 8 and is tax credit community. 2 BR: \$1439; 3 BR: \$1,919. Min. income requirement is \$44490. Sec. dep. \$500+. Residents pay water and electric. Pets allowed with \$300 fee and \$35/month/pet. 2 max pet. Must be under 90lbs. 16 accessible units. App. fee \$10/adult. \$100 admin fee.

### **ULTRIS COURTHOUSE SQUARE**

26 Davenport Drive  
Stafford, VA 22554  
Phone: 540-720-2001

1, 2, & 3 BR units available. 1 BR: \$1,520+; 2 BR: \$1,901+; 3 BR: \$2,149+. Security deposit based on credit. Pets with \$500 nonrefundable fee and \$30/monthly pet rent. No breed restrictions. Accessible units. Application fee \$40/per adult.

### **WELLINGTON WOODS APARTMENTS**

1704 Lafayette Blvd.  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-371-5335

Accepts Section 8. 1 BR: \$1379-\$1429; 2 BR: \$1479-\$1529; 3 BR: \$1779. Resident pays all utilities except trash. 2 pets welcome with \$300 fee and \$25/month. Breed restrictions. \$40 app. fee.

### **WESTON CIRCLE**

100 Weston Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-371-5244

1, 2, & 3 BR units. Min income: 2x rent. 1 bed: \$1350, 2 bed: \$1490 w/ carpet, \$1535 w/ hard floor. 3 bed: \$1650 w/ carpet, \$1695 w/ hard floor. Security deposit \$250-1 month's rent with approved credit. Resident pays all utilities except water, trash, and sewer. Two pets max. Pets must be under 80 lbs. with \$350 nonrefundable fee & \$50/per pet/monthly pet rent. Accessible units available. Application fee \$35/per adult. \$100 refundable holding deposit.

### **WINDOVER VILLAS (Individual Houses)**

8001 Cherry Tree Drive  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407+  
Phone: 540-785-4009

Section 8 and tax credit. Min/max income requirements vary. 3 BR: \$1,760+; 4 BR: \$1,862+. Security deposit based on credit. Residents pay water and electric; trash included. Pets allowed with breed restrictions and \$600 pet fee, \$35/month. Some accessible units. Application fee \$11.

## **INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE**

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### **BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT/ CODE COMPLIANCE:**

Inspects rental dwellings for compliance with the Uniform Statewide Building Maintenance Code.

**Fredericksburg City:** 540-372-1080

**Spotsylvania County:** 540-507-7222

**Stafford County:** 540-658-8650

**Caroline County:** 804-633-4303

### **CENTRAL VIRGINIA HOUSING COALITION (CVHC)**

2300 Charles Street  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-604-9943 ext. 220  
Fax: 540-604-9949

[www.centralvahousing.org/](http://www.centralvahousing.org/)

Improves the regional quality of life by providing affordable housing opportunities to low income

families through coalition, education, counseling and financial assistance.

### **PROJECT FAITH, INC.**

10073 Kings Highway  
King George, VA 22485  
Phone: 540-775-3492

Non-profit housing organization providing affordable housing for persons with disabilities and the elderly with low income.

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

2378 Plank Rd.  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-891-5009

[/www.fredhab.org/site/](http://www.fredhab.org/site/)

Through volunteer labor, management expertise, and tax-deductible donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates homes with the help of the homeowners. Houses are sold at no profit, and affordable mortgages are issued over a fixed period.

### **HEALTHY FAMILIES RAPPAHANNOCK AREA**

4815 Carr Drive  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22408  
Phone: 540-374-3366  
Fax: 540-899-4361

[www.healthyfamiliesrappahannock.org](http://www.healthyfamiliesrappahannock.org)

Resource program for new parents, easing them through the often-difficult transition process by offering early prevention support and in-home visitation services around critical areas including creating a nurturing and supportive family environment, learning how to properly bond with a new baby, gaining a better understanding of child development, gaining a better understanding of how to use positive discipline, and more.

### **HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE ECONOMICAL (HOME)**

1907 Charles Street  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-361-7477  
Fax: 540-361-4417

Email: [home@homeinc.us](mailto:home@homeinc.us)

Public housing facility dedicated to building accessible affordable housing for people with disabilities.

### **LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHERN VA. (LSNV)**

500 Lafayette Blvd., Suite #140  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Intake Hotline: 703-778-6800  
Fax: 540-374-9169

Provides limited legal services, including advice and counsel and referrals to low-income persons. Refers to Legal Aid Works® those persons requiring more than advice or those having community-based problems.

### **QUIN RIVERS AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY ACTION**

500 Lafayette Blvd, Suite 130  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-368-2700

Provides time-limited financial and housing assistance to low-income people. Also provide training programs based on the reduction of poverty. Development of skills to be more independent.

### **LEGAL AID WORKS®**

[www.LegalAidWorks.org](http://www.LegalAidWorks.org)

A non-profit legal aid firm providing legal representation and advice to low-income residents of Fredericksburg, Tappahannock, Culpeper, and the surrounding counties in issues including custody/visitation, child/spousal support, landlord/tenant disputes, foreclosures, SSI benefits, and more. All cases taken by Legal Aid Works® must first go through Legal Services of Northern Virginia for intake and referral.

### **Housing Intake**

(540) 825-3131 ext. 307

#### **Fredericksburg Office:**

500 Lafayette Blvd, Suite 100  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
540-371-1105

#### **Tappahannock Office:**

311 Virginia St.  
Tappahannock, VA 22560  
804-443-9393

#### **Culpeper Office:**

1200 Sunset Lane, Suite 2122  
Culpeper, VA 22701  
540-825-3131

### **SALVATION ARMY**

2010 Lafayette Blvd.  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Phone: 540-373-3431

Emergency organization. Provide various services including utility, food, and clothing assistance. Offer referrals to other social service organizations.

### **SECTION 8 AND HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**

If you are interested in applying for a voucher, contact the local Public Housing Agency  
[https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PHA\\_Contact\\_Report\\_VA.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PHA_Contact_Report_VA.pdf)



**S.E.R.V.E., INC.**

15 Upton Lane

Stafford, VA 22554

Phone: 540-288-9603

Operates food pantry and offers emergency utility assistance.

**VIRGINIA FAIR HOUSING OFFICE**

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400

Richmond VA 23233

<http://www.dpor.virginia.gov>

FairHousing@dpor.virginia.gov

Phone: 804-367-8530

Helps persons who believe they have been discriminated against in residential housing.

**VIRGINIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY (VHDA)**

[www.vhda.com](http://www.vhda.com)

Phone: 804-782-1986

Helping Virginians attain quality, affordable housing.

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT (HUD)**

OFFICE OF FAIR HOUSING & EQUAL

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[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing  
\\_equal\\_opp/aboutfheo](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/aboutfheo)

FHEO works to eliminate housing discrimination, promote economic opportunity, and achieve diverse, inclusive communities.