



Residential Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protection Ordinance

Prohibition of Discrimination Related to Sources of Income Factsheet

What is this?

Landlords cannot refuse to rent a unit to a household because of their source of income. Sources of income include rental assistance such as Section 8 vouchers. This means that landlords must accept rental applications from tenants using rental assistance. They must include rental assistance as a source of income when determining whether a tenant can afford the rent.

Landlords cannot do the following based on a tenant's source of income:

1. Refuse to enter into or renew a lease;
2. Interrupt or terminate a lease;
3. Lie about whether a rental unit is available for rent;
4. Require additional terms be added to a lease that are not required of other tenants that do not use rental assistance;
5. Advertise that a rental unit is not available to persons who use rental assistance;
6. Refuse to include rental assistance income when determining whether a tenant is income eligible for a rental unit;
7. Refuse to include the combined incomes of tenants who live or want to live together and who receive rental housing assistance when determining whether tenants are income eligible for a rental unit.

Who does it apply to?

Applies to almost all rental units.

How do I get help?

Get legal advice from an attorney. See list of legal resources.