

## MULTIPLE DWELLING REPORTING RULE TENANT/APPLICANT INQUIRY

The **New Jersey Law Against Discrimination**, *N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 to -49*, makes it unlawful to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing based on a person's race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, nationality, affectional or sexual orientation, disability, gender, marital status, familial status (whether you have a child, a parent-child relationship with a minor, or you are pregnant), lawful source of income or rental subsidy used for rental payments.

The **New Jersey Division on Civil Rights** is the State agency that is authorized to enforce the Law Against Discrimination. Under the Division's **Multiple Dwelling Reporting Rules**, *N.J.A.C. 13:10-1.1 to -2.6*, the Division requires landlords to collect and record information about applicants for apartment rentals and tenants in apartment complexes throughout New Jersey. The **Multiple Dwelling Reporting Rule** requires landlords to provide a summary of this information to the Division and to retain the information on this form. **The information is used to prevent and eliminate discrimination in housing.** Your cooperation in filling out this form will assist the Division in enforcing the Law Against Discrimination.

Please note that, although landlords must record certain information about the race and ethnicity of applicants and tenants, it is unlawful to record or ask applicants or tenants about other characteristics such as religion, gender, marital status or affectional or sexual orientation.

If you feel you have been denied housing or treated differently for one of the reasons listed above, you may contact the Division on Civil Rights at (609) 984-3138 for referral to a local Division office for additional information or assistance.



Visit the Division on Civil Rights Web site at: [www.NJCivilRights.org](http://www.NJCivilRights.org)



Tenants/applicants: Fold & tear along dotted line and retain top portion for your records

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**If the tenant/applicant chooses not to complete this form, the landlord or the landlord's representative is required to conduct a visual observation of the tenant or applicant and then complete this form as accurately as possible.**

**This form is not intended to be a part of the rental application process and must be kept separate and apart from rental records.**

Tenant  Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity: Please check all that apply to leaseholders (tenants) or applicants.

- Black or African American:** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Africa
- Hispanic or Latino:** a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish origin or culture, or a person having a Spanish surname
- Asian:** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam
- American Indian or Alaska Native:** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands
- White or Caucasian:** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completed by:  Tenant  Applicant  Landlord

If you have any questions regarding this inquiry please contact the Division on Civil Rights, Multiple Dwelling Unit at 609-984-3138 between the hours of 9:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday, or e-mail the MDRR unit at [DCRMDRR@njcivilrights.org](mailto:DCRMDRR@njcivilrights.org)

