



Statement of Rental Policy As of April 28, 2022

1. **We are an equal opportunity housing provider.** We fully comply with the federal Fair Housing Act. We do not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin. We also comply with all state and local fair housing laws.
2. **Apartment availability policy.** Apartments become available when they are ready to rent. A vacant apartment will not be deemed available until it has been prepared for a new resident. We update our list of available apartments, as each apartment becomes available. An apartment that was unavailable in the morning may become available later that same day.
3. **Occupancy guidelines.** The maximum number of individuals who may occupy an apartment:
Studio- No more than 2 occupants
One Bedroom -No more than 2 occupants
Two Bedroom- No more than 4 occupants
Three Bedroom- No more than 6 occupants
4. **Application process.** We evaluate every apartment application in the following manner. You must submit a rental application and answer all questions on the form. You must pay a nonrefundable application fee. We will determine whether, from your responses to the application questions, you qualify for the apartment you are applying for. If you do not, we will reject your application. If you do, we will screen your application which includes checking your credit report, criminal history, employment, and rental references to confirm that they meet our rental criteria. If you meet our criteria, we will approve your application. We will rent available apartments to applicants in the order that their applications are approved.
5. **Pet Policy.** Two (2) pet (s) will be allowed per apartment. Only dogs, cats, and caged birds will be accepted and must be at least one year old. **Aggressive breeds are not allowed.** Management reserves the right to deny and remove any pet from living on property. Residents may be required to submit documentation from a veterinarian of dog breed, age, and current vaccinations. A non-refundable pet fee is to be paid in the amount of **\$450.00** for all pets residing in the unit. In addition, there is a \$35.00 per month pet rent that will be due.
6. **Vehicles.** Recreational or commercial vehicles are not allowed on property and will be immediately towed. Vehicles must be operational, moved at least once every seven (7) days and have current registration and inspection. Parking spaces are limited; therefore, the number of vehicles are two (2) per apartment. The management reserves the right to limit or disallow vehicles and motorcycles as well as to change or amend the policies at any time.
7. **Application/ Administration Fees and Security Deposits.** For a rental application to be accepted a pre-leased deposit must be made in the amount listed below per unit size. The preleased deposit allows the unit to be taken off the market while the application is being processed. In addition, a **\$75.00** non- refundable application fee per applicant 18 years or older, including spouses, and a **\$70.00** administration fee must be paid. If an application is not approved, or if the applicant declines the apartment within Seventy-Two (72) hours of acceptance, the deposit and administration fee will be refunded in full. If the application is approved and the applicant declines the apartment more than Seventy-Two (72) hours after acceptance, the deposit and administration fee will be forfeited as damages for the apartment having been kept off the market. ** The first

months' rent, security deposit, application fee and administration fees must be paid by money order or other certified funds.

8. Monthly Rental Pricing and Security Deposit Amounts. (Security Deposit amount based on Credit Rating.)

Type	Monthly Rent Amount	Security Deposit
Studio	\$975.00	Starting at 500.00
One Bedroom	\$1,145.00	Starting at 500.00
Two Bedroom	\$1,465.00	Starting at 500.00
Three Bedroom	\$1,720.00	Starting at 500.00

9. **Water Charges.** Water/Sewer service for the leased premises will be provided by Avalon Apartment Homes, water, sewer, storm water, municipal fixed water/ sewer charges and other related charged will be at a flat rate per month. These charges will be billed by the Lessor (Avalon Apartment Homes) and paid by the Lessee (Tenant) without demand monthly.

Current Monthly Rates:

Studio	\$29.00
One Bedroom	\$32.00
Two Bedroom	\$42.00
Three Bedroom	\$49.00

10. **Pest Control and Valet Trash Service:** The Lessor will provide Pest Control Service and Valet Trash Removal Services to all leased premises for a fee of **\$38.00** per month. Pest control will be scheduled, as well as provided upon Lessee's request. Door to Door Valet Trash Service will be provided to all leased premises on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of every Week. (Excluding Holidays)
11. **Lease Terms.** Three (3), Six (6), Twelve (12), and Eighteen (18) months. 6 Month Lease- \$55.00 per month additional. 3 Month Lease- \$145.00 per month additional. Twelve and Eighteen month terms – no additional fees.
12. **Electricity Charges.** The Lessee is responsible for establishing their own utility account for electricity usage. The Lessee agrees to have an active account prior to taking possession of the the leased premises. If the Lessee fails to establish their own account prior to taking possession of the leased premises then the Lessee hereby agrees to being charged, billed and paying a **\$150.00 "utility bill back processing fee"** in addition to all the prorated charges received by the Lessor as a result of the Lessee's occupancy and failure to establish their own account prior to possession.
13. **Rental criteria.** To qualify for an apartment at **Emerald Pointe Apartment Homes**, you must meet the following criteria:
- Income.** Applicant's monthly income must be at least Three and .75 (3.75) times the monthly rent. You must be able to provide income verification by:
 - Most current two (2) pay stubs.
 - Verification of assets equal to four (4) times annual rent.
 - Immigration Verification Paperwork (I-20 Form).
 - Most recent tax return.
 - Student financial aid information (Only 1/3 of the grant amount can be counted as income).

- b. **Credit history.** No established credit will be considered satisfactory. Applicants must not have bankruptcies or foreclosures within the last 36 months. If an eviction/and or previous negative landlord debt reflects within the last 60 months, the applicant will be automatically declined. Applicant must not have any unpaid balances to electric, gas or water utility company. A scoring model will be utilized as provided below:
 - c. **Past residency.** Up to two (2) years of past occupancy history will be reviewed and must exhibit no derogatory references. Rents/ Mortgages paid on time, NSF Checks, Lease terms completed, sufficient notice given, and verification of premises condition.
 - d. **Criminal history.** No applicant (resident or occupant) may have any felonies of a violent or sexual nature, or of any nature that could reasonably be perceived to threaten the safety or well-being of the other tenants of the complex. An applicant may be denied for felonies of any nature, though upon appeal of denial, consideration may be given to the length of time that has passed since the felony, or to evidence presented by the applicant of mitigating factors, efforts at rehabilitation, and the nature and severity of the conviction. An applicant will be denied if they have been indicted, arraigned, or convicted involving firearms, illegal drugs, destruction of property, sexual crimes, or any crime involving a minor, as these kinds of crimes can directly affect the safety and well-being of tenants of the complex as well as the property itself. This will include persons who have received deferred adjudication and /or have not yet satisfied the probationary period of a deferred adjudication on any of the above-mentioned offenses.
 - e. **Identification.** You must provide a valid state issued driver's license or state issued ID for each person of legal age.
 - f. **Statement of Financial Hardship.** If you have experienced a financial hardship resulting from a state or federally declared disaster or emergency, including the Covid-19 pandemic or hurricanes affecting our region, you may submit, in good faith, a written statement of two hundred words or less explaining how that hardship has impacted your credit, employment, or rental history.
14. **Conditional Acceptance.** Applications may be conditionally accepted which would require additional security deposit.
15. **Students.** Full time students who have no or limited income may be approved with a Lease Guarantor. The Lease Guarantor must meet the rental criteria. The guarantor will be required to complete an application and pay a full application fee. The guarantor will be asked to sign a Lease Guaranty Agreement to support the application.
16. **General.** All individuals 18 and older must complete an application and be listed as a lease holder. If the application is denied for all applicants, the application can be collectively or individually re-submitted after 45 business days.
17. **Lease Signing and move-in.** All applicants must be physically present when the lease is signed. No belongings will be permitted in an apartment prior to move in.

Acknowledgement:

By my signature below, I understand and accept the above written Rental Policy Statement for Emerald Pointe Apartment Homes. Further, I understand that falsification of rental application information will cause for denial of the application. If I fail to answer any questions or give false information, Avalon Apartment Homes will retain all application fees, deposits and administrative fees as damages for incurred expenses and my right of occupancy will be terminated. Giving false information is a serious offense, Avalon Apartment Homes rental criteria are guidelines which enables the acceptance of prospective

residents/ individuals who are creditworthy and meet the criminal history policy of management. This rental criteria dose not ensure that all individuals residing on or visiting the community conform to these guidelines.

Applicant Signature

Date