VILLAS AT DOLPHIN BAY APATARTMENTS RENTAL CRITERIA

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Welcome to Villas at Dolphin Bay Apartments. It is the policy of this community to comply with all applicable fair housing laws as outlined in the Federal Fair Housing Act including those which prohibit discrimination against any person based on race, sex, religion, color, familial status, national origin, or disability status. Additionally, we provide housing in accordance with all other state or local laws if those laws provide greater protection than the Federal Fair Housing Act.

Before you apply to rent an apartment home, please take the time to review this rental policy document. All persons 18 years of age or older, or legally emancipated minors, will be required to complete separate rental applications. All applicants must present valid government issued identification, as well as proof of employment eligibility in the United States. A fee of \$40 per applicant or \$50 per married couple will be due prior to processing any application. In addition to qualifying under the terms stated in this Statement of Rental Criteria, applicants who are citizens of counties other than the United States WHO D NOT HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ARE T BE PROCESSED MANUALLY and must meet additional criteria, please contact us for details.

Please also note that these are our current rental criteria; nothing contained in these requirements shall constitute a guarantee or representation by us that all residents and occupants currently residing in the community prior to these requirements going into effect additionally, our ability to verify whether the requirement have been met is limited to the information we receive from the various resident credit reporting services used.

Occupancy Guidelines – The following occupancy standards apply. Generally, no more than two persons per bedroom may occupy a unit in our community. Provided, however, a family may occupy a unit if the family does not exceed two persons per bedroom, plus a child who is less than six months old. If the number of people applying for a single apartment exceeds the property's guidelines, the application will be rejected for the particular size of apartment. If a resident, who has a newborn less than six months old at the time of rental application or lease renewal, moves into an apartment that, once the newborn reaches the age of six months, violates the occupancy guidelines, at the expiration of the lease term, the resident will be required to either (1) more into another available apartment which has more bedrooms leased at the current market rent; or (2) move out. Rent for the larger apartment will be the current market rent for that apartment. For the purposes of this occupancy policy, a "family" shall consist of the following persons: one or more individuals (who have not attained the age of 18 years) being domiciled with: (1) a parent or another person having legal custody of such individual or individuals; or (2) the designee of such parent or other person having such custody, with the written permission of such parent or other person. The term "family" shall also apply to any person who is pregnant or is in the process of securing legal custody of any individual who has not attained the age of 18 years. Our policy is to conform to local, state, and federal requirements to the extent that they require a different standard than stated here.

 \underline{Age} – Applicants must be 18 years of age or older unless deemed to be an adult under applicable law with respect to the execution f contracts.

<u>**Credit**</u> – A credit report will be completed on all applicants to verify account credit ratings. Income plus verified credit history will be used to determine rental eligibility. Unfavorable accounts which will negatively influence your application include, but are not limited to: collections, charge-off, repossession, and current or recent delinquency. Previous bankruptcy requires an additional security deposit equal to one month's rent.

Income – Gross income for all applicants in one apartment home will be combined and entered into the credit scoring model for income eligibility. All applicants will be asked to produce consecutive and most rent pay stubs for the last 4 weeks from Application Date. Applicants must have a minimum combined gross income of two and a half times the monthly rent. Additional sources of verifiable income will also be considered. These sources may include: child support, grants, pensions, GI benefits, disability, trust funds, social security and savings accounts (otherwise a guarantor is necessary).

Some credit scoring results will necessitate further income verification. In such instances, verification with employer will be completed or applicant may be asked to produce additional financial statements/records.

Employment – If employment is to begin work shortly, the applicant must provide a "letter of intent" to hire from the employer.

<u>Self Employed, Retired or Unemployed</u> – Such applicants must provide the previous year's income tax return and previous two month's bank statements, or twelve months of financial statements and must exhibition negative references.

<u>**Criminal History**</u> – A criminal background check will be conducted for each applicant age 18 years or more. The application will be denied for any of the following reported criminal related reasons that have occurred within the ten (10) years prior to the application date:

- Felony conviction
- Any terrorist related conviction
- Any illegal drug related conviction
- Any prostitution related conviction
- Any sex related conviction
- Any cruelty to animals related conviction
- Misdemeanor conviction involving crime against persons or property
- Criminal conviction history of violent or sexual crime
- Any of the above related charges resulting in "Adjudication Withheld" and/or "Deferred Adjudication"
- Active status on probation or parole resulting from any of the above

Guarantors/co-signers cannot be a substitute for this requirement.

Please remember that this requirement does not constitute a guarantee or representation that residents or occupants currently residing in our community have not been convicted of or subject to deferred adjudication for a felony, certain misdemeanors or sex offenses requiring registration under applicable law; there may be residents or occupants that have resided in the community prior to this requirement going into effect; additionally, our ability to verify this information is limited to the information made available to us by the resident credit reporting services used.

<u>Rental History</u> – All applicants must have verifiable rental or mortgage payment history for the last 24 months. If a previous landlord cannot be contacted twenty-four consecutive months of proof of payment must be verified and a copy of the lease contract must be provided. Applicants not having verifiable rental or mortgage history will have to pay an additional deposit equal to one month's rent. Applications also depend on the results of a rental history investigation for an approval/denial determination. Applications for residency will automatically be denied for the following reasons:

- **i.** An outstanding debt to a previous landlord or an outstanding NSF check must be paid in full.
- **<u>ii.</u>** A breach of a prior lease or a prior eviction f any applicant or occupant.
- **iii.** More than 2 late pays and /or 2 NSFs with in the last 24 months.
- **iv.** Drug use
- v. Housekeeping
- vi. Poor supervision of applicant's children
- **vii.** Unruly or destructive behavior of applicant, applicant's children, or applicant's guests.
- **<u>viii.</u>** Violence to persons or property by applicant, applicant's children, or applicant's guests.

<u>**Guarantors**</u> – Guarantors will be accepted for applicants who are first-time renters or students. For guarantor-supported applications, an additional application deposit will be required for the guarantor. The deposit level will be based on the credit analysis. The guarantor will also be required to complete an application and pay a full application fee. Guarantors must have a gross monthly income of five times the monthly rent and meet all other qualifying criteria identified in this screening policy. The guarantor will be required to sign an Lease Guaranty Agreement and the guarantors/co-signers must meet all of the above qualifications. The guarantor must present valid government issued identification and physically sign the lease & guarantee agreement either in the management office or in front of a Notary. Guarantors may be held responsible for all of the lease obligations including the entire rent and other costs, such as damages.

<u>Pets</u> – An increased security deposit, pet addendum to the rent agreement and <u>prior written</u> <u>approval</u> from management will be required. Only Dogs, Cats, and Fish are considered as acceptable types of pets at Villas at Dolphin Bay. There will be no more than two animals, (i.e. cats and dogs) each weighing 40 pounds or less **full-grown**, per apartment. Animals must be no less than (1) year of age and be housebroken. Aggressive breeds will not be allowed. These include, but not limited to: Wild or feral cats, Pit Bulls, (Bull Terriers or America Staffordshire Terriers), Rottweilers, German Shepherds, Dobermans, Chows, Presa Canarios, Akitas, Wolf Hybrids, and Huskies. This includes full blood or mixed at any percentage. Exotic animals such

as reptiles, birds, rodents, and poisonous animals such as tarantulas, insects and poisonous fish are not allowed. Aquariums will be allowed with a 25-gallon maximum. Tennant must provide proof of fully paid \$100,000 liability renter's insurance for the entire term of the lease naming Owner and Villas at Dolphin Bay as additionally insured. Please ask for a current copy of pet rules and pet addendum to lease agreement prior to making application. Exceptions to this policy would be service animals trained to assist a tenant, with verified medical documentation, and active duty canine policy/military officers.

<u>Vehicles</u> – All vehicle must be operational, insured and have current registration. Boats, RV's or trailers are not allowed at any time. Parking space is limited in our community. Each household is permitted one (1) per occupant passenger vehicle. Commercial vehicles will require written permission from management. Any vehicle parked illegally (i.e. fire zone, handicap, or loading and unloading zone) will be towed at owner's expense.

<u>Water Furniture</u> – Water furniture is not allowed on property.

Satellite Dish – We allow the installation of one satellite dish per apartment in accordance with FCC and local access laws. Not all of our apartments are suitable to satellite reception and we cannot guarantee that satisfactory transmission will be received. There are limitations on how and where a satellite dish can be installed and the appropriate addendum must be signed. Liability Insurance (minimum coverage amount of \$25,000 is required and a copy of the insurance must be resented prior to installation.

Deposit Levels – The results of the credit score will determine the amount of Security Deposit. Higher deposits may be required if a pet I approved and if a garage I rented in addition to the apartment.

Falsification of Application – Any falsification in Applicant's paperwork will result in the automatic rejection of application. In the event that an applicant falsifies his/her paperwork, owner has the right to hold all deposits and fees paid to apply towards liquidated damages. Application will not be considered until the application has been fully executed and returned, and all applicable application deposits and fees have been paid. Management reserves the right to modify, add or delete any or all of the above guidelines and qualifications at its discretion.