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Amending Title 12, Chapter 244, Art. XVI of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Housing: Maintenance Code, Rental Dwelling Licenses.

The City Council of The City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 244.1910 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended by adding thereto the following subdivision to read as follows:

244.1910. Licensing standards.

- (16) a. Before taking a rental application fee, a rental property owner must disclose to the applicant, in writing, the criteria on which the application will be judged.
- b. If the applicant was charged an application fee and the rental property owner rejects the applicant, then the owner must, within fourteen (14) days, notify the tenant in writing of the reasons for rejection, including any criteria that the applicant failed to meet, and the name, address, and phone number of any tenant screening agency or other credit reporting agency used in considering the application.
- c. The landlord must refund the application fee if a tenant is rejected for any reason not listed in the written criteria.
- d. No rental applicant may be charged more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to apply for rental unit.
- e. If a rental applicant has paid an application fee for an available unit, the rental property owner may not collect another application fee for that unit unless the first applicant has been screened and rejected for the unit, or the first applicant has been offered the unit and declined to take it.
- f. Violation of this subsection, 244.1910 (16), may result in an administrative citation, or may contribute to the denial or revocation of a rental license.