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Landlord Responsibilities

- Obtain a Residential Rental Permit for each unit.
- Provide the tenant with contact information for the landlord or the designated local agent.
- Provide a living unit that meets the minimum safety standards as outlined by the City of Columbia (checklist is available online).
- Monitor tenant behavior and ensure the property is not a public nuisance.
- Prevent any code violations on the structure.

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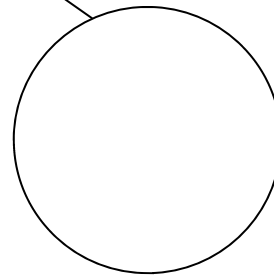
- Maintain a clean and sanitary living unit.
- Prevent any code violations on the premise. For example, overgrowth, litter, junk & debris, roll cart placement and front yard parking.
- Obey all laws and ordinances.
- Be mindful of your neighbors and the community around you.
- No loud or disturbing parties.

Points are assessed against the permit for violations of City Ordinances. Too many points can result in summonses to appear in Municipal Court or lead to eviction.

Point System (maximum of 15 points a year)

- First Offense—1 point.
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