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Date of Policy

## PRIVACY POLICY FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION OF RENTAL APPLICANTS AND RESIDENTS

We are dedicated to protecting the privacy of your personal information, including your Social Security Number and other identifying or sensitive personal information. Our policy and procedures are designed to help ensure that your information is kept secure, and we work to follow all federal and state laws regarding the protection of your personal information. While no one can guarantee against identity theft or the misuse of personal information, protecting the information you provide us is a high priority to our company and staff. If you ever have concerns about this issue, please feel free to share them with us.

**How personal information is collected.** You will be asked to furnish some of your personal information when you apply to rent from us. This information will be on the rental application form or other document that you provide to us or to an apartment locator service, either on paper or electronically.

**How and when information is used.** We use this information only for our business purposes involved in leasing a dwelling to you. Examples of these uses include, but are not limited to, verifying statements made on your rental application (such as your rental, credit and employment history), reviewing your lease for renewal and enforcing your lease obligations (such as to obtain payment for money you may owe us in the future).

**How the information is protected and who has access.** We allow only authorized persons to have access to your personal information, and we keep documents and electronic records containing this information in secure areas and systems.

**How the information is disposed of.** After we no longer need or are required to keep your personal information, we will store or destroy it in a manner designed to prevent unauthorized persons from accessing it. Our disposal methods will include shredding, destruction or obliteration of paper documents and destruction of electronic files.

**Locator services.** If you found us through a locator service, please be aware that locator services are independent contractors and are not our employees or agents—even though they may initially process rental applications and fill out lease forms. You should require any locator services you use to furnish you their own privacy policies.

Thanks,  
The Management



Name of owner or management company

WJK Realty Inc.

Name of apartment community

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**Commentary.** To protect consumers against identity theft, Texas law requires that you adopt a privacy and confidentiality policy for Social Security numbers and make the policy available to all rental applicants from whom you require a Social Security number. The policy must include: how the information is collected, how and when it is used, how it is protected, who has access to the information and how the information is disposed of. The TAA model privacy policy meets those requirements. The law requires any provider of "goods or services" who requires a Social Security number from an applicant to provide the applicant with the privacy policy, upon request. A lease is generally considered a "service," so all rental property owners must comply. The State of Texas can seek a fine of up to \$500 a month for failure to provide the policy.