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Rental Housing Permit FAQs

Overview

The Rental Housing Inspection Ordinance program benefits property owners, renters, and ALL borough residents. It promotes safe and sanitary rental housing, maintains and increases property values, reduces deteriorating rental housing, preserves neighborhoods and quality of life, and encourages owner and renter responsibility for the condition of rented properties.

Are You Ready for Inspection?

- Are there smoke detectors in EACH bedroom, in the hallway(s) outside the bedrooms, and on each level including the attic and basement?
- Is there a Fire Extinguisher in kitchen area? Minimum 2 ½ Lb., ABC Type
- Does the hot water heater have a “drip-leg”? Is the area around the HW heater and furnace clear of “junk”, trash, boxes, etc.?
- Are there working GFCI outlets in the kitchen & bathrooms? Do all outlets, switches and panel boxes have covers? Do all light fixtures have covers?
- Do all windows open and stay open? Do all windows close and lock? Are they weather tight? Are there any broken or cracked windows?
- Do all exterior doors open and close easily. Are they weather tight? Do they lock and unlock from the **inside** without a key or special tools?
- Do all taps run (hot & cold) and toilets flush? Do any pipes leak or faucets drip?
- Does each unit have address numbers that are clearly visible from the street (at least 4” high)? Is the yard maintained (grass under 6” tall, no weeds)? Is all rubbish stored in appropriate containers and removed regularly?
- Is the exterior in good repair? Siding, brick, or paint free of chips or deterioration? Is the roof in good repair with no leaks? Are the gutters and downspouts free of debris and directing the water away from the structure?
- Are all exits free from obstructions inside and outside (personal belongings, junk, shrubbery, etc.)?
- Are handrails installed and secured properly on steps 4 or more?
- Is the dryer vented to the outside with rigid or flexible rigid metal dryer vent?

Note: This lists commonly found violations. It is NOT intended to be a comprehensive list of all code violations that could occur. If you have questions about a specific situation please call the borough office at 570-875-4909