

What to expect when using this method for searching for rental homes:

- Your search will be customized based on your requests.
- Scheduled showings will be done as efficiently as possible.
- Allows you to use one point of contact to limit miscommunication between you and the landlords.
- You will significantly reduce the time from application to approval, allowing you to earn a position in front of others applicants not using an efficient process and one agent to view individual properties.
- Your trust in this process is crucial, if this isn't how you want to work, please let us know and we wish you the best.

Our goal is to provide you with accurate information and get you the rental property you want asap!

Tenants, please return the following information to be saved in the Tenants submissions folders:

1. Completed Lease Application for each person 18 years old or older who will occupy the property. The only area to be left blank is the Property Address, Anticipated move in and out date and terms of the lease. This will allow us to reuse the same application for multiple properties saving you time and effort. (Yes, this requirement included parents', grandparents, 18-year-old children even if they have no income and will not contribute to the rental payment)
2. Clear pdf copy of a State or Federally issued VALID (not expired) photo identification for each applicant.
3. A minimum of 30 days of check stubs supporting the income for each application submitted. (If you are not a W-2 employee each owner/landlord will have different requirements for self-employed individuals, but the more details provided will be to your benefit. The previous two years of Federal tax returns reflecting your actual earned income **after expenses** is what they will require.)

What are the next steps:

1. Return scanned pdf versions of the appropriate documents and supporting documents via email **no texts** and **no pictures** of documents. Everything should be sent in one pdf attachment scan.
2. Provide us with the rental criteria for the lease you require. This includes:
 - Location, zip code, neighborhood geographical markers, distance to work, public transportation etc.
 - Schools specifically are applicable if you have a specific school name required or school district.
 - Bedroom count
 - Bathroom count
 - Any other room requirements, i.e., primary bedroom first floor, utility room in home etc.
 - Monthly rental amount

What to expect from Owners/Landlords for requirements for renting a home in this area.

1. If you are moving to the area and are starting a new job with a different employer an offer letter with detailed contact information for verification of employment will likely be required. Or simply submit a completed **Verification of Employment** attachment form **TXR-2219**. (attached)
2. If you currently are renting a home or apartment, it will help you to use the **"Request for Rental History"** attachment **TXR- 2214** from your current landlord or management company.
3. **Pets-** If you have pets, please complete the section in the Lease Application completely. Include pictures of the actual pet(s) with accurate information regarding size. Listings advertise if they accept pets or not. **If the listings states, "no pets", it is our policy to not "Ask if they will consider pets anyway."** **They are telling you no, so please believe them.** Pets commonly trigger higher deposits, nonrefundable

- deposits, pet rent or all the above and will all be Case by Case per listing. Tell us everything in the beginning and we will do our best to present those homes that will work best for your specific needs.
4. **Income qualifications:** this will vary by owner/landlord. The usual request is 3x the monthly rent. i.e., if rent is \$2,000 per month a monthly gross income should be \$6,000 for the household. Keep in mind they will also be looking at your credit history and balances and payments of auto loans, credit cards, loans, and other consumer debts. So going directly to the minimum of 3x might not be a good strategy.
 5. **Credit History-** Most owners/landlords will have minimum requirements for credit history and scores. Some will advertise minimums others will not. A question on the application at the top of page # 3 is related to credit history, slow pay, or delinquencies. If you know of something, make sure you list it and explain to prevent wasting your application fee money.
 6. **Delinquencies/Evictions:** Any applicant with an eviction, a broken lease or owing another landlord money will result in automatic denials from most owners/landlords. HONESTY is the best policy. Credit and Eviction filings will likely be pulled for each applicant.
 7. **Judgments:** Any current or past outstanding judgments or any unpaid civil suit from a previous landlord will likely result in automatic denial from most owners/landlords. Again, honesty is the best policy.
 8. **Criminal History:** This again will be a case-by-case basis for each owner, but felonies trigger automatic denials usually. Again, honesty is the best policy as they will require criminal background checks for all applicants so it might be a waste of funds to apply if you have something they detail as an automatic denial.
 9. **REQUIREMENTS PERSONAL LIABILITY COVERAGE/RENTERS INSURANCE IS REQUIRED** by most owners/landlords. The residents must provide proof of a minimum of \$100,000 personal liability coverage as a condition of residency. Proof of insurance should be provided to the landlord no later than the move-in date.

As always, call or email us with any questions.

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RESIDENTIAL LEASE APPLICATION

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Each occupant and co-applicant 18 years or older must submit a separate application.

Property Address: _____
Anticipated: Move-in Date: _____ Monthly Rent: \$ _____ Security Deposit: \$ _____
Initial Lease Term Requested: _____ (months)

Property Condition: Applicant has has not viewed the Property in-person prior to submitting this application.

Applicant is strongly encouraged to view the Property in-person prior to submitting any application.
Landlord makes no express or implied warranties as to the Property's condition. Applicant requests Landlord consider the following repairs or treatments should Applicant and Landlord enter into a lease: _____

Applicant was referred to Landlord by:

Real estate agent **Charlie Russo** (name) **(713)851-4871** (phone) **crusso@remax.net** (e-mail)
 Newspaper Sign Internet Other _____

Applicant's name (first, middle, last) _____
Is there a co-applicant? yes no **If yes, co-applicant must submit a separate application.**
Applicant's former last name (maiden or married) _____

E-mail _____ Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Mobile/Pager _____
Soc. Sec. No. _____ Driver License No. _____ in _____ (state)
Date of Birth _____ Height _____ Weight _____ Eye Color _____
Hair Color _____ Marital Status _____

Emergency Contact: (Do not insert the name of an occupant or co-applicant.)

Name and Relationship: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name all other persons who will occupy the Property:

Name: _____	Relationship: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Relationship: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Relationship: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Relationship: _____	Age: _____

Applicant's Current Address: _____ Apt. No. _____
(city, state, zip)

Landlord or Property Manager's Name: _____ Email: _____
Phone: Day: _____ Nt: _____ Mb: _____ Fax: _____
Date Moved-In: _____ Move-Out Date _____ Rent \$ _____
Reason for move: _____

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Applicant's Previous Address: _____ Apt. No. _____
(city, state, zip)

Landlord or Property Manager's Name: _____ Email: _____
Phone: Day: _____ Nt: _____ Mb: _____ Fax: _____
Date Moved-In _____ Move-Out Date _____ Rent \$ _____
Reason for move: _____

Applicant's Current Employer: _____
Address: _____ (street, city, state, zip)
Employment Verification Contact: _____ Phone: _____
Fax: _____ E-mail: _____
Start Date: _____ Gross Monthly Income: \$ _____ Position: _____
Note: If Applicant is self-employed, Landlord may require one or more previous year's tax return attested by a CPA, attorney, or other tax professional.

Applicant's Previous Employer: _____
Address: _____ (street, city, state, zip)
Employment Verification Contact: _____ Phone: _____
Fax: _____ E-mail: _____
Employed from _____ to _____ Gross Monthly Income: \$ _____ Position: _____
Note: Applicant is responsible for including the appropriate contact information for employment verification purposes.

Describe other income Applicant wants considered: _____

List all vehicles to be parked on the Property:

Type	Year	Make	Model	License Plate No./State	Mo. Payment

Will any animals (dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, fish, and other animals) be kept on the Property? yes no
If yes, list all animals to be kept on the Property:

Type & Breed	Name	Color	Weight	Age in Yrs.	Gender	Neutered?	Bite History?	Rabies Shots Current?	Assistance Animal?
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If any of the animals listed above are assistance animals, please provide appropriate documentation with a reasonable accommodation request for the assistance animal(s).

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Will any waterbeds or water-filled furniture be on the Property?
 Does anyone who will occupy the Property smoke?
 Will Applicant maintain renter's insurance?
 Is Applicant or Applicant's spouse, even if separated, in military?
 If yes, is the military person serving under orders limiting the military person's stay to one year or less?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Has Applicant ever:
 been evicted?
 been asked to move out by a landlord?
 breached a lease or rental agreement?
 filed for bankruptcy?
 lost property in a foreclosure?
 been convicted of a crime? If yes, provide the location, year, and type of conviction below.
 Is any occupant a registered sex offender? If yes, provide the location, year, and type of conviction below.
 had any credit problems, slow-pays or delinquencies? If yes, provide more information below.
 Is there additional information Applicant wants considered?

Additional comments: _____

Authorization: Applicant authorizes Landlord and Landlord's agent, at any time before, during, or after any tenancy, to:

- (1) obtain a copy of Applicant's credit report;
- (2) obtain a criminal background check related to Applicant and any occupant; and
- (3) verify any rental or employment history or verify any other information related to this application with persons knowledgeable of such information.

Notice of Landlord's Right to Continue to Show the Property: Unless Landlord and Applicant enter into a separate written agreement otherwise, the Property remains on the market until a lease is signed by all parties and Landlord may continue to show the Property to other prospective tenants and accept another offer.

Privacy Policy: Landlord's agent or property manager maintains a privacy policy that is available upon request.

Fees: Applicant submits a non-refundable fee of \$ ONLINE FEE to ONLINE VERIFICATION CO. (entity or individual) for processing and reviewing this application. Applicant submits will not submit an application deposit of \$ _____ to be applied to the security deposit upon execution of a lease or returned to Applicant if a lease is not executed.

Acknowledgement & Representation:

- (1) Signing this application indicates that Applicant has had the opportunity to review Landlord's tenant selection criteria, which is available upon request. The tenant selection criteria may include factors such as criminal history, credit history, current income and rental history.
- (2) Applicant understands that providing inaccurate or incomplete information is grounds for rejection of this application and forfeiture of any application fee and may be grounds to declare Applicant in breach of any lease the Applicant may sign.
- (3) Applicant represents that the statements in this application are true and complete.
- (4) Applicant is responsible for any costs associated with obtaining information.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

For Landlord's Use:

On _____, _____ (name/initials) notified
 Applicant _____ by phone mail e-mail fax in person that Applicant was
 approved not approved. Reason for disapproval: _____



**AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION
RELATED TO A RESIDENTIAL LEASE APPLICANT**

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I, _____ (Applicant), have submitted an application to lease a property located at _____ (address, city, state, zip).

The landlord, broker, or landlord's representative is:

_____	Charlie Russo	_____	(name)
_____	1411 Avenue A	_____	(address)
_____	Katy, TX 77493	_____	(city, state, zip)
_____	(713)851-4871	_____	(phone)
_____	crusso@remax.net	_____	(e-mail)

I give my permission:

- (1) to my current and former employers to release any information about my employment history and income history to the above-named person;
- (2) to my current and former landlords to release any information about my rental history to the above-named person;
- (3) to my current and former mortgage lenders on property that I own or have owned to release any information about my mortgage payment history to the above-named person;
- (4) to my bank, savings and loan, or credit union to provide a verification of funds that I have on deposit to the above-named person; and
- (5) to the above-named person to obtain a copy of my consumer report (credit report) from any consumer reporting agency and to obtain background information about me.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Note: Any broker gathering information about an applicant acts under specific instructions to verify some or all of the information described in this authorization. The broker maintains a privacy policy which is available upon request.



Information About Brokerage Services

Texas law requires all real estate licensees to give the following information about brokerage services to prospective buyers, tenants, sellers and landlords.

TYPES OF REAL ESTATE LICENSE HOLDERS:

- **A BROKER** is responsible for all brokerage activities, including acts performed by sales agents sponsored by the broker.
- **A SALES AGENT** must be sponsored by a broker and works with clients on behalf of the broker.

A BROKER'S MINIMUM DUTIES REQUIRED BY LAW (A client is the person or party that the broker represents):

- Put the interests of the client above all others, including the broker's own interests;
- Inform the client of any material information about the property or transaction received by the broker;
- Answer the client's questions and present any offer to or counter-offer from the client; and
- Treat all parties to a real estate transaction honestly and fairly.

A LICENSE HOLDER CAN REPRESENT A PARTY IN A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION:

AS AGENT FOR OWNER (SELLER/LANDLORD): The broker becomes the property owner's agent through an agreement with the owner, usually in a written listing to sell or property management agreement. An owner's agent must perform the broker's minimum duties above and must inform the owner of any material information about the property or transaction known by the agent, including information disclosed to the agent or subagent by the buyer or buyer's agent.

AS AGENT FOR BUYER/TENANT: The broker becomes the buyer/tenant's agent by agreeing to represent the buyer, usually through a written representation agreement. A buyer's agent must perform the broker's minimum duties above and must inform the buyer of any material information about the property or transaction known by the agent, including information disclosed to the agent by the seller or seller's agent.

AS AGENT FOR BOTH - INTERMEDIARY: To act as an intermediary between the parties the broker must first obtain the written agreement of each party to the transaction. The written agreement must state who will pay the broker and, in conspicuous bold or underlined print, set forth the broker's obligations as an intermediary. A broker who acts as an intermediary:

- Must treat all parties to the transaction impartially and fairly;
- May, with the parties' written consent, appoint a different license holder associated with the broker to each party (owner and buyer) to communicate with, provide opinions and advice to, and carry out the instructions of each party to the transaction.
- Must not, unless specifically authorized in writing to do so by the party, disclose:
 - o that the owner will accept a price less than the written asking price;
 - o that the buyer/tenant will pay a price greater than the price submitted in a written offer; and
 - o any confidential information or any other information that a party specifically instructs the broker in writing not to disclose, unless required to do so by law.

AS SUBAGENT: A license holder acts as a subagent when aiding a buyer in a transaction without an agreement to represent the buyer. A subagent can assist the buyer but does not represent the buyer and must place the interests of the owner first.

TO AVOID DISPUTES, ALL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN YOU AND A BROKER SHOULD BE IN WRITING AND CLEARLY ESTABLISH:

- The broker's duties and responsibilities to you, and your obligations under the representation agreement.
- Who will pay the broker for services provided to you, when payment will be made and how the payment will be calculated.

LICENSE HOLDER CONTACT INFORMATION: This notice is being provided for information purposes. It does not create an obligation for you to use the broker's services. Please acknowledge receipt of this notice below and retain a copy for your records.

RE/MAX Signature		roxie@remaxsignaturetx.com	(713)636-3015
_____ Licensed Broker /Broker Firm Name or Primary Assumed Business Name	_____ License No.	_____ Email	_____ Phone
Roxanna Gross		roxie@remaxsignaturetx.com	(713)636-3015
_____ Designated Broker of Firm	_____ License No.	_____ Email	_____ Phone
_____ Licensed Supervisor of Sales Agent/ Associate	_____ License No.	_____ Email	_____ Phone
Charlie Russo		crusso@remax.net	(713)851-4871
_____ Sales Agent/Associate's Name	_____ License No.	_____ Email	_____ Phone

Buyer/Tenant/Seller/Landlord Initials

Date



REQUEST FOR RENTAL HISTORY

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To: _____ (Landlord)

From: _____

Re: Lease Applicant: _____

The above-referenced Lease Applicant has made application to lease a property from the undersigned prospective landlord. The Lease Applicant reported that he or she previously leased the following property from you: _____ from _____ to _____. Enclosed is an authorization to release a rental history. Please provide the following information:

- (1) Provided the Lease Applicant is still residing at the property named above, did the Lease Applicant provide proper written notice of non-renewal as required by lease? Yes No.
- (2) Beginning date of lease _____ Ending date _____ Monthly Rent \$ _____
- (3) Did the Lease Applicant timely pay rent? Yes No. If no, how many times? _____
Dates late rent received: _____
- (4) Were any of Lease Applicant's payments returned as insufficient payments? Yes No. If yes, number of times? _____
- (5) Did the Lease Applicant owe you money when he or she left? Yes No. If yes, how much? \$ _____
- (6) Did the Lease Applicant cause any damage to the property? Yes No. If yes, explain in (12).
- (7) Did the Lease Applicant have animals? Yes No. If yes, were the animals authorized? Yes No.
- (8) Did the Lease Applicant violate the lease? Yes No.
- (9) To your knowledge, did the Lease Applicant or anyone living with the Lease Applicant have a criminal record? Yes No. If yes, explain in (12).
- (10) Would you lease the property to the Lease Applicant again? Yes No. If no, explain in (12).
- (11) Was the lease terminated early for any reason? Yes No. If yes, explain in (12).
- (12) Other relevant information: _____

Name of person completing this form: _____ Date _____

Please return this form **as soon as possible** to:

_____ (Property Manager Landlord)
_____ (phone) _____ (fax)
_____ crusso@remax.net _____ (e-mail)

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REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION

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To: _____ (Employer) Date: _____

Fax Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

From: _____

Re: Lease Applicant: _____

The above-referenced Lease Applicant has made application to lease a property from the undersigned prospective Landlord. The Lease Applicant reported that he is employed with your company. Enclosed is an authorization to release employment information. Please provide the following:

- (1) Beginning date of employment _____
- (2) Monthly Gross Income \$ _____
- (3) Position currently held _____
- (4) Other relevant information: _____

Title of Person Completing Form _____

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

Please return this form **as soon as possible** to:

_____ (Property Manager Landlord)

_____ (phone) _____ (fax)

_____ charlie@charlierussorealty.com (e-mail)

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