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**Berkshire Peak**  
**RENTAL APPLICATION**  
(Affordable Programs)

THE AGENT WILL PROVIDE HELP IN REVIEWING THIS DOCUMENT. IF NECESSARY, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES MAY ASK FOR THIS APPLICATION IN LARGE PRINT TYPE, OR OTHER ALTERNATE FORMATS.

**This community is a smoke-free community, which means that smoking is prohibited in the individual apartments, interior and exterior common areas and any and all locations of this community. This policy means “No Smoking” not “No Smokers”. Everyone is welcome to apply.**

Instructions for Head of Household:

1. Complete all sections by printing in **ink**. Please do not leave any section blank, including sections which do not apply to you. If you need to make a correction, put one line through the incorrect information, write the correct information above, and initial the change. Do not use correction fluid of any kind (e.g. “Whiteout”).
2. As head of household, you should complete the Rental Application in its entirety. Each additional household member 18 years of age and older who will live in the apartment must also sign and date the Application. All information must be complete and correct. **False, incomplete or misleading information will cause your household’s application to be declined.**
3. As long as your application is on file with us, it is your responsibility to contact us in writing whenever there is a change in your address, telephone number, income situation or household composition (if you need to add or remove a person from your application).
4. After we receive your application, we will make a preliminary determination of eligibility. If your household does not appear eligible, you will receive a denial letter and will not be placed on our waitlist. If your household appears to be eligible for housing, your application will be placed on a waiting list, but this does not mean that your household will be offered an apartment. If later processing establishes that your household is not actually eligible or not actually qualified for housing, your application will be declined. We will process your application according to our standard procedures, which are summarized in the Resident Selection Plan. If there is no wait for an apartment and your application appears to be eligible, we will contact you to continue processing your application.
5. Filling out an application does not guarantee eligibility for an apartment at our community.

Note: Upon request to the Management Agent, you have the right to receive a Resident Selection Plan (with Program Description Insert) which summarizes the application process including eligibility and screening requirements for occupancy in the Community.

This is an important document, if you require language interpretation, please call the telephone number below or come to our Leasing and Management Center.

Este es un documento importante. Si necesita interpretación, por favor llame al número de teléfono que aparece abajo o visite nuestras oficinas.

這是一份非常重要的文件。如果您需要翻譯服務，請撥下面的電話或前往我們的辦公室。

Este é um documento importante. Caso precise de interpretação, por favor chame o número de telefone abaixo, ou compareça aos nossos escritórios.

Это важный документ. Если Вам требуется перевод, пожалуйста, позвоните нам (телефонный номер ниже). Или придите в наш офис.

Đây là một tài liệu quan trọng. Nếu quý vị cần phiên dịch, vui lòng hãy gọi cho số điện thoại bên dưới hoặc đến các văn phòng của chúng tôi.

**នេះគឺជាឯកសារសំខាន់មួយ។ ក្នុងករណីយល់កម្រិត ចាំបាច់ត្រូវចង់បានការបកប្រែ  
សូមទូរស័ព្ទលេខខាងក្រោមនេះមកកាន់ ឬអញ្ជើញទាក់ទងដោយផ្ទាល់នៅការិយាល័យយើងខ្ញុំ។**

Sa a se yon dokiman enpòtan. Si ou bezwen entèpretasyon, tanpri rele nimewo telefòn ki anba la a oswa vini nan biwo nou.

Tani waa dokumenti muhiim ah. Haddii aad rabto tarjumad, fadlan wac lambarka hoos ku qoran ama imow xafiisyadayad.

هذه وثيقة مهمة. إذا كنت بحاجة إلى ترجمة فورية، يرجى الاتصال على رقم الهاتف المذكور أدناه، أو تفضل بزيارتنا في مكاتبنا.

این یک سند بسیار مهم است. اگر به ترجمه آن نیاز دارید، لطفاً با شماره تلفن زیر تماس بگیرید یا به دفتر ما مراجعه کنید.

Telephone Number: (413-445-5388) or TTY 711



TTY:711

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Email : BerkshirePeak@BeaconCommunitiesLLC.com

**This form must be filled out in English. Please print neatly in ink. All fields are required.  
Read the instructions on the facing page before completing each item.**

**1. Name and address of head of household (HOH)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address Apt. #

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

( ) -- Home Cell Work

\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

**2. Bedroom size requested?** 1-BR 2-BR 3-BR 4-BR Handicap Accessible

**3. How many children under 18 in your household?** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. List all the States where all household members have lived:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**5a. Have you or any household member been convicted of, pled guilty or no contest to a Felony, Drug-related criminal offense or Sexual offense?** Yes No

**5b. Are you or any household member required to register as a Sex Offender for any duration?** Yes No

*If "Yes", for which States:* \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Does the household currently receive any form of tenant based (mobile) rental assistance (e.g. Housing Choice Voucher, HUD-VASH, etc.)?** Yes No

*Agency:* \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Do you or does any member of your household need any specific features or unit designs, such as wheelchair accessibility, visual aids (Braille), or apparatus for hearing assistance?** Yes No

*If "Yes", please describe:* \_\_\_\_\_

**8. List yourself and all others who will live with you. Include unborn children and live-in aides.**

#	Relation	Last Name	First Name + Middle Initial	Social Security Number	Birthdate (mm / dd / yyyy)	Student? (Y/N) (FT / PT)	US Veteran Status (Y/N)
1	Head of Household						
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							

Do you anticipate a change in your household composition in the next 12 months?  Yes  No  
**If "Yes", please explain:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you do not have a Social Security Number, were you 62 years old as of 1/31/2010 and living in affordable housing?  Yes  No

**9. Optional Information: Gender, Ethnicity, Race and Disability Status of household members**

#	Gender (Male/Female/ Decline)	Ethnicity (Hispanic/Non-Hispanic/ Decline)	Race (White/Black or African American/Asian/American Indian or Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander/ Other or Decline)	Disabled? (Yes/No)
1-Head of Household				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				



**10. Income and assets for all household members. Provide gross (not net) amounts for all questions.**

10a. Total monthly income \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Include income from all family members. You may estimate. Put zero (0) if no income.

10b. Value of household assets. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Assets include bank accounts, investments, and real estate of all household members.

10c. Income Source(s): *Check all that apply.*

- Wages
- SSA
- SSI – Federal
- SSI – State
- Child support
- Pension
- Unemployment
- Public Assistance
- Interest/annuity income
- Worker’s Compensation
- Other income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Someone pays my bills/gives me money: \$ \_\_\_\_\_/month
- Household has no income

**11. Do you anticipate a change in your household income in the next 12 months?**

Yes  No

If “Yes”, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. How did you hear about us?**

- Advertising: \_\_\_\_\_
- Website: \_\_\_\_\_
- Social Media: \_\_\_\_\_
- Friend: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Smoke-Free Community**

I understand that this is a smoke-free community, which means that smoking is prohibited in the individual apartments, interior and exterior common areas and any and all locations of this community. \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial here)

**14. What is your current housing situation?**  Own  Rent  Other

If “Other”, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Landlord history of past 5 years**

Current Landlord		Prior Landlord	
Address		Address	
Phone Number		Phone Number	
Duration		Duration	

**If you need additional space, please check this box  and use a blank sheet of paper.**

**Certification of applicant:** I/We certify that all information in this application is true to the best of my/our knowledge and I/We understand that false statements or information are punishable by law and will lead to cancellation of this application or termination of tenancy after occupancy. All adult applicants, 18 or older, must sign application. In consideration for being permitted to apply for this apartment, I, Applicant, do represent all information in this application to be true and that the owner/manager/employee/agent may rely on this information when investigating and accepting this Rental Application. Applicant hereby authorizes the owner/manager/agent to make independent investigations to determine my credit, financial standing, criminal background, including sex offender registration history, landlord history, and character standing. Applicant authorizes any person or background checking agency having any information on him/her to release any and all information to the owner/manager/employee or their agents or background checking agencies. Applicant hereby releases, remises and forever discharges, from any action whatsoever, in law and equity, and all owners, managers and employees or agents, both of landlord and their credit checking agencies in connection with processing, investigating, or credit checking this application, and will hold harmless from any suit or reprisal whatsoever. Beacon Residential Management Limited Partnership, Agent for this community, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, physical or mental disability, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, age (except minors), or lawful source of income in the access or admission to its programs or employment, or in its programs, activities, functions or services.

X \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of head of household Date Signature of spouse or co-head of household Date

X \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of co-head of household Date Signature of co-head of household Date

**PENALTIES FOR MISUSING THIS CONSENT:** Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. Code states that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly making false or fraudulent statements to any department of the United States Government. HUD and any owner (or any employee of HUD or the owner) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures of improper use of information collected based on the consent form. Use of the information collected based on this verification form is restricted to the purposes cited above. Any person who knowingly or willingly requests, obtains or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against for misusing the social security number contained in the Social Security Act at 208 (a) (6), (7) and (8). Violation of these provisions are cited as violations of 42 U.S.C. 408 (a) (6), (7) and (8).



**OPTIONAL QUESTIONS TO ASCERTAIN IF AN APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR PRIORITY STATUS.  
PLEASE INDICATE 'YES' OR 'NO' TO EACH QUESTION.**

**MassHousing Preferences:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Priority: Are you “Homelessness Due to Displacement by Natural Forces”?**

An applicant, otherwise eligible and qualified, who has been displaced by:

- (i) Fire not due to the negligence or intentional act of applicant or a household member;
- (ii) Earthquake, flood, or other natural cause; or
- (iii) a disaster declared or otherwise formally recognized under disaster relief laws.

Yes  No

**2<sup>nd</sup> Priority: Are you “Homelessness Due to Displacement by Public Action (Urban Renewal)”?**

An applicant, otherwise eligible and qualified, who will be displaced within 90 days, or has been displaced within the three years prior to application by:

- (i) Any low rent housing project as defined in M.G.L. c. 1218 § 1; or
- (ii) A public slum clearance or urban renewal project indicated after January 1, 1947; or
- (iii) Other public improvement.

Yes  No

**3<sup>rd</sup> Priority: Are you “Homelessness Due to Displacement by Public Action (Sanitary Code Violations)”?**

An applicant, otherwise eligible and qualified, who is being displaced, or has been displaced within 90 days prior to application, by enforcement of minimum standards of fitness for human habitation established by the State Sanitary Code or local ordinances, provided that:

- (i) Neither the applicant nor a household member has caused or substantially contributed to the cause of enforcement proceedings; and
- (ii) The applicant has pursued available ways to remedy the situation by seeking assistance through the courts or appropriate administrative or enforcement agencies.

Yes  No

**4<sup>th</sup> Priority: Are you “Involuntary Displaced by Domestic Violence”?**

“Domestic Violence” as defined in M.G.L. c. 209A means actual or threatened physical violence directed against one or more members of the applicant’s family by a spouse or other member of the applicant’s household. An applicant is involuntarily displaced by domestic violence if:

- (i) The applicant has vacated a housing unit because of domestic violence; or
- (ii) The applicant lives in a housing unit with a person who engages in domestic violence.

Yes  No

If the applicant is still living in the housing unit with a person who engages in domestic violence at the time of selection, the violence must have occurred within six months or be of a continuing nature. Priority for Involuntary Displacement by Domestic Violence applies only to households with one or more children under the age of 18.

Head of Household must initial verifying the Preference status selection here: \_\_\_\_\_  
(initial above)

## VERIFICATION OF LANDLORD HISTORY

**ALL APPLICANTS: PLEASE SIGN 2<sup>ND</sup> PAGE ONLY.**  
**FORM TO BE FILLED IN BY BERKSHIRE PEAK'S STAFF.**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ FROM: Berkshire Peak  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
341 West Street  
Pittsfield MA 01201  
PH: 413-445-5388 / Fax: 413-445-5405

SUBJECT: Verification of Information Supplied by the Applicant Shown Below for Housing Assistance  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
SSN \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This person has applied for housing assistance under a program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD requires the housing owner to verify all information that is used in determining this person's eligibility or level of benefits.

We ask your cooperation in providing the following information and returning it to the Property Manager of the property shown at the top of this form. Your prompt return of this information will help to assure timely processing of the application for assistance. Enclosed is a self-addressed, stamped envelope for this purpose. The applicant/resident has consented to this release of information as shown here.

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### **INFORMATION BEING REQUESTED BY LANDLORD/PREVIOUS LANDLORD**

1. When did the referenced applicant move in: \_\_\_\_\_
2. When did the referenced applicant move out: \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
3. How many bedrooms? \_\_\_\_\_; how many persons lived in the unit? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was the monthly rent? \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please circle which utilities were included in the monthly rent:  
Gas/Electric/Water
5. Was the applicant ever late in the payment of the monthly rent? \_\_\_\_\_? If yes, and after the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month, how many times was the applicant late over the past twelve (12) months?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What living conditions did the applicant maintain? Please check.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Acceptable housekeeping (safe and sanitary)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unacceptable housekeeping. Please describe (including but not limited to pest infestation, hoarding, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





7. Was the applicant destructive to the apartment/home or the surrounding public areas? \_\_\_\_\_. If yes, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Did you receive any resident complaints in reference to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_. If yes, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Did the applicant give a proper vacate notice? \_\_\_\_\_. What was the reason given for vacating?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Would you re-rent to the applicant in the future? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, why:

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Additional Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title of Person  
Supplying the Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Agency/Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person  
Supplying the Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number with Area Code

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN THIS FORM IF EITHER THE REQUESTING ORGANIZATION OR THE ORGANIZATION SUPPLYING THE INFORMATION IS LEFT BLANK.

RELEASE I hereby authorize the release of the requested information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PENALTIES FOR MISUSING THIS CONSENT:**

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Supplemental and Optional Contact Information for HUD-Assisted Housing Applicants

**SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING**

This form is to be provided to each applicant for federally assisted housing

**Instructions: Optional Contact Person or Organization:** You have the right by law to include as part of your application for housing, the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or social, health, advocacy, or other organization. This contact information is for the purpose of identifying a person or organization that may be able to help in resolving any issues that may arise during your tenancy or to assist in providing any special care or services you may require. **You may update, remove, or change the information you provide on this form at any time.** You are not required to provide this contact information, but if you choose to do so, please include the relevant information on this form.

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone No:</b>	<b>Cell Phone No:</b>
<b>Name of Additional Contact Person or Organization:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone No:</b>	<b>Cell Phone No:</b>
<b>E-Mail Address (if applicable):</b>	
<b>Relationship to Applicant:</b>	
<b>Reason for Contact:</b> (Check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Recertification Process
<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to contact you	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in lease terms
<input type="checkbox"/> Termination of rental assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in house rules
<input type="checkbox"/> Eviction from unit	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Late payment of rent	
<b>Commitment of Housing Authority or Owner:</b> If you are approved for housing, this information will be kept as part of your tenant file. If issues arise during your tenancy or if you require any services or special care, we may contact the person or organization you listed to assist in resolving the issues or in providing any services or special care to you.	
<b>Confidentiality Statement:</b> The information provided on this form is confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted by the applicant or applicable law.	
<b>Legal Notification:</b> Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-550, approved October 28, 1992) requires each applicant for federally assisted housing to be offered the option of providing information regarding an additional contact person or organization. By accepting the applicant's application, the housing provider agrees to comply with the non-discrimination and equal opportunity requirements of 24 CFR section 5.105, including the prohibitions on discrimination in admission to or participation in federally assisted housing programs on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and familial status under the Fair Housing Act, and the prohibition on age discrimination under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.	

Check this box if you choose not to provide the contact information.

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**Signature of Applicant**

**Date**

The information collection requirements contained in this form were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The public reporting burden is estimated at 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13604) imposed on HUD the obligation to require housing providers participating in HUD's assisted housing programs to provide any individual or family applying for occupancy in HUD-assisted housing with the option to include in the application for occupancy the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or person associated with a social, health, advocacy, or similar organization. The objective of providing such information is to facilitate contact by the housing provider with the person or organization identified by the tenant to assist in providing any delivery of services or special care to the tenant and assist with resolving any tenancy issues arising during the tenancy of such tenant. This supplemental application information is to be maintained by the housing provider and maintained as confidential information. Providing the information is basic to the operations of the HUD Assisted-Housing Program and is voluntary. It supports statutory requirements and program and management controls that prevent fraud, waste and mismanagement. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Privacy Statement:** Public Law 102-550, authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to collect all the information (except the Social Security Number (SSN)) which will be used by HUD to protect disbursement data from fraudulent actions.

## Applicant's and Resident's Right to Request a Reasonable Accommodation

If you have a disability and you need:

- A ***change or waiver in the rules or policies*** of the community to afford equal access and full enjoyment of your apartment home, the common facilities or to participate in special programs located at the community;
- A ***physical modification*** in your apartment or to some other feature of the community which would afford you equal access and full enjoyment of your apartment home or use of the facilities located at the community; or
- A ***more effective means of communication*** to provide official information or permit you to contact the management office.

Then you can request these modifications or exceptions to how the community conducts its operations by making a request for a Reasonable Accommodation. The right to request a Reasonable Accommodation is established under federal and state law.

If you have a physical or mental limitation (disability) which meets the legal definitions under federal and state law and have a request that is not too expensive or difficult to arrange **and** this request will provide you with improved use of your apartment home or the common facilities of the community, then we will try to fulfill your request.

You may make this request in writing by completing a **Reasonable Accommodation Request Form** or some other type of permanent and comprehensible document (e.g., a tape cassette) which answers all the questions on the Request Form. If you need assistance completing the Request Form, we can put you in touch with group(s) that can better assist you. If you require additional information about our procedures, we will be happy to explain them in a manner that is fully comprehensible by you. If this requires the use of sign language or another alternative form of communication, we will attempt to meet your needs.

We will give you an answer within ten (10) working days of our receipt of a Reasonable Accommodation Request unless there is a problem getting the information we require to verify the appropriateness of the request. If we require additional time, we will notify you and explain the reason for the delay. We will let you know if we require additional information or if we would like to propose an alternative solution which has an equal outcome to the accommodation requested.

If for any reason we are unable to fulfill your accommodation request, we will provide you with an explanation. You will then have ten (10) working days from the date of denial to provide additional information before we consider the matter closed.

You may obtain a Reasonable Accommodation Request Form at the management office. If you have a disability and have any comments on your experience at the community, please contact the onsite Property Manager who will make arrangements for you to be contacted to discuss your experience.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant/Resident Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

