

200 GENERAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

- 200.1 The provisions of this chapter shall be applicable to residential housing businesses (“housing businesses”) licensed under D.C. Official Code § 47-2828 (2005 Repl).
- 200.2 For purposes of this chapter, a housing business is any dwelling unit or rooming unit in a residential building that is offered for rent or lease. A housing business shall include the rental of a dwelling unit or rooming unit in a residential building that the licensee also occupies. A housing business shall not include any transient housing providers, such as a hotel, bed and breakfast, inn and motel, boarding house, or rooming house.
- 200.3 No person shall operate a housing business in any premises in the District of Columbia without first receiving a basic business license for the premises by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (Department).
- 200.4 A licensee shall conspicuously post the license or a copy of the license on the premises indicated on the license, and such license shall be available for inspection by any authorized District government official or any tenant residing at the premises.
- 200.5 Each applicant shall, as a condition to the issuance of a license, indicate on the license application the name and contact information of a property manager or resident manager responsible for conducting maintenance and repairs on the property.
- 200.6 The appointment or employment of a person to conduct property maintenance and repairs shall be maintained during the period of time for which a license is issued; whenever any change is made in the appointment or employment of such person, the licensee shall deliver to the Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (Director) a written notice of the change not less than five (5) days after the change.
- 200.7 Any person requiring a basic business license with a Housing: Residential Endorsement pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 47-2851.03(a)(6)(B) shall provide billing information for a valid credit card or bank account that may be used exclusively to bill for reinspection fees as detailed in § 207.1(b), and proactive inspection fees as detailed in § 207.1(d). The billing information that is provided for the card or account must be current and shall be updated by written

notice to the Department within 30 business days if the information changes.

SOURCE: The Housing Regulations of the District of Columbia, 5G DCRR §§ 3101, 3102 and 3105, Commissioners' Order 55-1503, dated August 11, 1955; as amended by Commissioners' Order 57-3191, dated November 27, 1957; as replaced by Final Rulemaking published at 59 DCR 7487, 7488 (June 22, 2012); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 68 DCR 1895 (February 12, 2021).