Montgomery County Maryland DHCA Rental Housing Portal Landlord User Manual

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Introduction

Welcome to the Montgomery County Maryland DHCA Rental Housing Portal. This portal is designed to help landlords comply with the county's rent stabilization regulations by enabling them to register rents and fees for each unit in their properties and to submit various applications. This user manual provides step-by-step instructions to navigate and utilize the portal effectively.

Getting Started

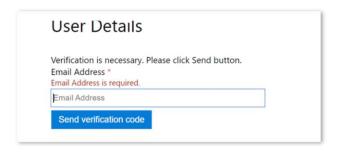
Creating an Account

1) **Visit the Landlord Portal**: Open your web browser and navigate to the Landlord Portal. Then click **'Sign Up Now'**

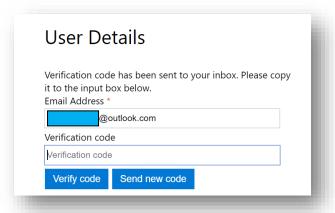


 Start account creation: Enter Your Email address and Click 'Send Verification Code'

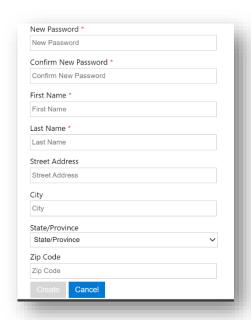
**Please enter the same email address registered for your Licensing account.



3) **Verify your account**: In the field displayed, Enter the verification code received in your email and Click 'Verify Code'



- 4) Fill in the account creation form:
 - a. Enter a new password and enter the same password in the Confirm password field.
 - b. Enter First Name and Last name

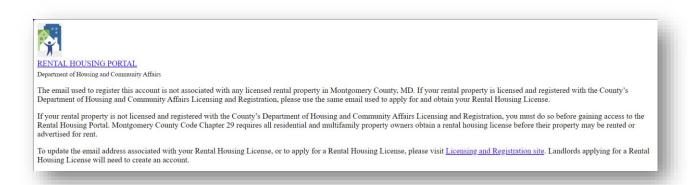


- c. Optional: Enter Street address, city, state and zip code.
- 5) **Submit Form**: Click **'Create'** to submit your account creation and proceed to the sign in page. Use your email and new password to sign into the Rental Housing Portal

Using the correct email address for registration

If you use an email address that is not currently registered on the licensing and registration site to register your rental properties, then you will be directed to the following page. Please follow the directions outlined to either:

- Return to 'Creating an Account' step above if you have used an email address not currently used for your Licensing and registration portal or,
- If your property is not currently registered, please navigate to the link provided to
 register your property with the email address you used to create the account for this
 portal. Then upon receiving an email confirmation that your account is ready,
 navigate back to this rental housing portal and proceed with 'Logging in' step
 outlined below.



Logging In

1. **Visit the Landlord Portal Website**: Open your web browser and navigate to the Landlord Portal.



- 2. **Enter Your Credentials**: Input your registered email address and password in the login form.
- 3. Log in: Click the 'Sign In' button to access your portal.

Landing Page Overview

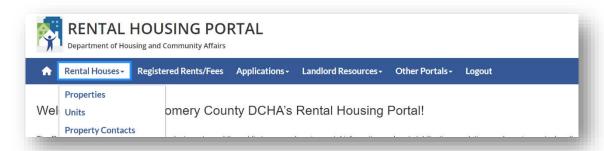
Upon logging in, you will be taken to the Landing page. The landing page provides an overview of the rental housing portal, communications from DHCA on regulation requirements, highlights of alerts/deadlines and information of support resources.



Viewing Property and Unit Details

Viewing your properties

1. **Navigate to the Properties Section**: Visit the Landlord portal and Select 'Rental Houses' from the menu, then Select 'Properties' from menu drop down



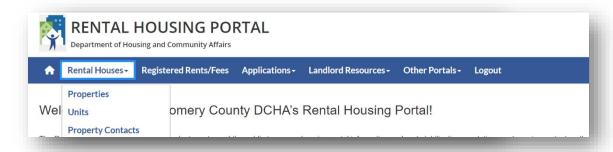
2. **View your units**: The portal will display all the individual properties associated with your account along with each property's details.



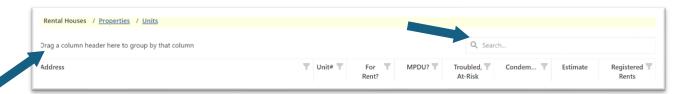
- 3. **Sort your properties**: You can sort your properties by any of the columns displayed by clicking on the column name by which you want to sort your units in ascending or descending order. You can also sort your units by selecting and dragging a column header to the area indicated by "Drag a column header here to group by that column" on top left of the properties table.
- 4. **Search for your properties**: You can search by entering a value in the 'Search' field (right side of the screen above the table shown)

Viewing your units

1. **Navigate to the Units Section**: Visit the Landlord portal and Select 'Rental Houses' from the menu, then Select 'Units' from menu drop down



2. **View your units**: The portal will display all the individual units associated with all your properties.



- 3. **Sort your units:** You can sort your units by any of the columns displayed by clicking on the column name you want to sort your units by that column. You can also sort your units by selecting and dragging a column header to the area indicated by "Drag a column header here to group by that column" on top left of the properties table.
- 4. **Search your units**: You can search by entering a value in the 'Search' field (right side of the screen above the table shown)

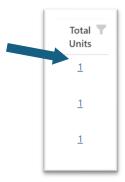
Registering Your First Rent and Fee

Register Your First Rent and Fees for a Lease on a Unit

1. **Navigate to the Properties Section**: Visit the Landlord portal and Select 'Rental Houses' from the menu, then Select 'Properties' from menu drop down



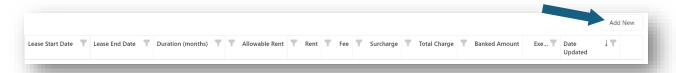
2. **Locate the units within your selected property**: Click on the Number displayed in the "Total Units" column corresponding to the property you would like to register rent and fees.



3. **Select a unit to register**: The portal will display a list of your units. On the list displayed, click on the number in the 'Register rents' column corresponding to the chosen unit, located on the far right of the table.



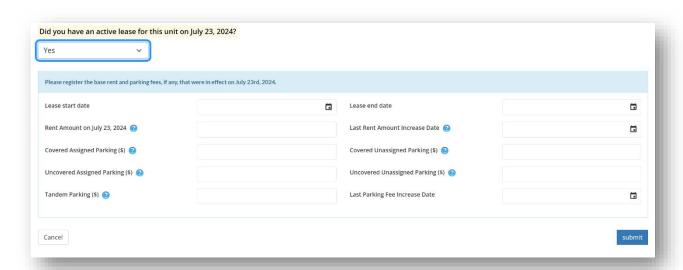
4. **Adding The First Rent**: System will navigate to the 'All registered Rents/fees' page of the selected unit, click "**Add New**" on the right-hand side above the table



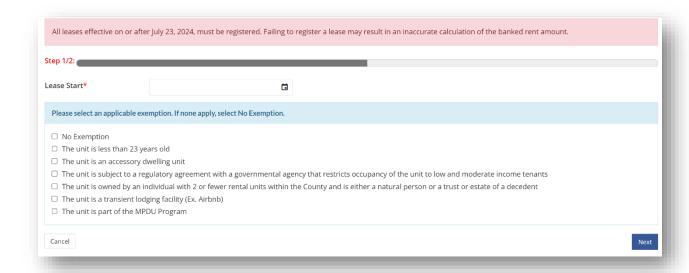
5. **Setting your Baseline:** Start your first rent registration for the selected unit by answering if you had an active lease as of 7/23/2024 (Rent stabilization regulation effective date) with a **Yes** or **No**.

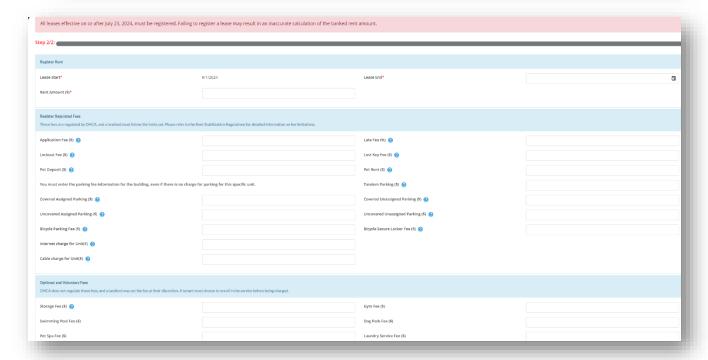


- a. If **Yes**, then the system will provide a form for the current rent and motor vehicle parking fee for the active lease as of 7/23/2024. Please enter and submit all the applicable fields: Rent amount, Lease start and end dates, any applicable motor vehicle parking fees and the last increase date for the rent and the fees provided.
 - ** If your lease end date for this baseline lease is later than the current date then you will finish your baseline rent registration here and return to the Units table to continue registering any future leases that start after the end of your current lease.



- b. If **No**, then the system will navigate you to a lease registration page to enter any leases that are available after 7/23/2024.
 - Continue with the Registration: Click on the 'Lease start date' and select the date. Then select any applicable exemptions or 'No exemptions' from the check box selectors displayed and Click 'Next'
 - 2) **Fill in Property Details**: Enter the required information such as Lease end date, Rent amount, any fees that you charge in the required fees section and enter any optional fees you would like to include from the optional fees.
 - 3) **Submit the Form**: Click "**Submit**" to add the property to your account.





Registering Rents and Fees

Register Rents and Fees for a Lease on a Unit

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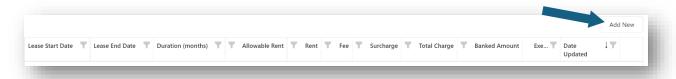
2. **Locate the units within your selected property**: Click on the Number displayed in the "Total Units" column corresponding to the property you would like to register rent and fees.



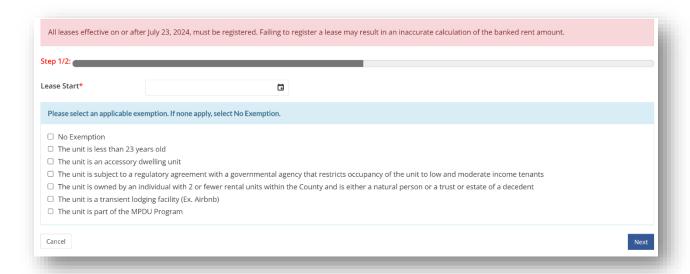
3. **Select a unit to register**: The portal will display a list of your units. On the list displayed, click on the number in the **'Registered rents'** column corresponding to the chosen unit, located on the far right of the table.



4. **Adding a new Lease**: System will navigate to the 'All registered Rents/fees' page of the selected unit, click "**Add New**" on the right-hand side above the table



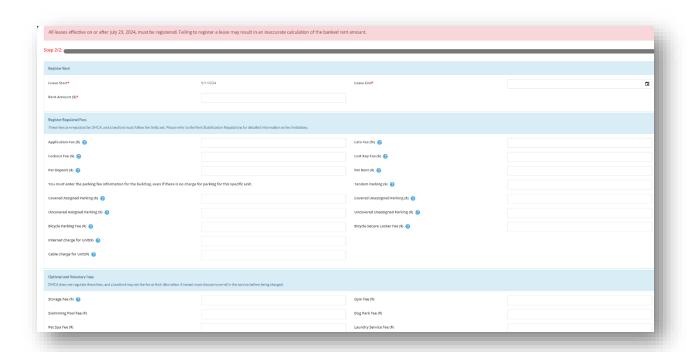
5. **Start the Registration**: Click on the **'Lease start date'** and select the date. Then select any applicable exemptions or '*No exemptions'* from the check box selectors displayed and Click '**Next'**



- 6. **Fill in Property Details**: Enter the required information such as Lease end date, Rent amount, any fees that you charge in the required fees section and enter any optional fees you would like to include from the optional fees.
- 7. **Submit the Form:** Click "**Submit**" to add the property to your account.

Viewing and Editing Registered Leases

- Navigate to the Registered Rent/fees Section: Visit the Landlord portal and Select 'Registered Rent/Fees' from the menu
- 2) **Choose the record you want to edit**: Choose a lease record from the list, then click on the '**Details'** Button corresponding to the lease you want to view or edit, this button is shown on the last column of the table for each record.
 - ** you can only edit registered rent and fees for the most recent lease record for each unit.
- 3) **Edit your lease:** make changes to any of the fields displayed in **Register Rent and Fees Form** and click '**Submit**' to save your changes.

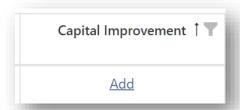


Applications

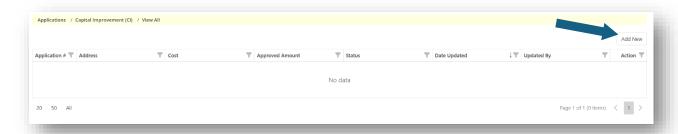
Capital Improvement

Submitting a Capital Improvement Petition

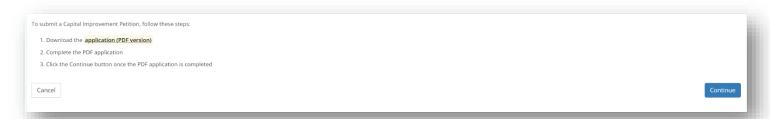
- 1) Navigate to Landlord portal
- 2) Select 'Rental Houses' from the menu
- 3) Select 'Properties' from menu drop down
- 4) Choose a property to submit a Capital Improvement application
- 5) In the 'Capital Improvement' column displayed Select the corresponding 'Add' button to the property chosen



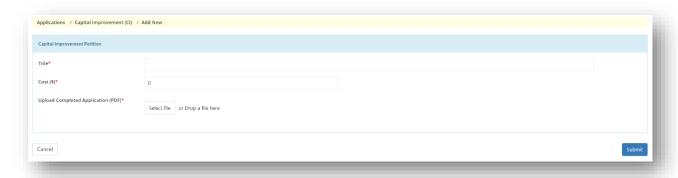
6) System will navigate to Capital Improvement page then Select 'Add New' button on the right-hand side of screen



- 7) Select the **'Download'** link and verify the Capital Improvement application PDF is downloaded and *Complete* and *Save* the application to your device
- 8) Click 'Continue'



- 9) Enter a title for the Capital Improvement Petition application in the 'Title' field
- 10) Enter a cost associated with the Capital improvement in the 'Capital Improvement Cost' field



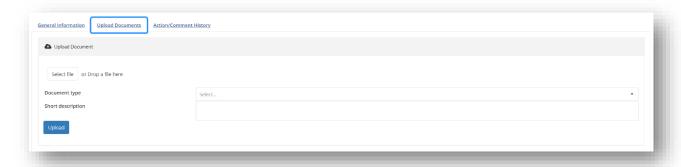
- 11) Click the 'Select File' button next to 'Upload Completed Capital Improvement Application (PDF)' and choose the filled in CIP application saved in step 7 12) Click 'Submit'

Uploading additional information to a Capital Improvement Submission

- 1) Navigate to Landlord portal
- 2) Click on the Menu item 'Applications'
- 3) Select 'Capital Improvement' from the menu drop-down



- 4) System will navigate to Capital Improvement page showing your all your Capital Improvement submission
- 5) In the 'Action' Column select 'Detail'
- 6) System will navigate to 'Manage Capital Improvement for Property: [Your Property address]' view

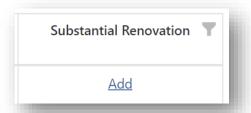


- 7) Select the 'Upload Files' Tab
- 8) Click the 'Select File' button and choose the desired file to upload
- Click the 'Document Type' selector and choose the file identifier that matches your upload or select 'Other'
- 10) Enter a description in the 'Short Description' text box
- 11) Select 'Upload'

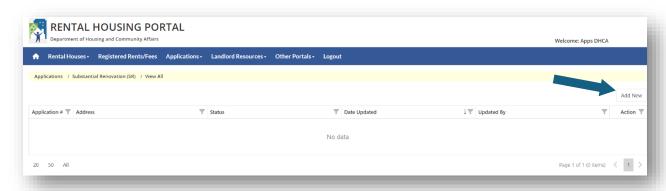
Substantial Renovation

Submitting a Substantial Renovation Application

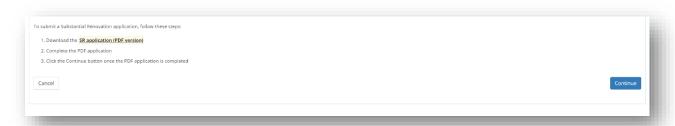
- 1) Navigate to Landlord portal
- 2) Select 'Rental Houses' from the menu
- 3) Select 'Properties' from menu drop down
- 4) Choose a property to submit a Substantial Renovation application for
- 5) In the 'Substantial Renovation' column displayed Select the corresponding 'Add' button to the property chosen



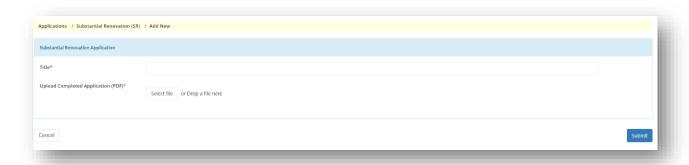
6) System will navigate to **Substantial Renovation** page then Select '**Add New**' button on the right-hand side of screen



7) Select the '**Download**' link and verify the Substantial Renovation application PDF is downloaded, complete and save the substantial Renovation application to your device



8) Click 'Continue'



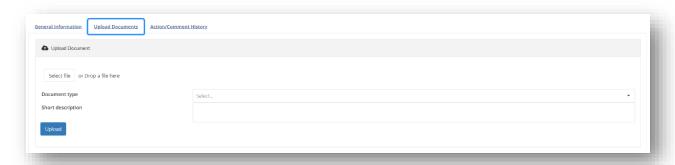
- 9) Enter a title for the Substantial Renovation application in the 'Title' field
- 10) Click the 'Select File' button next to 'Upload Completed Substantial Renovation Application (PDF)' and choose the filled in Substantial Renovation application saved in step 7.a
- 11) Click 'Submit'

Uploading additional information to a Substantial Renovation Submission

- 1) Navigate to Landlord portal
- 2) Click on the Menu item 'Applications'
- 3) Select 'Substantial Renovation' from the menu drop-down



- 4) System will navigate to Substantial Renovation page showing all your Substantial Renovation submissions
- 5) In the 'Action' Column select 'Detail'
- 6) System will navigate to 'Manage Substantial Renovation for Property: [Property address]' view



- 7) Select the 'Upload Files' Tab
- 8) Select the 'Select File' button and choose the desired file to upload
- 9) Select 'Document Type' selector and choose the file identifier that matches your upload or select 'Other'
- 10) Enter a description in the 'Short Description' text box
- 11) Select 'Upload'

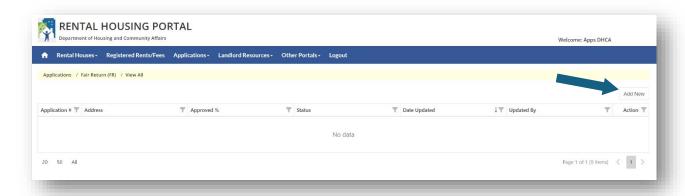
Fair Return

Submitting a Fair Return Application

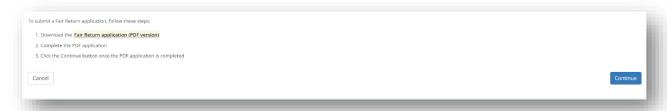
- 1) Navigate to Landlord portal
- 2) Select 'Rental Houses' from the menu
- 3) Select 'Properties' from menu drop down
- 4) Choose a property for which you want to submit a Fair Return application
- 5) In the 'Fair Return Application' column displayed Select the corresponding 'Add' button to the property chosen



6) System will navigate to Fair Return page then Select 'Add New' button on the righthand side of screen



7) Select the **'Download'** link and verify the Fair Return application is downloaded, then complete and save the fair return application to your computer/Drive



- 8) Click 'Continue'
- 9) Enter a title for the application in the 'Title' field



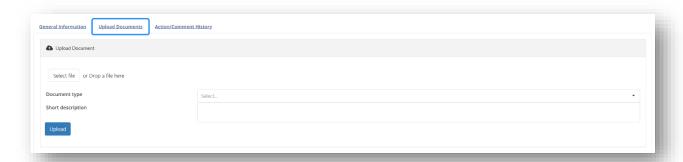
10) Click the 'Select File' button next to 'Upload Completed Fair Return Application (PDF)' and choose the filled in Fair Return application saved to your device in step 711) Click 'Submit'

Uploading additional documents to a Fair Return Submission

- 1) Navigate to Landlord portal
- 2) Click on the Menu item 'Applications'
- 3) Select 'Fair Return' from the menu drop-down



- 4) System will navigate to the **Fair Return** page showing all your Fair Return submissions
- 5) In the 'Action' Column select 'Detail'
- 6) System will navigate to 'Manage Fair Return for Property: [Your Property]' view



- 7) Click the 'Upload Files' Tab
- 8) Click the 'Select File' button and choose the desired file to upload
- 9) Select 'Document Type' selector and choose the file identifier that matches your upload or choose 'Other'
- 10) Enter a description in the 'Short Description' text box
- 11) Click the 'Upload' button

Account Management

Changing Password

- 1) **Visit the Landlord Portal Website**: Open your web browser and navigate to the Landlord Portal.
- 2) Start your password reset: Click on 'Forgot your password?'



3) Verify your account: Enter Your Email address and Click 'Send Verification Code' Then in the field displayed, Enter the verification code received in your email and Click 'Verify Code'.





4) **Create a new password:** Once your email is verified you will see the 'Change Email' and '**Continue'** button, Click on continue to proceed with your passowrd reset. Enter a new password and confirm your password. Then Click '**Continue'** to finish resetting your password



Support and Resources



Locating Portal User Manual

- 1. Navigate to Landlord portal
- 2. Select 'Landlord Resources' from the menu
- 3. Select 'Portal User Manual' from menu drop down

Viewing History of Allowable Rent Increase Rates

- 1. Navigate to Landlord portal
- 2. Select 'Landlord Resources' from the menu
- 3. Select 'Allowable Rent Increase Rates' from menu drop down

Navigating to other DHCA systems



- 1. Navigate to Landlord portal
- 2. Select 'Other Landlord Portals' from the menu
- 3. Choose the DHCA system to access:
 - For Licensing and registration portal: Select 'Licensing and Registration'
 - For ePropety portal: Select 'eProperty' from menu drop down
 - For DHCA Main Website: Select 'DHCA Website' from menu drop down

Contact Support

If you need assistance, you can contact support through the following methods:

- Email: Send an email to DHCA@montgomerycountymd.gov
- **Phone**: Call the support line at (240) 777-0311
- Live Chat: Access chat support through MC311.

FAQs

For common questions and troubleshooting, refer to the FAQ section available in the Montgomery County DHCA Rent Stabilization page