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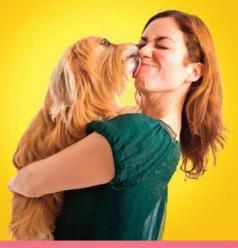
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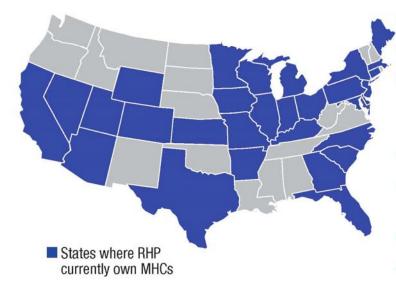




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DOCUMENTING RESIDENT VIOLATIONS

Violations happen every day and most likely, you have had an issue with at least one resident. What is the difference between a good landlord and a bad one? The way the violations are handled. What does a good landlord do? They treat every resident the same and document every violation for every resident.

Wouldn't it be fantastic if every resident was perfect? Some come close, but others absolutely do not. Whether they are late with rent, misuse your unit, have trouble following your rules, or something else, you must know the proper way to deal with violations. Knowledge is power, and it can very well protect you from liability.

So what is a violation? Very simply, it is a breach of contract. When a person first comes to you about renting a home or leasing space in your community, they should read your rental agreement and rules and regulations. Make sure the terms of your lease are reasonable. Let them know things like: when rent is due; if you have any quiet hours; mowing or shoveling responsibilities; etc.

How should you handle violations? At first, you can try to meet your resident in person to have a discussion. Try to have an employee with you to witness your conversation. If that does not solve the problem, send a written notice. Make sure you include all of the residents' names who appear on the lease, include your contact information, physically sign and date the notice, and confirm correct delivery. Notices can be handed directly to the resident, posted in a conspicuous place, or sent via certified mail. Keep a copy of the envelope before sending and keep a copy of the return receipt with the original notice. Make sure you have the certified document number, too. If you post the notice on their door, be sure to take a date and time-stamped photo.

Would it be okay to call the resident in violation? Yes, but make sure you document your calls in writing. Include the date and time of your call, and whether or not you left a message or spoke with someone directly. Write down as much detail from your call or message and include it in the residents' file. How about texting your resident? Make sure you have permission from them to use texts from management and provide them the opportunity to "opt-in" and "opt-out." Be sure to disclose any carrier/data charges that may apply.

If you are speaking to a resident about a complaint from another resident, like excessive noise, make sure you do not disclose the source of the complaint. There is no need to cause problems between residents by disclosing something told to you in confidence. Ask the resident with the complaint to put it in writing. Remember, almost anything could wind up in court one day.

The most important thing to remember? Document EVERYTHING. Include the who, what, where, when, and how of each situation. Who was involved; what happened; where did the problem take place; when did the problem take place; and be sure to use specific dates and times. Remember to note how the situation was resolved.

What else should be included? Keep in mind that a complaint could result in going to court. What would help your case? Pictures, witnesses, and copies of all documents and notices. Make sure you follow-up with all parties involved and place the follow-up documentation in each file.

Should you evict everyone who is in violation? Maybe not. Remember, good tenants are hard to find, and turnover can be expensive.



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COURT RULING ADVANCES MHI & TMHA'S CASE AGAINST DOE

Early in May, MHI, along with the Texas Manufactured Housing Association ("TMHA"), scored a victory for the industry that allows for continued efforts to challenge DOE's Energy Conservation Standards. On May 1, 2024, the Federal District Court for the Western District of Texas issued an Order granting in part and denying in part the Department of Energy's ("DOE") Motion to Dismiss.

When MHI and TMHA initially brought this suit against the DOE, they challenged DOE's May 2022 energy efficiency standards. After publishing the Enforcement Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, DOE filed a motion to dismiss with the Court seeking to dismiss all of MHI's and TMHA's claims arguing that the Court should wait until the DOE has finished its enforcement rulemaking process before deciding the claims. The Court disagreed with the DOE's argument and stated that "[w]aiting until a new compliance date to bring this suit constitutes a sufficient hardship for the manufactured housing industry."

MHI and TMHA argued, and the Court agreed, that their claims are fit to be decided because, regardless of any adoption by the DOE on enforcement rules, MHI and TMHA's challenges are to the underlying Energy Rule standards. In the Order, the Court stated, "The Court will also not benefit from further factual development on the majority of the issues because many of Plaintiffs' issues with the Standards Rule will not be resolved or further informed by the DOE's additional enforcement rulemaking." The Court further held that, despite DOE's arguments, MHI's and TMHA's claims that DOE violated its statutory mandate to consult with HUD in promulgating the Energy Rule will not be impacted by any future consultation with HUD on the Enforcement Rule.

While the Court dismissed MHI's and TMHA's claims that relate to the DOE's failure to consider enforcement costs, the Court is allowing all other

remaining claims to survive and noted that MHI and TMHA can amend their complaint after the DOE has completed its enforcement rulemaking process. This ruling is a positive step forward for the manufactured housing industry's challenge to the DOE energy standards.

MHI PUSHES BACK AGAINST GOVERNMENT OVERREACH

MHI and a coalition of business advocacy organizations sent a letter supporting the creation of the "Repealing Big Brother Overreach Act" by Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) and Congressman Warren Davidson (OH-8), which would repeal the entire Corporate Transparency Act (CTA).

Since its introduction, the CTA has sparked numerous debates and coalition letters due to its poor construction and overreach. Intended to prevent money laundering by requiring shell companies to report information regarding their beneficial owners to the Department of the Treasury, the CTA's poor construction has led to a situation where any legal entity with 20 employees or less or \$5 million or less in revenues would be required to regularly report and update the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). More than 32 million submissions are expected in 2024, with an additional 5 million annual submissions in future years. Multiplying the submissions number by the number of people who fall under the broad definition of beneficial owner for each company turns the CTA into perhaps the largest data collection regime in the history of the federal government outside of the Tax Code. Small, lawabiding businesses are unfairly burdened with the vast majority of the reporting requirements and penalties.

MHI will continue to defend and uplift the voices of small business owners around the country by challenging the CTA.



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NEW HOUSING SEARCH, APPLICATION, LOTTERY AND WAITLIST TOOL COMING SOON!

NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) is thankful for your dedication to creating and preserving affordable housing. Your commitment is vital as we deal with our ongoing housing crisis.

In order to improve the way New Yorkers search for available affordable housing and to comply with current law, HCR will phase out <u>NYHousingSearch.gov</u> and launch HousingSearch.ny.gov in early 2025.

While the current **<u>NYHousingSearch.gov</u>** has limited capabilities, the new HousingSearch.ny.gov will provide more robust functionality for owners and the public and will consolidate listings and lotteries/waitlists for all HCR-funded projects including Mitchell-Lama - into one website.

HousingSearch.ny.gov includes several new features including allowing owners to accept electronic applications, run lotteries, and use their project's waitlist to fill vacancies. It also replaces Mitchell-Lama's legacy Automated Waitlist (AWL) system. The functions available to owners and applicants on the current website will remain similar in the new system. Applicants currently on Mitchell-Lama waitlists will still be able to check their position on the waitlist and update their contact information on the new website.

In order to get the new website up and running by early 2025, owners should prepare by gathering information about the HCR-funded projects they supervise. Starting in November 2024, owners will be provided access to the system to input information about their projects. Please note that this is a target date and we will provide updates on our landing page, <u>hcr.ny.gov/housing-search</u>, if there are any changes. Information may include:

- Building Address(es)
- Unit details (apartment number, bedrooms, square feet)
- Floor #
- Income AMI %
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- Gross Allowable Rent
- Utility Allowance
- Net Allowable Rent
- Unit Type/Funding (LIHTC, SLIHTC, ESSHI, PBV, Market, etc.)
- Accessible Set Aside Units (mobility, visual, and/ or hearing impairment)

Owners will also be required to create new online accounts to manage information about their projects, applications, lotteries, and waitlists. Owners can prepare by creating an <u>ny.gov business</u> <u>account</u>.

Please note that the new website will only be available for HCR-funded and HCR-supervised projects. Owners listing market-rate units on the current website will need to find a different means to advertise those units.

More information and updates about the transition to the new website will be available on <u>hcr.ny.gov/housing-search</u>.

We will be in touch with you as we start requesting the unit data. Thank you again for your dedication and partnership.

From the HCR Office of Housing Preservation Statewide Asset Management



IN PERSON AREA MEETINGS: NEW WINDSOR & PITTSFORD

NYHA is hosting two in-person Area Meetings this year. The first will be held on June 12th in New Windsor, and the second will be held on June 26th in Pittsford. Theses Area Membership Meetings are FREE of charge for NYHA Members and will last for approximately 3 hours.

Topics to be discussed include: 2023 Legislative Summary; 2024 Legislative Outlook; Title Surrender; Right of First Refusal; HCR Manufactured Home Replacement Program; HCR SONYMA Financing; Maximizing NYHA Online Resources; State and National News; Local Concerns and Questions; and NYHA Coming Events.

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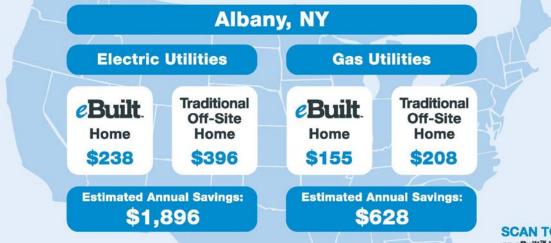
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Jun 12	CE Course	Newburgh – Homewood Suites	1pm – 4pm
Jun 13	21B & Mechanics	Newburgh – Homewood Suites	9am-4pm
Jun 26	Area Meeting	Pittsford Hilton Garden Inn	9am – 12pm
Jun 26	CE Course	Pittsford Hilton Garden Inn	1pm – 4pm
Jun 27	21B & Mechanics	Pittsford Hilton Garden Inn	9am – 4pm
Jul 9	Monthly Meet-Up	Remote	11 am – 12 pm
Aug 7	Summer Outing	Drumlin's Country Club	Syracuse, NY
Aug 13	Monthly Meet-Up	Remote	11 am – 12 pm
Sep 10	Monthly Meet-Up	Remote	11 am – 12 pm
Oct 16-17	74 th Annual Convention	Turning Stone Resort, Verona, NY	
Nov 12	Monthly Meet-Up	Remote	11 am – 12 pm
Dec 10	Monthly Meet-Up	Remote	11 am – 12 pm



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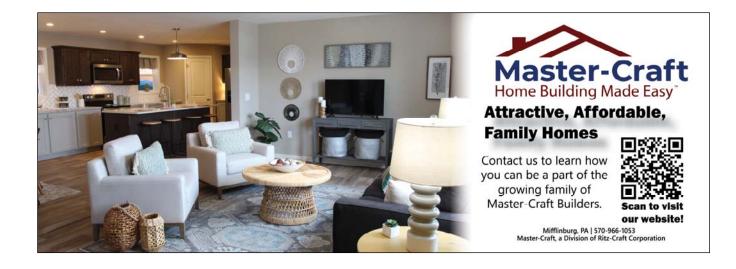
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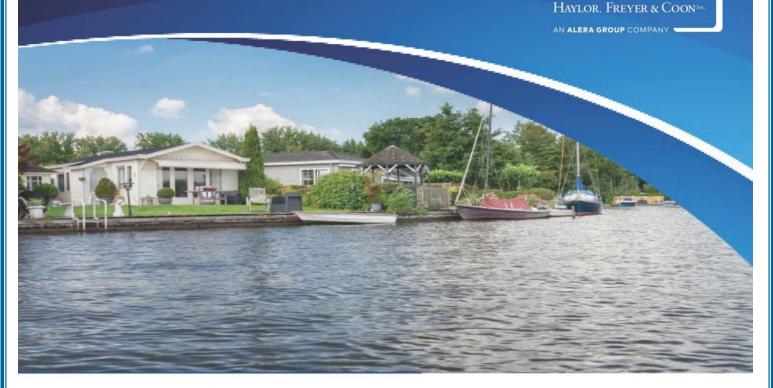




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