

**CITY OF SALISBURY
TENANTS' RIGHTS LEASE ADDENDUM**

In Maryland, the Landlord/Tenant relationship is governed by Title 8 of the Real Property Article. Title 8 may be accessed online by using the following link:

<http://www.michie.com/maryland/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp=mdcode>

Landlord Retaliation Prohibited

In Maryland, a landlord may not retaliate against a renter because the renter exercised his or her rights under the law or a lease. In other words, a landlord may not evict or threaten to evict a renter, increase the rent, decrease services, or terminate a month-to-month lease, because the renter did one of the following: 1) complained about unsafe housing conditions; 2) participated in a tenants' association; or 3) participated in a lawsuit against the landlord.

If tenants believe that the landlord is retaliating against them or threatening to retaliate against them, they should seek legal advice. The agencies listed below offer legal advice and information.

Consumer Protection Division of the Maryland Attorney General's Office:

<http://www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer/landlords.htm>

Or, you may contact the Consumer Protection Division's Lower Eastern Shore Office at 201 Baptist Street, Salisbury, MD 21801; (410) 713-3620.

A joint project sponsored by Baltimore Neighborhoods Inc., and the Legal Aid Bureau that describes tenants' rights in language non-attorneys may understand: <http://www.peoples-law.org/housing/ltenant/lt.html>

Or, you may contact the Legal Aid Bureau's Lower Eastern Shore offices (Wicomico, Dorchester, Worcester, Somerset) 111 High Street, Salisbury, MD 21801; (410) 546-5511, (800) 444-4099.

My signature below indicates that I received a copy of the Tenants' Rights Lease Addendum upon signing the lease for the property located at _____ and that I have been informed that the maximum number of unrelated individuals who may occupy the premises is _____, which can be verified through the City of Salisbury's Department of Neighborhood Services and Code Compliance, (410) 341-9550.

Tenant's Signature/Date

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Property Owner or Designated Leasing Agent's Signature/Date

The City of Salisbury is not giving legal advice by requiring your landlord to include this document in your lease and your landlord is not giving you legal advice by including this document in your lease.

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