



RIVERDALE CO-OPERATIVE HOUSES

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685 Queen Street East Artists' Unit Eligibility Criteria

Excerpt from Section 111 and Section 45(9.1) Agreement with City of Toronto

Artist Criteria:

Riverdale Co-operative Houses ("Riverdale Co-op") will determine an applicant's eligibility to occupy one of the units designated for artists using the following criteria based on the Draft Canadian Artist Code (the "Code"). To be eligible, an applicant must demonstrate that they:

- a) Have presented their work to the public by means of exhibitions, publications, performance, readings, screenings, or by any other means appropriate to the nature of their work;
- b) Are represented by a dealer, publisher, agent or similar representative appropriate to the nature of their work;
- c) Devote a reasonable proportion of their professional time as an artist to promoting or marketing their work, including but not limited to: presenting themselves for auditions; seeking sponsorship, agent or engagements; or similar activities appropriate to the nature of their work;
- d) Receive or has received compensation for their work, including but not limited to: sales; fees; commissions; royalties; residuals; grants and awards, any of which may reasonably be included as professional or business income;
- e) Have record of income or loss relevant to the exploitation of their work and appropriate to the span of their artistic career;
- f) Have received professional training, either in an educational institution or from a practitioner or teacher recognized within their profession;
- g) Have received public or peer recognition in the form of honours, awards, professional prizes or by publicly disseminated critical approval;
- h) Have membership in a professional association appropriate to their artistic activity whose membership or categories of membership are limited under standards established by the association; or which is a trade union or is its equivalent appropriate to his/her artistic ability; and
- i) With the exception of writers, actors and dancers, the applicant must demonstrate that they have a studio or workspace elsewhere where they practice their profession. A copy of the lease should accompany the application.

All applicants are required to submit an Artist's CV and a letter of intent, which should clearly illustrate how the applicant meets each of the criteria in the Code. Applicants do not have to meet all the criteria, in order to be considered professional, however, Riverdale Co-operative will use the criteria as a guide to determine eligibility. Riverdale Co-operative will not review examples of an applicant's art work and will base their decision solely on the criteria of the Code and the information presented in the CV and letter of intent.

If Riverdale Co-operative determines that an application meets criteria d) or e) as well as at least half of the criteria in the Code, Riverdale Co-operative will give a 'yes' vote and will indicate which criteria of the Code were clearly illustrated in the CV and letter of intent.

If Riverdale Co-operative determines that an application does not meet either criteria d) or e) at least four of the criteria in the Code, Riverdale Co-operative will give a 'no' vote and will indicate which criteria of the Code were not clearly illustrated in the CV and letter of intent.

Step 2: Income and Other Eligibility Criteria

The 'Affordable Rental Housing - Eligibility and Income Verification Guide' included as Attachment 2 outlines the income and other eligibility requirements. In addition to meeting the Artist Criteria outlined above, applicants for an artist unit must meet all other criteria specified in the Affordable Rental Housing - Eligibility and Income Verification Guide.*

*** 5. Basic Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for affordable rental housing, a household must meet all of the following criteria upon occupancy:

- At least one member of the household is 16 years old or older and is able to live independently;
- Every member of the household is either:
 - A Canadian citizen
 - A permanent resident of Canada or has applied for permanent resident status, or
 - A refugee claimant or Convention refugee
- Have a household income that is not more than four times the annualized rent (monthly occupancy cost x 4 x 12 at initial occupancy)

In addition, the household must not:

- Have arrears with a social housing provider; unless the household has entered into a repayment plan with that provider and the repayment plan is in good standing
- Own a home suitable for year-round occupation
- Have an enforceable removal order against them