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## APARTMENT HUNTING CHECKLIST

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Hallways/entryways well lighted?
- Hallways/grounds clean?
- Laundry facilities well maintained?
- Is parking lot in good condition?
- Will a specific parking space be promised in your lease?
- Are trash disposal facilities adequate?
- Is lawn care provided?

### PAYMENTS

- How much is monthly rent?
- When is first rent payment due?
- On what day is monthly rent due?
- How much are late fees?
- When are late fees charged (is there a grace period)?
- How much is the deposit?
- Are other deposits charged for keys, pets, cleaning, etc.?
- For which utilities do you pay?
- How much do utilities cost?
- Charge for parking?
- Any other charges such as sewer tax, recycling tax (Urbana) percent of common metered utilities, sublet fees, furniture rental?

### LOCATION/NEIGHBORHOOD

- Near grocery shopping?
- Near public transportation?
- Proximity to school and/or work?
- Where will you do laundry?
- Is neighborhood comfortable?

- Is heat sufficient?
- Does apartment have its own heat control?
- Does unit have individual meters for ALL tenant-paid utilities?
- Sufficient amount of hot water?
- Any spots on ceiling from leakage?
- Any evidence of roaches?
- Does unit have adequate storage (closets, cabinets, counter space)?
- How many electrical outlets in each room?
- Exhaust fans in bath and kitchen?
- Does unit have a smoke detector?
- In basements, is ceiling height at least 7 feet? Does basement flood?
- Any repairs needed? Why?

### FURNISHINGS, APPLIANCES AND DECORATING

- Are curtains, blinds or shades provided for windows?
- Does each room have enough light or will you need to buy lamps?
- Do you have a list of every piece of furniture to be provided?
- Do you have a list of every appliance to be provided -- refrigerator, stove, air conditioner, microwave oven, dishwasher, washer/dryer?
- Are refrigerator and freezer large enough? Is freezer self-defrosting?
- Does apartment need to be painted?
- Does carpet need to be cleaned?
- Any furniture needs replacement?