## Housing Authority of the City of Marshall

P.O. BOX 609 · MARSHALL TEXAS 75671



## Important Notice Regarding Potential Rental Property Scams

Dear [Tenant/Potential Renter Name],

We are writing to alert you about the growing concern of rental property scams, where individuals may try to deceive potential tenants by posting fraudulent listings with enticing prices or false property details to solicit upfront payments without providing a legitimate rental unit.

#### Key Signs of a Rental Scam:

- Pressure to pay quickly:
  - If a landlord insists on immediate payment of a deposit or rent before signing a lease or viewing the property in person.
- Unrealistic low prices:
  - Be cautious of listings significantly below market value for the location and property type.
- Unwillingness to meet in person:
  - If the landlord avoids meeting, you to view the property or refuses to provide a verifiable contact address.
- Request for wire transfers or unusual payment methods:
  - Legitimate landlords typically prefer traditional payment methods like cashier's checks or bank transfers, not wire transfers or gift cards.
- Incomplete or vague lease agreements:
  - Always thoroughly review any lease documents for missing information or unclear terms.

#### How to Protect Yourself:

- Verify the landlord's identity:
  - Ask for identification and confirm their ownership of the property through public records.
- Always view the property in person:
  - Never pay a deposit without physically seeing the rental unit.
- Do thorough research:
  - Check online reviews, contact the local property management company if applicable, and verify the address.
- Report suspicious listings:
  - If you encounter a potential scam, report it to the platform where you saw the listing and to local authorities.

If you have any concerns about rental property listing, please contact us immediately to verify its legitimacy.

Sincerely,

Marshall Housing Authority 903-938-0717



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