#### BRANFORD FAIR RENT COMMISSION TOWN OF BRANFORD 1019 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 150, BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405

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## Fair Rent Commission Complaint Form

# The Fair Rent Commission encourages tenants to discuss concerns and try to negotiate with their landlord before filing a complaint.

To register a complaint with the Town of Branford, CT - Fair Rent Commission, complete the sections below and submit the form using one of the following methods:

- 1. Email the completed form to: Fairrent@branford-ct.gov
- Mail the completed form to: Town of Branford Attention: Fair Rent Commission 1019 Main Street Branford, CT 06405
- Hand deliver the completed form to: Fair Rent Commission c/o Town Clerk's Office Attn: Renee Arenas 1019 Main Street Branford, CT 06405

Upon receipt, the Town of Branford Fair Rent Commission will send a *Notice of Complaint* letter acknowledging receipt of the complaint and providing an option to schedule an informal conference, where you and the landlord will have the opportunity to come together in a moderated setting in an attempt to reach a mutually satisfactory resolution or schedule a hearing. The *Notice of Complaint* and your complaint form will be sent to the landlord.

Please attach copies of the following: Current lease, proof of rent due, and proof of new proposed rent due

# Section 1: Tenant Information

| First & Last Name: |        |        |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Address:           |        |        |        |
| Phone:             | [Home] | [Work] | [Cell] |
| Email:             |        |        |        |

## Section 2: Landlord Information

| First & Last Name: |        |        |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Address:           |        |        |        |
| Phone Number:      | [Home] | [Work] | [Cell] |
| Email:             |        |        |        |

## Section 3: Property Management Company (if applicable)

| Name of Property<br>Management Company: |  |
|---|--|
| Address:                                |  |
| Contact Name:                           |  |
| Phone:                                  |  |
| Email:                                  |  |

#### Section 4: Basis for Complaint and Related Information (review and complete all sections that apply):

a. My landlord increased or plans to increase the rental charge for the housing accommodations I presently occupy from \$\_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_ to \$ per starting on \_\_\_\_\_. b. Prior to the increase did you request your landlord make repairs?  $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No If yes, when and what repairs? c. When rent was increased did you complain to the landlord?  $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No If yes, when and what was the result? d. Prior to the increase, did you file a complaint regarding the property with any city or state agency?  $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No If yes, when, what agency and why? e. Has your housing been inspected by the Town of Branford Official?  $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No If yes, when and by whom? f. Do you have a Section 8 voucher or reside in subsidized housing?  $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No g. Are you being evicted?  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No If yes, for what alleged reason? h. What reason did the landlord state for an increase? i. Is the landlord providing any new services or facilities with the rent increase?  $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No

If so, describe.

| j. | There is no increase, but I believe the rental charge of \$ per is excessive.   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| k. | k. Why do you think rent or rental increases are excessive?   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. | Does the landlord make necessary repairs?   Yes  No  Sometimes  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | If the landlord does not always make necessary repairs or adequately provide required services describe the repairs or services that are needed and any other important facts (plumbing, heatin flooring, ceiling, walls, stairs, lighting, ventilation, health and/or safety violations, etc.) |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| m. | Are there bedbugs, other pests or infestations?  Yes  No If yes, describe.  | _ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| n. | What day of the month/week is your rent due?  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0. | Is your rent paid up to date?          Yes   No Date rent was last paid:  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| p. | Do you pay your rent regularly and on time? □Yes □No  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| q. | Do you have a current or past written lease? □Yes □No   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| r. | When did you move in? What was the rent when you moved in?  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| s. | In the boxes below list all rental increases since you moved in.  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | Date  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | Amount  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

|             | YES | NO |              | YES | NO |                | YES | NO |
|-------------|-----|----|--------------|-----|----|----------------|-----|----|
|             |     |    |              |     |    |                |     |    |
| Heat        |     |    | Garage       |     |    | Refrigerator   |     |    |
| Hot Water   |     |    | Air Cond.    |     |    | Gar. Removal   |     |    |
| Gas         |     |    | Furniture    |     |    | Washer/Dryer   |     |    |
| Electricity |     |    | Stove        |     |    | Cable          |     |    |
| Disposal    |     |    | Storage      |     |    | Elevator       |     |    |
| Doorman     |     |    | Custodian    |     |    | Elevator Oper. |     |    |
| Basement    |     |    | Surface Pkg. |     |    | Other          |     |    |

t. Indicate whether each of the following is included in your rental payment:

u. Do you pay additional charges (not included in base rent) for any of the above? □Yes □No If yes, please specify which and how much.

#### v. Indicate number of rooms:

|          | # |             | # |                 | # |
|----------|---|-------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Kitchen  |   | Living Room |   | Dining Room     |   |
| Bedrooms |   | Bathrooms   |   | Tubs/Showers    |   |
| Toilets  |   | Sinks       |   | Lavatory Basins |   |
| Basement |   | Porches     |   | Other Rooms     |   |

- w. Total number of people (adults and children) in the household.
- x. If claiming hardship, total, combined, household adult income. <u>\$</u> per month.
- y. Is the bathroom shared with other families in the building?  $\Box$ Yes  $\Box$ No
- z. Other relevant facts:

I have read all the foregoing and affirm under the penalties of law that the information I provided is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that it is my duty to respond in a timely manner with any information or assistance requested of me by the Commission and to notify the Commission of any changes in my contact information during the end of this Complaint, and that failure to do so may result in the dismissal of this Complaint.

Tenant's Signature

Dated