

FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT NOTIFICATION

I authorize the City of Blue Ash to obtain a consumer report for employment purposes. I understand that an inquiry may include, but is not limited to; criminal records, motor vehicle records, credit records, address verification, civil court records, bankruptcy records, personal or professional references, education verification, and copies of prior personnel files. An inquiry may be made as part of a pre-employment screening process as well as at any time during the course of employment with the company. No additional notice or authorization shall be needed for future inquiries and to obtain additional consumer reports.

As part of the City of Blue Ash's procedures for evaluating employment applications and for other employment purposes, including promotion, transfer, or retention during the term of my employment, I understand that a consumer report may be obtained by the City. A consumer report may contain information bearing on my credit worthiness, driving record, criminal record, character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living. I understand that a Consumer Reporting Agency may not give out information about me without my written consent. I understand that no report containing medical information about me will be provided to the City without my specific prior consent which is in addition to my general authorization below. I hereby authorize the City to request a report(s) from a Consumer Reporting Agency to be used for employment related purposes, including hiring, promotion, transfer, or retention now or in the future. I hereby authorize and request that any employer, school, police department, financial institution, or other person having information or knowledge about me, furnish the bearer of this authorization with all requested information they have regarding me. I agree and release and discharge the City, its employees, officers, agents, and affiliates, from any and all claims, rights of action or liability of any kind or nature that could result from the City's use or reliance upon the information contained in a consumer report.

As part of the City's procedures for processing employment applications and for other employment purposes, including promotion, transfer, or retention during the term of my employment, I understand that a consumer report and/or an investigative consumer report may be obtained by the City. Such reports may contain information bearing on my credit worthiness, driving record, criminal record, character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living. I understand that in preparing an investigative consumer report, Consumer Reporting Agencies may conduct personal interviews with the persons I have identified as references, as well as others with whom I am acquainted. I understand that I have the right to request information from the City regarding the nature and scope of such an investigation. I acknowledge that I have received a document entitled "Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act" (printed on the back of this form). I understand that the City will not obtain information from a Consumer Reporting Agency without my written permission. I hereby authorize the City to request consumer reports or investigative consumer reports to be used for employment related purposes, including hiring, promotion, transfer, or retention now or in the future. I hereby authorize and request that any employer, school, police department, financial institution, or other person having information or knowledge about me, furnish the bearer of this authorization with all requested information they have regarding me. I agree and discharge the City, its employees, officers, agents, and affiliates, from any and all claims, rights of action or liability of any kind or nature that could result from the City's use or reliance upon the information contained in a consumer report.

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) is designed to promote accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of every “Consumer Reporting Agency” (CRA). Most CRAs are credit bureaus that gather and sell information about you – such as if you pay your bills on time or have filed bankruptcy – to creditors, employers, landlords, and other businesses. You can find the complete text of the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. 1681 *et seq.*, at the Federal Trade Commission’s Internet web site (<http://www.ftc.gov>). The FCRA gives you specific rights, as outlined below. You may have additional rights under state law. You may contact a state or local consumer protection agency or the state attorney general to learn those rights.

- **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses information from a CRA to take action against you – such as denying an application for credit, insurance, or employment – must tell you, and give you the name, address, and phone number of the CRA that provided the consumer report.
- **You can find out what is in your file.** At your request, a CRA must give you the information in your file, and a list of everyone who has requested it recently. There is no charge for the report if a person has taken action against you because of information supplied by the CRA, if you request the report within sixty days of receiving notice of the action. Where applicable, you also are entitled to one free report every twelve months upon request if you certify that (1) you are unemployed and plan to seek employment within sixty days, (2) you are on welfare, or (3) your report is inaccurate due to fraud. Otherwise, a CRA may charge you up to eight dollars.
- **You can dispute inaccurate information with the CRA.** If you tell a CRA that your file contains inaccurate information, the CRA must investigate the items (usually within thirty days) by presenting to its information source all relevant evidence you submit, unless your dispute is frivolous. The source must review your evidence and reports its findings to the CRA. (The source must also advise national CRAs – to which it has provided the date – of any error.) The CRA must give you a written report of the investigation, and a copy of your report if the investigation results in any change. If the CRA’s investigation does not resolve the dispute, you may add a brief statement to your file. The CRA must normally include a summary of your statement in future reports. If an item is deleted or a dispute statement is filed, you may ask that anyone who has recently received your report be notified of the change.
- **Inaccurate information must be corrected or deleted.** A CRA must remove or correct inaccurate or unverified information from its files, usually within thirty days after you dispute it. **However, the CRA is not required to remove accurate data from your file unless it is outdated (as described below) or cannot be verified.** If your dispute results in any change to your report, the CRA cannot reinsert into your file a disputed item unless the information source verifies its accuracy and completeness. In addition, the CRA must give you a written notice telling you it has reinserted the item. The notice must include the name, address, and phone number of the information source.
- **You can dispute inaccurate items with the source of the information.** If you tell anyone – such as a creditor who reports to a CRA – that you dispute an item, they may not then report the information to a CRA without including a notice of your dispute. In addition, once you’ve notified the source of the error in writing, it may not continue to report the information if it is, in fact, an error.
- **Outdated information may not be reported.** In most cases, a CRA may not report negative information that is more than seven years old; then years for bankruptcies.
- **Access to your file is limited.** A CRA may provide information about you only to people with a need recognized by the FCRA – usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business.

- **Your consent is required for reports that are provided to employers, or reports that contain medical information.** A CRA may not give out information about you to your employer, or prospective employer, without your written consent. A CRA may not report medical information about you to creditors, insurers, or employers without your permission.
- **You may choose to exclude your name from CRA lists for unsolicited credit and insurance offers.** Creditors and insurers may use file information as the basis for sending you unsolicited offers of credit or insurance. Such offers must include a toll-free number for you to call if you want your name and address removed from future lists. If you call, you must be kept off the lists for two years. If you request, complete and return the CRA form provided for this purpose, you must be taken off the lists immediately.
- **You may seek damages from violators.** If a CRA or (in some cases) a provider of CRA data, violates the FCRA, you may sue them in state or federal court.