

THE MANHATTAN HOUSING COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Manhattan Housing Co-Operative is a great place to call home. To ensure that you will enjoy living here and that you are able to meet the obligations that come with being a member we ask that you thoroughly review our website www.vcn.bc.ca/man and consider the following *before* completing this application:

- The Manhattan is not able to offer any housing subsidy. Check the “apply” section of our website to verify you meet our current financial requirements.
- The building is over 100 years old. It is beautiful. We have a great rooftop garden and large suites with wood floors and high ceilings. Living in the Manhattan also comes with some challenges.
- We are located at the corner of Thurlow and Robson streets, meaning you will be living in a vibrant busy community. You will have access to all the city has to offer but you will also be subjected to *varying degrees of noise* (sounds typical of a large city: foot & vehicle traffic, buskers, garbage trucks, ambulances, etc).
- Members are required to assist in the operation/management of the building, and share responsibility for keeping the common areas clean.
- The Manhattan was not constructed with wheelchairs in mind. Any mobility impairments could make it difficult or impossible for you to access all areas of the building and to complete all of the required membership duties.
- Our suites are of varying configurations with most having a large master bedroom and a second room suitable for use as a den, office, or possibly a 2nd bedroom. The housing charge includes hot water, heat, & electricity.
- We do not have parking. We live in the “Robson North” permit parking zone. Street parking permits can be purchased from the city or you might want to rent a parking spot near by.
- If you are not familiar with the neighbourhood or the building we *strongly* encourage you to visit the Downtown/West-end to get a feel for the sights and sounds.

Name: Date:

Address:

Home phone: Work phone:

Email address:

How long have you lived at your current address?

May we contact your landlord for a reference?

Yes

No (please comment)

Landlord's name:

Phone:

Are you a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant? Yes No

Your age:

Language(s) Spoken:

Names of other household members and their relation to you:

Do you have any pets? (*Members are allowed two neutered pets, however, large, aggressive, destructive, or exotic pets are not allowed.*)

No

Yes (tell us about them):

Please tell us where you heard about the Manhattan:

If referred by a member please give their name:

Your occupation:

Employer:

Income:

May we contact your employer for a reference?

Yes --> contact name / number:

No (please comment)

Do you authorize a credit check?

Yes

No (please comment)

Occupation of other household member:

Employer:

Income:

Total combined income:

Do you anticipate any change to your financial situation? (promotion, retirement, work stoppage, etc)

No

Yes (please comment):

The Manhattan housing co-op is managed by its members through its board of directors, and by the following standing committees: Finance, Maintenance, Move, and Roof Garden. From time to time other ad-hoc committees are formed and special projects are undertaken. Being a relatively small co-op of 44 suites, *we require full participation from every member.*

Of the committees listed, which do you see yourself joining and why? Would you be willing to serve on other committees?

How many hours a month can you realistically commit to membership duties?

Do you or other household members have health conditions that could affect your housing needs or ability to participate fully in co-op membership duties?

no

yes (please specify)

Considering the list of committees, what interests, skills, talents and training do you bring that would benefit the co-op?

Please list and describe any experience you have had with co-ops, community groups, and non-profits. Be specific, attach another sheet of paper if needed.

What have you liked about other places you have lived?

What have you disliked?

How long do you intend to make the Manhattan your home?

In conclusion, if you were to become a member, describe what you think life at the Manhattan would be like. What would make you a good neighbour? How would you resolve conflicts with other members?

If you would like to include more information about yourself, you may do so. You might want to include a resume or cover letter. Letters of reference, personal or professional, are not required but many people provide them. In particular if you are being referred by a current co-op member you may want to consider attaching a letter of introduction from them.

Proof of income is not required at the application phase. We will request this information when you are invited for an interview.

We will keep your application on file for at least one year, if you have not been contacted by then you may assume we were not able to invite you for an interview, feel free to re-apply. After one year your application and any additional information you have provided will be securely destroyed to protect your privacy. Please keep us apprised of any changes to your contact information.

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

**THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
#45 - 784 THURLOW STREET
VANCOUVER, BC, V6E 1V9**

WE WILL CONTACT YOU BY PHONE AND/OR EMAIL. IF YOU REQUIRE A WRITTEN RESPONSE PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.