Things to Look for or ask During a Viewing
(Consider printing and bringing this with you.)

- When is the move in date?
- Are utilities included in the rent? (Tip: don’t forget to ask about internet)
- What is the heating system? (Tip: electric heat costs more than gas)
- Who controls the heat?
- Are the doors and windows easy to close? (Tip: cold drafts can increase heating costs in the winter)
- Is the unit unfurnished, fully or partly furnished? (Tip: If furnished, sometimes rent can be lowered if the landlord agrees to remove the furnishings)
- Does the rental come with a parking space? If so, how many?
- Is parking included or an additional cost?
- Are the locks on the doors and windows secure?
- Are the refrigerator and stove in good working order?
- Has the bathroom caused issues in the past?
- Is the plumbing in working order?
- Do all lights and electrical outlets work? (Tip: ask if there are any issues with flipping the breaker when using electrical devices such as a blow dryer, toaster, or microwave in specific outlets)
- Any cracks, water damage or mold visible on the walls or ceiling?

- Is the building entrance safe and/or secure?

- Is there a history of bugs within the building?

- Are the emergency exits well-indicated? (Tip: if you have mobility issues you may want to look for a unit closer to the ground level)

- Where are the smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors located?

- Are there fire extinguishers on site?

- Are the apartments soundproof?

- Is there laundry on site or laundromat close by? (Tip: some buildings have specific rules, costs per load and hours for communal laundry rooms)

- Where is garbage and recycling kept?

- If the rental is a house, who is in charge of the yard maintenance (e.g. shoveling snow, mowing the lawn, etc.)?

- What amenities are close by? (Tip: Some grocery store retailers have higher prices which can significantly increase your monthly expenses)

- If you rely on public transit, is it close to a bus stop? (Tip: Check the bus schedule to see how long and how many transfers it will take you to get to work).

- If you access community resources (e.g. food banks), how far away are they?

- If you have children, how far away is it from their school? Will they need to change schools?

Landlord signature: ____________________________

Tenant signature: ______________________________

Date: ____________________________