

## **National Apartment Association Member Service Pledge**

Both the National Apartment Association on a national level and the Alabama Apartment Association on a state level commit to provide goods and services to our members in a professional manner to assist them in advocating, communicating and education for the apartment industry.

### **What our members can expect from NAA**

NAA agrees to assist our members by providing, as requested, in a manner consistent with NAA's Bylaws and Policies & Procedures, the following services:

- a. Legislative and regulatory information and advocacy.
- b. National public relations activities and information.
- c. Association governance and leadership support.
- d. Assistance in developing and presenting educational programs.
- e. Current information about industry issues.
- f. Liaison with HUD, the Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Election Commission, or other Federal agencies desired by the Affiliated Association.
- g. Membership development assistance.
- h. Access to all programs and products of the National Apartment Association Education Institute including the credential programs of CAM, CAMT, CAPS, CALP as well as non-designation education products.
- i. The use of the name and any and all trademarks or service marks, which NAA owns to assist the affiliated association's representation of our members.

### **What our members can expect from Affiliated Associations.**

- a. Development and delivery of valuable products and services to meet the needs of local members.
- b. The Affiliated Association shall take all appropriate action to sustain and promote membership growth.
- c. The Affiliated Association shall develop procedures to ensure that the interests of its members are represented.
- d. Delivery of NAA/NAAEI products and services, as well as other locally administered continuing education programs.
- e. Compliance with NAA's Bylaws and Policies & Procedures.

- f. Collection of member dues and accurate reporting to NAA according to the NAA dues formula.
- g. Provide basic monitoring and advocacy on government activities in their jurisdictions to the extent possible.
- h. Encourage member involvement in the political process on behalf of the industry.
- i. The Affiliated Association shall regularly share with NAA, state and local government activities to the extent possible.

What our members can expect from NAA and the Alabama Apartment Association

- a. An organizational structure that facilitates delivery of goods and services.
- b. Financial Integrity, maintenance of books and records available for inspection by our members.
- c. Insurance policies designed to protect our members and the assets of our respective organizations, as appropriate.
- d. Compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

### **Relationship of the Parties**

- a. The Affiliated Association shall remain in good standing and in compliance with NAA Bylaws and Policies & Procedures.
- b. NAA and the Affiliated Association are not and shall not be considered joint ventures, partners, legal representatives, or agents of each other. At no time shall either party represent itself to be acting in any of these capacities. Except as provided in this Pledge, the Affiliated Association shall conduct its business and activities according to its sole judgment and discretion.
- c. Neither NAA nor the Affiliated Association shall have the right to obligate the other party in any manner and shall not make or represent that it has the power to make any agreement, express or implied on behalf of the other.
- d. Neither NAA nor the Affiliated Association shall be liable for any act or omission, or for any debt or other liability of the other.

### **Association Obligations**

- a. To ensure that each National, State, and Local organization is meeting its obligations to our members, NAA and the Alabama Apartment Association agree to certify annually that it continues to operate in compliance with NAA's Bylaws and Policies & Procedures.

b. Upon failure to submit an annual compliance checklist or if the responses are incomplete, NAA, upon request of the NAA Board of Directors, may contact the Affiliated Association to ask if they are experiencing problems and to offer assistance with any issues and/or challenges they may have.