# Codebook for CityHealth: Healthy Rental Housing

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines variation in state, county, and city laws on Healthy Rental Housing laws across the 75 cities, their respective counties, 32 states and the District of Columbia. This dataset is cross-sectional, capturing currently effective law valid through June 1, 2025.

There are three standard variables in this MonQcle dataset. They are:

### JURISDICTION:
This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

### EFFECTIVE DATE:
This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

### VALID THROUGH DATE:
This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the last date the policy was in effect as reflected by the legal text captured to code this policy.

### AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THE STATISTICAL DATA PAGE:
This codebook should be used in conjunction with the statistical data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the Data button. The value labels defined below will correspond with the coded responses you will see on the Statistical data page. Coding questions that are not answered will show as a period (".") in the Excel cell. Coding questions can be intentionally not answered, such as when a state does not have a law, and the coder therefore leaves the remaining coding answers as unanswered.

| Question 1: | Does the city have a policy that requires registration of a rental building? |
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| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| **Variable Name 1:** | **HRH_Policy** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |

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| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| **Question 1.1:** | **Does the policy require at least bi-annual (once every two years) rental registration?** |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| **Variable Name 1.1:** | **HRH_ AnnualRegistration** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| **Question 1.1.1:** | **Does the policy apply to buildings with three or more units?** |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| **Variable Name 1.1.1:** | **HRH_Units** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| **Question 1.1.2:** | **Does the policy contain exemptions for the number of units necessary to trigger the application requirement?** |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| **Variable Name 1.1.2:** | **HRH_Exemptions** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| **Question 1.2:** | **How frequently does the policy require inspections?** |
| Question Type: | Categorical - mutually exclusive |
| **Variable Name 1.2:** | **HRH_InspectionFrequency** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| Value Label: | 0 = Every year |
| Value Label: | 1 = Every two years |

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| Value Label: | 2 = Every three years |
| Value Label: | 3 = Every four years |
| Value Label: | 4 = Every five years |
| Value Label: | 5 = More than every five years |
| Value Label: | 6 = Policy does not require inspections |
| Value Label: | 7 = Policy requires inspections but does not require a frequency interval |
| **Question 1.3:** | **What areas of the property does the policy require to be inspected?** |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| **Variable Name 1.3(A):** | **HRH_InspectionAreas_Interior** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| **Variable Name 1.3(B):** | **HRH_InspectionAreas_Interior in the event of an exterior violation** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| **Variable Name 1.3(C):** | **HRH_InspectionAreas_Exterior** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| **Variable Name 1.3(D):** | **HRH_InspectionAreas_No inspection required** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| **Question 1.4:** | **Does the policy require landlords to pay registration fees?** |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| **Variable Name 1.4:** | **HRH_Registration** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |

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| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| **Question 1.5:** | **Does the policy require landlords to pay inspection fees?** |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| **Variable Name 1.5:** | **HRH_Inspection** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| **Question 1.6:** | **Does the policy require advanced notice of inspection to the landlord?** |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| **Variable Name 1.6:** | **HRH_NoticeLandlord** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| **Question 1.7:** | **Does the policy require advanced notice of the inspection to the tenant?** |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| **Variable Name 1.7:** | **HRH_NoticeTenant** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| **Question 1.8:** | **Does the policy require evaluation?** |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| **Variable Name 1.8:** | **HRH_Evaluation** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| **Question 1.9:** | **Does the policy have reporting requirement?** |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |

| Variable Name 1.9: | HRH_Reporting |
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| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| **Question 2:** | **Is the city blocked from establishing a policy that requires registration of a rental building?** |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| **Variable Name 2:** | **HRH_Blocked** |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |