Amenity to Attract Residents

CASE STUDY: How to Reduce Vacancies by
Offering Credit Card Payments

The Challenge

Hartman & Tyner, a 30 property/9,000 unit property management company based in Michigan wanted to differentiate themselves from competitors in the Michigan markets that they operated in. Considering the economic environment (particularly in Michigan), Hartman & Tyner knew that accepting credit cards and e-Checks would help fill vacancies and realize an immediate ROI.

Our Solution

Hartman & Tyner signed with RentPayment in November 2008, and the rollout to properties was completed by the end of December 2008. With the investment in materials and promotions that RentPayment made in its marketing and account management group, Hartman & Tyner has clearly benefited from a strong online and offline campaign to drive cardholder usage.

Online Marketing: RentPayment encouraged Hartman & Tyner to prominently display the option to pay online, as is demonstrated by their homepage: www.hartmantyner.com. RentPayment also launched an email campaign whereby monthly e-Statements were sent out with a "Pay Now" button.

Onsite Marketing: RentPayment deployed door hangers, flyers, and posters to each property with a follow-up to every location to insure that materials were either displayed (posters) or distributed (door hangers) to every renter at EACH of the 30 property locations.

Promotional Marketing: To drive signups for AutoPay, RentPayment sponsored a \$250 gift card promotion for one winner among all renters who signed up for AutoPay before 1/31/09. After seeing the success of the promotion, RentPayment offered a similar contest for all renters that signed up AutoPay with their credit/debit card from 2/1/09-3/31/09.

"As a recent RentPayment customer, the usage rates attest to how successful RentPayment's dedicated marketing team has been to Hartman and Tyner's implementation."







