HOUSING AGREEMENT

DAMAGE DEPOSIT: Each new residential student must have a $200 housing application fee on file when the housing application is completed and submitted. After the student receives a room key, the application fee will be held as damage deposit and the $200 balance must be maintained at all times. Upon written request to the Office of Residence Life, the deposit, or unused portions thereof, will be refunded after the student leaves University housing permanently.

THIS AGREEMENT IS EFFECTIVE from the date of the University’s acceptance until 24 hours after the student’s last class/exam or at the end of the Spring semester of that academic year when it is appropriately signed by the student and after full payment of the required application fee. This agreement is effective for the full academic year including fall and spring.

The student agrees to make all required payments for lawful charges as they become due thereafter. The student may begin occupancy of the assigned room on the date designated for official opening of the residence hall.

Assignment to or occupancy of rooms does NOT include occupancy during the mid-year holiday period. Students must arrive and claim their room key by 5 p.m. on the first day of class. Any student who has not claimed their room key by 5 p.m. on the first day of class will be subject to contract cancellation and/or relocation.

ROOM ASSIGNMENT: Room assignment in the residence halls shall be contingent upon final admission to the University and enrollment as a full-time student. The University's acceptance of this agreement does not guarantee assignment to a particular type of accommodation. The University of Tampa is an equal opportunity institution. The University will house students of both sexes and all races, regardless of color, handicap, age, religion, sexual orientation and/or national or ethnic origin. This policy of nondiscrimination extends, both in letter and in spirit, to all areas of a student's experience at the University. The designated coordinator for University compliance with federal laws and regulations concerning nondiscrimination is the Director for Human Resources, Room 201, Plant Hall; telephone (813) 253-6237. Room assignments may be changed or cancelled by the University in the interest of order, health, discipline, maximum utilization of facilities, necessary repairs, disaster or other necessity in the sole discretion of the University. This includes making temporary assignments, cancellations and re-assignments when necessary due to the aforementioned.

ROOM USE/STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY: Only a student assigned to a given room may occupy that room. Unauthorized trading, swapping, exchanging, or subletting of University housing is prohibited. Rooms are to be kept clean and orderly at all times and are to be clean upon departure. Roommates and apartment mates are both individually and jointly responsible for shared areas of their living quarters. Overnight guests including immediate family members may stay up to three days within an academic year. Rooms are to be used for residence only. The student shall occupy the assigned space solely as living quarters and not as a salesroom or storage room for merchandise or any commercial activity. The student shall not make any alteration to rooms, furnishings, fixtures or equipment, and the student shall not allow anyone else to do the same. Charges will be made for alterations, damage, or unauthorized use of room and/or for cleaning necessitated by improper care.

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ROOM USE/STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY (CONTINUED): Students are jointly financially responsible for common or public areas and the contents of their assigned residence halls. The University reserves the right to determine the use of all lounges, common and public areas of the residence halls. The student is responsible for knowing and complying with all University regulations and procedures set forth in official publications, which are available to each student. All students are required to set up and use their campus e-mail and voice mail.

ROOM INSPECTION/MAINTENANCE: Authorized University personnel may enter, inspect, and make repairs to the assigned space at reasonable hours. The University shall make every effort to provide privacy to the occupants of the residence halls. It is anticipated that entry into residence hall rooms, except for routine inspection and maintenance, will not be necessary. Privacy depends on the cooperation and willingness of each occupant to respect the rights of others and the rights of the University. Members of the University staff, which includes the residence life staff, maintain the right, however, to enter a student’s room if it is feared there is imminent danger to life, safety, health or property or other necessity is the sole discretion of the University. Such staff members are also authorized to enter the room and conduct a search if it is reasonably believed that a violation of University regulations, or local, state or federal laws is occurring. The University reserves the right to such other and further rules and regulations as, in its judgment, may be necessary for the safety, care and cleanliness of the premises and for the preservation of good order therein. The student agrees to abide by all additional rules and regulations, which are adopted.

LIABILITY: The University is not liable for damage or loss of personal property, for interruption of utilities, or for mechanical failure of its equipment or for damage resulting from electrical problems, including electrical surge. No consideration will be given to a student who suffers loss or discomfort due to the aforementioned. The student, by signing this agreement, hereby releases the University from any and all claims from loss or damage to the student’s property, including from the University’s own negligence. Students, therefore, are encouraged to provide their own personal property insurance.

NOTICE: There may be construction occurring on campus during the period of this contract. Be advised that you may experience noise, loss of utilities, or other problems.

MEAL PLAN: Residents of all halls are required to participate in the University’s meal plan. The 7-meal plan per week option is only available to students living in an apartment. Students may reduce their meal plans only in writing. Plans cannot be changed after September 10 - Fall semester and January 28 - Spring semester.

CANCELLATION BEFORE OCCUPANCY: A continuing student who notifies us by June 1 in writing shall be released from this agreement. A continuing student will not be released from this agreement after June 1 to move off campus. See http://www.ut.edu/residencelife for cancellation details and fees. Continuing students who are not registered as full-time students by June 1 will be removed from their housing assignments and placed on wait lists once they re-register.

CANCELLATION AFTER OCCUPANCY: This agreement terminates 24 hours after the student’s last class/exam or at the end of the spring semester of that academic year, or upon withdrawal from the University. The student shall be granted release from this agreement within the sole discretion of the University during the academic year if: (a) student graduates from the University, (b) student withdraws from the University, or (c) student receives academic suspension. A student officially released from this agreement for one of the aforementioned reasons will be refunded pro-rated weekly housing and meal plan charges calculated from the week following notification. A student desiring to be released from this housing agreement once the academic year has begun for reasons other than the aforementioned must initiate an appeal to the Dean of Students through the Office of Residence Life. Any student who leaves the residence halls during the contract period without official release from the Director of Residence Life will continue to be billed for the charges during the contract period. If a student exhibits inappropriate behavior according to University standards and constitutes a detriment to orderly community living, the Director of Residence Life may within the sole discretion of the University change the room assignment or cancel this agreement immediately without refund. A student whose contract is cancelled or is suspended or expelled from the University for disciplinary reasons will forfeit the semester’s room charges. Any student who drops out, drops below full-time status, or withdraws from the University must cease use of the University’s dining facilities and vacate the assigned residential room within 24 hours or be held liable for room and/or board charges beyond his/her last date of attendance and will be subject to removal.

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