

**RULES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE**

**CHAPTER 1720-01-13
STUDENT HOUSING**

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1720-01-13-.01 GENERAL.

- (1) The primary purpose of student housing at The University of Tennessee is to provide living accommodations and educational programming for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at such campuses.
- (2) Subject to the general supervision of the President, Chancellors are authorized to exercise complete executive authority over student housing, including, without limitation, development of policies, procedures, and agreements that apply to the lease, assignment, occupancy, pricing, safety, construction, maintenance, use, and visitation of student housing. Policies, procedures, and agreements shall be developed in consultation with appropriate system-level administrators (e.g., Chief Financial Officer, Office of the General Counsel) and shall be consistent with this Chapter 1720-01-13.
- (3) Chancellors are authorized to determine which categories of students (e.g., full-time; enrolled) are eligible to live in student housing and which categories of students are either required to live in student housing or are restricted from living in student housing, subject to federal and state law.

Authority: *T.C.A. § 49-9-209(e) and Public Acts of Tennessee, 1839-1840, Chapter 98, Section 5, and Public Acts of Tennessee, 1807, Chapter 64.* **Administrative History:** *Original rules filed September 16, 2016; effective August 1, 2017.*

1720-01-13-.02 RESIDENCE HALL AGREEMENTS.

- (1) A student who applies to reside in a residence hall shall, as a condition to residing in the residence hall, sign an agreement prepared by the University that establishes the terms and conditions of the student's occupancy of the residence hall.
- (2) The agreement described in Section .02(1) should address the following subjects:
 - (a) Term of the agreement;
 - (b) Amounts, billing, payment, and refunds of housing fees, security; deposits, and damage and cleaning fees;
 - (c) Assignment and reassignment of rooms;
 - (d) Policies and procedures governing the use and safety of the residence hall and conduct within the residence hall, including, without limitation, policies governing the room within which the student is to reside (e.g., emergency procedures, animals, prohibited items, commercial solicitation);

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- (e) Rights of entry to rooms;
 - (f) Loss of or damage to the student's personal property;
 - (g) Loss of or damage to University property;
 - (h) Alterations, additions, or improvements to rooms;
 - (i) Animals;
 - (j) Prohibited activities;
 - (k) Visitation;
 - (l) Prohibition on assignment and subleasing by the student;
 - (m) Termination of the agreement by either the student or the University, and options for the student to appeal the termination; and
 - (n) Other reasonable and necessary subjects determined by the Chancellor.
- (3) The agreement described in Section .02(1) may be in a paper or electronic format.

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1720-01-13-.03 DEFINITIONS.

- (1) The term "campus" means The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; The University of Tennessee Health Science Center; The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; The University of Tennessee Space Institute; The University of Tennessee at Martin; and/or The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture.
- (2) The term "Chancellor" means the person elected by the Board of Trustees for The University of Tennessee to serve as the Chancellor for a particular campus or institute, or the Chancellor's designee.
- (3) The term "fraternity house(s)" means a building located on University-controlled property that is leased to an organized national or local college or university fraternity.
- (4) The term "residence hall(s)" means student housing other than fraternity houses and sorority houses.
- (5) The term "sorority house(s)" means a building located on University-controlled property that is leased to an organized national or local college or university sorority.
- (6) The term "student" means a person admitted, enrolled or registered for study at the University of Tennessee, either full-time or part-time, pursuing undergraduate, graduate, or professional studies, as well as non-degree seeking students.
- (7) The term "student housing" means University property primarily intended for use by University students as places to reside. Examples of student housing include, without limitation, residence halls, dormitories, apartments, hotels, fraternity houses, and sorority houses.

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- (8) The terms "University" and "University of Tennessee" mean the campuses, centers, and institutes of the University of Tennessee, and all their constituent parts, and the University of Tennessee system.
- (9) The term "University property" means all land, buildings, houses, facilities, grounds, structures, or any other property owned, leased, used, maintained, or operated by the University of Tennessee.

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