

Proposed Amendments  
of  
The University of Tennessee - 1720  
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Chapter 1720-04-04  
Student Housing Regulations

Presented herein are proposed amendments of The University of Tennessee submitted pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-202, in lieu of a rulemaking hearing. It is the intent of The University of Tennessee to promulgate these amendments without a rulemaking hearing unless a petition requesting such hearing is filed within thirty (30) days of the publication date of the issue of the Tennessee Administrative Register in which the proposed amendments are published. Such petition to be effective must be filed in Room 719, Andy Holt Tower, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-0170, and in the Department of State, 8th Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 8th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, and must be signed by twenty-five (25) persons who will be affected by the amendments, or submitted by a municipality which will be affected by the amendments, or an association of twenty-five (25) or more members, or any standing committee of the General Assembly.

For a copy of the proposed amendments, contact Ronald C. Leadbetter, Associate General Counsel, The University of Tennessee, Office of General Counsel, 719 Andy Holt Tower, Knoxville, TN 37996-0170, telephone number (865) 974-3247.

The text of the proposed amendments is as follows:

Amendments

Chapter 1720-04-04 is amended by deleting the current language and substituting new language so that, as amended, the chapter shall read:

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1720-04-04-.01      Housing/Food Services - General.

- (1) Freshman Students: All single freshmen students, who do not commute from the home of their parent or legal guardian, are required to live in University Residence Halls.

1720-04-04-.02 Differentiated Housing.

- (1) The University maintains a differentiated housing concept begun Fall Quarter, 1971. Differentiated housing permits the student to select the type of facility in which he or she will live, within the University's capability to offer such living arrangements. Students are encouraged to give considerable thought and attention to their housing selection.

1720-04-04-.03 Open House and Visitation Procedures.

- (1) Hours of authorized visitation periods will be posted in the lobby of each residence hall.
- (2) All guests of floor members participating in open houses/visitation periods must be escorted by an eligible host (a member of the participating floor) at all times in non-public (living) areas (i.e., rooms, floor corridors, floor study lounges, elevators and stairwells, etc. Resident Assistants are able to define these specifically for the hall). Guests of the opposite sex must stay on floors participating in open houses/visitation periods.
- (3) Guests of the opposite sex must use the restroom provided in the hall main lobby area.
- (4) Any resident who violates the policy shall be subject to disciplinary action and be asked to:
  - (a) Leave, if he or she is not a member of the floor.
  - (b) Escort his or her guest out and not participate in the remainder of the open house/visitation period if he or she is a resident of the floor.
    1. In the event of a floor violation, the Hall Director or Assistant Hall Director on duty may terminate the open house/visitation period at his/her discretion.
    2. Hosts and their guests are responsible for the particulars of this policy and will be personally charged when violations occur. Hosts are responsible for the conduct of their guests and may be personally charged for a guests's violations.

1720-04-04-.04 Residence Hall Regulations.

- (1) Soliciting: For the residents' protection against fraudulent sales and annoyance, soliciting is not permitted in the halls. Permission for any soliciting must be obtained through the Dean of Students.
- (2) Windows and Screens: Window screens may not be unfastened or removed.
- (3) Business from Resident's Rooms: Residents are not permitted to carry on any organized business for remunerative purposes from their apartments or rooms;

inscribe or affix any sign, object, advertisement, or notice on any part of the inside or outside of the building or premises; or use their room phone numbers for business purposes.

- (4) Pets: Pets are not permitted in the halls or on the premises. The only exceptions to this policy are fish, guide dogs accompanying sight-impaired persons or guide dogs in training.
- (5) Attachments: Residents should not modify the room without prior, written approval of the Hall Director.
- (6) Furniture and Fixtures: All University property is inventoried according to location and is not to be moved or dismantled except with written permission of the Hall Director.
- (7) Water furniture: Water furniture, including beds and chairs, are not permitted in residents' rooms.
- (8) Keys: Residence hall keys are the sole property of The University of Tennessee and may not be duplicated under any circumstances.
- (9) Unauthorized Moving: Unauthorized room and hall changes are prohibited.

1720-04-04-.05 Residence Hall Safety Regulations.

- (1) Flammable Items: Items which are flammable, such as fuel, etc., may not be stored in residents' rooms.
- (2) Open Flames: Items which require an open flame to operate or which produce heat are not allowed in residents' rooms.
- (3) Decorations: Decorative items which are flammable are not permitted in residents' rooms, unless they have been fireproofed. Only Underwriters' Laboratory (UL) approved lights may be used to decorate a room.
- (4) Cooking: Hall kitchens and other facilities are provided for residents to use for cooking. Cooking meals is not permitted in student rooms except in the apartment style residence halls. Snack preparation is limited to the use of approved cooking appliances.
- (5) Cooking Appliances: Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) approved, closed coil or hot air popcorn poppers, sealed unit coffee makers, and thermostatically controlled hot pots may be kept in student rooms. A student may use a microwave in the Apartment Residence Hall provided the microwave is UL approved and does not exceed 600 watts and provided that student must have prior roommate approval; only one microwave is permitted per room. Other appliances, including slow cookers, electric frying pans, and open-coil appliances (including, but not limited to, toasters, toaster ovens, and hot plates) are prohibited except in the apartment style residence halls where kitchens are equipped with fire extinguishers.

- (6) Fire Safety: Fire evacuation plans are posted in each resident's room. Tampering with, vandalizing, or misuse of fire safety equipment is prohibited and constitutes reason for eviction from the residence hall and possible suspension or expulsion from the University. Fire safety equipment includes, but is not limited to, alarms, extinguishers, smoke detectors, door closures, alarmed doors, and sprinklers. A Safety Exit Drill will be conducted regularly in each residence hall in accordance with state law.

Failure to evacuate a building during such a Safety Exit Drill will be grounds for disciplinary action.

- (7) Elevators: Tampering with, vandalism to, or other misuse of elevator equipment in the University residence halls is prohibited. Such action will constitute reason for disciplinary action, including eviction from the residence hall.
- (8) Extension Cords and Multiple Plugs: An extension cord must be UL approved, 16 gauge, a polarized plug and a single outlet; it may not be placed under floor covering or furnishings and may not be secured by penetrating the insulation. Multiple outlets are prohibited; however, one UL approved 15 amp multiple outlet strip with a circuit breaker may be used in each room.
- (9) Refrigerators: Refrigerators are prohibited in the residence halls except those provided by the Department of University Housing.

1720-04-04-.06 Termination of Housing Contract.

- (1) The University may cancel a student's housing contract if the student fails to meet the full terms and conditions of his/her contract, or for violation of University or Residence Hall regulations.
- (2) Hearings and/or appeals of disciplinary action are available through established University administrative and judicial procedures.

Authority: T.C.A.. § 49-9-209(e).

The proposed rules set out herein were properly filed in the Department of State on the 30th day of October, 2007, and pursuant to the instructions set out above, and in the absence of the filing of an appropriate petition calling for a rulemaking hearing, will become effective on the 28th day of February, 2008. (FS 10-25-07; DBID 2741)