

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Title: Temple University Good Neighbor Policy
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Responsible Officer: Vice President for Student Affairs

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Scope of Policy & Rationale

Temple University students are encouraged to engage in proactive and intentional efforts to build connections and relationships within and across their community. This policy outlines basic guidelines for Temple students to be good neighbors and to conduct themselves as responsible members of the North Philadelphia community. All students must abide by the Student Code of Conduct as well as all city, state and federal laws. The Student Code is not limited to conduct within the formal boundaries of the university campuses. The Code applies to conduct in the communities where students live and will be enforced fairly and consistently. In efforts to encourage positive relationships with community members, this policy gives special attention to issues of noise, alcohol consumption, trash, and conduct. The guidelines set forth are consistent with the educational mission of Temple University to help students become responsible citizens who understand the history of North Philadelphia, respect the rights and needs of their neighbors, build positive relationships within the community, contribute to an inclusive neighborhood, and behave as responsible stewards of Philadelphia.

Definitions

1. The term “**policy**” means the written regulations of the university as found in university documents including, but not limited to, the Student Code, Residence Life publications and agreements, the university policies web page, and Graduate/Undergraduate Bulletins.
2. The term “**student**” includes all persons taking courses at the university, either full-time or part-time, and also includes:
 - a. Persons who withdraw after allegedly violating the Student Code;
 - b. Persons who are not officially enrolled for a particular term but who have a

- continuing relationship with the university;
 - c. Persons who have been notified of their acceptance to the university; or
 - d. Persons who are living in university residence halls, although not enrolled in this institution.
3. The term “**student organization**” means a group of students who have completed the requirements to be formally recognized by the university.
4. The term “**inclusive neighborhood**” means a neighborhood that honors diverse identities and encourages the engagement of all people and the identities they represent.
5. The term “**stewards**” means people who look after, take care of, and are responsible for something.
6. The term “**community**” means individuals who share common interests, values, or goals, often in a specific area.

Policy Statement

Students and student organizations are expected to maintain a safe, clean, and respectable environment for their own health and well-being and that of their organization members, guests, and neighbors.

Responsibilities of the Students

1. Abide by all city, state and federal laws governing the use of alcohol and drugs. This includes the prohibition against the sale of alcohol without a license (for example, charging a cover charge for a party where alcohol is served or charging a cup fee).
2. Abide by the University’s [Student Drug and Alcohol Policy](#).
3. Abide by the City of Philadelphia’s ordinances including:
 - Department of License and Inspections code (Lawful Occupancy, Property Maintenance Code: Title 4-PM)
 - Philadelphia Building, Fire, and Zoning Codes
 - All other relevant Philadelphia codes and ordinances
4. Dispose of litter, household garbage/trash, and recycling on a regular basis in an appropriate manner. Follow the City of Philadelphia’s recycling guidelines and be aware of the trash and recycling schedule
5. Complete clean-up within 24 hours after social functions to ensure litter and trash are removed from the neighborhood.
6. When responsible for outside maintenance pursuant to lease or rental agreements, maintain lawn and landscaping on a regular basis, as well as snow/ice removal when applicable.

7. Foster and maintain good community relations and cooperation with neighbors and authorities.
8. Take proactive steps to manage the conduct of guests, including measures that reduce the risk of harm.
9. Take active steps to prevent damage to neighbors' property.
10. Be engaged in mediating and resolving problems or concerns with neighbors and roommates in a timely and civil manner.
11. Take proper care of all pets and pet waste according to animal ordinances: Chapter 10-100 of City of Philadelphia Code
12. Use elevated or amplified sound only in accordance with the City of Philadelphia Noise Ordinance: Chapter 10-400.

Communications and Training

The Temple University Good Neighbor Policy will be disseminated with the assistance of the Good Neighbor Committee, Temple Student Government, New Student and Family Programs, Department of Public Safety, and University Housing and Residential Life. Specific educational measures are embedded in the electronic version of this policy.

Procedures

The Good Neighbor Policy reinforces and supports the principle that Temple University students and/or student organizations can be held responsible under the authority of the Student Code of Conduct for their behavior outside the defined limits of the Temple University campuses. Students and/or student organizations can be referred to the office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, under the direction of the Dean of Students and the Division of Student Affairs, for alleged violations of the Code of Conduct and the Good Neighbor Policy. Upon referral to the office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, students and/or student organizations will be subject to the standard process for student conduct referrals.

Violations of this policy may result in university sanctions ranging from community service and education to suspension or expulsion from the university. Violations of the law may result in separate and additional penalties through local and state authorities such as fines, citations, or arrest.

Notes

1. Dates of official enactment and amendments:

Adopted by the President on March 1, 2011.

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2. History:

None

3. Cross References/Appendix:

City of Philadelphia's Partners for Good Housing produced by the Department of Licenses and Inspections

City of Philadelphia Ordinances including: Chapter 10-400: Noise and Excessive Vibration

City of Philadelphia Historical Commission §14-2007. Historic Buildings, Structures, Sites, Objects, and Districts

Temple University Student Conduct Code

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