

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL: USF REGULATIONS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2007

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| REGULATION TITLE & NUMBER: | USF 6-013 University Residence Halls |
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SUMMARY:

The University of South Florida is proposing an amendment to the Residence Halls regulation requiring all Tampa full-time, first year undergraduate students to live in on campus housing. If approved by the full Board of Trustees and the Florida Board of Governors, this requirement will take effect beginning with the fall semester, 2009. The requirement to reside in on-campus housing would be applicable to full-time, first-time-in undergraduate students whose permanent home address is outside Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties. Exceptions will also be explored for students who are over 21 years of age or have prior conduct issues.

Based upon national research, students who live on campus are more likely to persist in college, develop a sense of personal accomplishment and other social skills, achieve higher grade point averages and higher scores on standardized achievement tests. USF studies have shown that students who live on-campus during their first year are significantly more likely to be academically successful than their commuter counterparts.

Students residing in on campus housing will be required to show proof of compliance with the University Immunization Policy (currently under revision).

Name of University Official Initiating Proposed Regulation Revision: Dr. Jennifer Meningall, VP Student Affairs.

Authority to Adopt/Amend/Repeal: 1001.74, 1006.60, 1006.69 FS., *Article IX Fla. Const. and Resolutions issued by the FL Board of Governors.*

(End of Summary)

Full text of the Regulation and amendments follow.

Regulation Number: USF 6-013 (Draft)

Subject: University Residence halls

(1) Any student who wishes to live in University of South Florida ("University/USF") housing shall be required to enter into a housing contract for the academic year during which they propose to reside in the residence halls. The University housing contract is a binding contract in which the University promises to provide University housing to the student, and the student promises to pay for such housing, and abide by the contract provisions and all University rules, regulations and policies.

(2) First year undergraduate students enrolled as full time students will be required to live in on campus housing beginning with the entering class of fall 2009, as referenced in the "First Year Live on Campus Requirement Guidelines" in the University of South Florida Housing Contract; Housing Webpage and the *Student Handbook*.

(3) All students residing in on campus housing will be required to show proof of compliance with University Immunization Policy # 33-002, including the immunization for Meningitis and the waiver/immunization requirement for Hepatitis B.

(42) As noted in the Resident Handbook section of the "USF Student Planner ~~2003-2004~~," living groups within residence halls at the University are required to select a visitation program within the following parameters:

(a) No guest visitation; or

(b) Guest visitation between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., Monday through Thursday with weekend guest visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday and continuing until 2:00 a.m. Monday; or

(c) Twenty-four (24) hours a day/seven (7) days a week guest visitation. Visitation within student rooms must be determined by mutual agreement among roommates.

(53) In accordance with this regulation rule, to provide, administer and maintain student housing, the University acknowledges:

(a) The right to privacy of students in their residences; and

(b) The promotion of:

1. Student safety and welfare, and

2. Student social responsibility and leadership.

Specific Authority 1001.74~~(4)~~, 1006.60, 1006.69 FS. Law Implemented 1001.74~~(6)~~, 1006.60 FS. *Article IX Fla. Const. and Resolutions issued by the FL Board of Governors. History—New 10-6-075, Amended 7-26-76, 7-3-79, Formerly 6C4-6.13, Amended 1-8-92, 1-28-04.*

WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS PROPOSED REGULATION MAY BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE POSTING DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO:

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