***THE DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENCE LIFE***

***“CONTRACT FOR COMMUNITY”***

***As a new member of the Housing Community, you now must acknowledge to your roommates, all residents, and staff that you understand and will respect our policies and procedures during your stay. A more detailed listing of policies can be found in the Residence Life Online Handbook, which can be found at utep.edu/housing.***

**ACCESS GATES:** It is the responsibility of the resident or guest entering or exiting a gate to assure that the gate is closed, and it is also their responsibility to carry a valid ID or personal access code to gain entry through the access gates. Residents tampering with gates, access card readers, or keypads will be charged for repairs.

**ALCOHOL:** No person under the age of 21 may consume or possess alcoholic beverages on the Housing premises. Residents of legal age shall not participate in alcohol related conduct which infringes upon the rights of others to a quiet, orderly living environment, and may not consume in any of the public areas. In an effort to control pests, decorative container collections, such as empty bottles or cans, are not permitted in apartments.

**GUESTS:** All Housing hosts are responsible for the actions of their guests. Residents may not use the bedroom of a roommate for purposes of hosting a guest of the same sex, unless the roommate gives clearance of this through the Residence Life Assistant for that area. The number of guests in an apartment must not exceed three times its assigned occupancy at any time.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS/ROOM DAMAGES:** All apartments will be periodically inspected for health and safety violations, and residents will be notified before inspections begin. Residents must report incidental or accidental damage to a room or apartment immediately. Costs for repair and liability will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Intentional and/or excessive damage to an apartment may result in the resident being released from their housing contract.

**ILLEGAL DRUGS:** The use, cultivation, manufacture, sale and/or possession of drugs or controlled substances in violation of federal or state laws are prohibited by the University and are not permitted in Housing. With regard to illegal drugs, a finding of judicial responsibility will result in immediate eviction and suspension from the University.

**NON-COMPLIANCE:** Residents are expected to identify themselves and comply with instructions and directives given by Residence Life staff members at all times.

**PETS:** With the exception of fish in a bowl of 20 gallons or less, pets are not permitted on the property at any time. Guests are not allowed to bring pets into Housing, even on a temporary basis.

**PROPER DISPOSAL OF TRASH:** Trash bags left outside apartment doors, in laundry rooms, or other trash cans will not be allowed. In Miner Village, residents will use the dumpsters located outside of Indio, Eagle, and Summit Hall to remove trash. In Miner Heights, residents will use the dumpsters located outside of Cottonwood Hall. In Miner Canyon the dumpsters are located at the end of Copper Hall. Residents will receive a charge on their student account for the removal of their trash from the hallways.

**QUIET HOURS:** Quiet hours are Sunday through Thursday 10pm to 8am, and Friday and Saturday from 12am to 8am. During this time, no noise should be heard outside apartments. Moderate noise levels that promote an atmosphere of academic success should be maintained during all hours other than those designated as “quiet”.

**SMOKING:** Residents and their guests shall not smoke on the premises of the Housing Department, to include the units, the corridors, the grounds, the stairwells, and office space.

**VISITATION:** Housing Residents will follow a “self-regulated” visitation option. This “self regulated” option must be agreed upon by all residents of the living space and will be shared with the Residence Life Assistant at the time of the Roommate Agreement meeting.

***RESIDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF POLICIES***

***By signing below I agree to abide by all policies, and take responsibility for all other information provided in the 2011-2012 Residence Life Online Handbook which can be found on our website (utep.edu/housing).***

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***Resident Signature Staff Initial Date***