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Please read all provisions of this contract as you are legally bound by these terms and conditions for the entire contract period. You are responsible for adhering to the policies and procedures found in the Code of Student Conduct and the Housing & Residence Life Guide to Living on Campus. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, ability, veteran status, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin in the administration of housing.

The residential experience is designed for students who reach 17 to 26 years of age by September 1, 2024. Students who are younger or older than the previously stated ages will receive consideration on a case-by-case basis. In addition, the University does not provide housing for married couples wishing to cohabitate where only one individual meets eligibility requirement pursuant to this contract or un-enrolled children of students.

1.Parties: This contract

- c. 11+ Month Apartments (Village & Nusbaum) August 23, 2024 July 31, 2025
- d. Spring Only–Residence Halls January 12, 2025 May 10, 2025
- e. Spring Only-Apartments (Not Village) January 12, 2025 May 10, 2025
- f. Spring-Summer 11+ Month Apartments (Village & Nusbaum) January 12, 2025 July 31, 2025

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remaining contract fees (including summer if Village resident). This applies whether or not enrollment at the University continues.

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f. If a Resident fails to check out of their room according to published procedures, an improper check-out fee will be charged.

## 14. Room Entry/Inspection:

- a. The University respects the privacy of the Resident and will protect that privacy. In the interests of maintaining an environment that facilitates scholarship and provides for the health and safety of residents and the safety of their property, and in the interest of protecting University persons and property, the University may enter such rooms. Reasonable efforts shall be made to notify the Resident(s) in advance of any entry. Staff member(s) will not enter a student's room without consent of a Resident except as follows:
  - 1. Repairs, maintenance, or facility improvements;
  - 2. Recovery of university/state-owned property not authorized for use in the assigned space;
  - 3. Fire, health, and safety inspections made periodically, as well as at complex closing/vacation periods;

4. When there is reliable information that an emergency exists (including, but not limited to fire, accidents, sickness, or danger to the health and welfare of Residents);

- 5. When there is reliable information that a university policy is being violated; or
- 6. To inventory/catalogue the condition of the physical space and furniture.
- b. Administrative Room Search (which must be approved by the Associate Vice President for Learning (or their designee) is a search for items that may harm the health, safety, and/or welfare of individuals within the University community.
- **15. Rules, Policies, and Regulations:** The Resident agrees to observe all published policies and procedures affecting their status with the university, which are included in the Terms and Conditions by reference to these University publications: the Code of Student Conduct, and the Housing & Residence Life Guide to Living on Campus. A full list of prohibited infractions can be found in the aforementioned documents. This includes but is not limited to the following:
  - a. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs All Housing & Residence Life facilities and their Residents are required to be in compliance with federal, state and local laws regarding alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and

- i. Health and Safety Residents are forbidden to possess potentially hazardous materials, to conspire to damage the health and safe environment of the residence halls or to engage in activities that do so.
  - 1. Fire Safety It is prohibited to keep any item, including room decorations, which may pose a fire hazard to a residential facility. Failure to report a fire or tampering with fire safety equipment is a direct violation of University policy.
  - 2. Fireworks, Explosives, Weapons, or Dangerous Chemicals Transport, possession, manufacture, use, sale or distribution of weapons, fireworks, ammunition, explosives, flammable

17. Meal Plan Requirements: Students living in Dominion House, England House, Foundation House, Owens House, France House, Gresham Complex, Ireland House, Rogers Complex, Scotland House, Virginia House, Whitehurst Hall, and Powhatan Village & Nusbaum are required to be on a meal plan. Meal Plans are purchased and billed on a semester basis. Meals do not transfer from one semester to the next; however, flex points carry over from the fall to spring semester with the purchase of a spring meal plan. Flex points and any remaining meals

the University reserves the right to consult with and refer the student to a mental and/or healthcare facility or

Housing to isolate or quarantine does not constitute a termination of a residential student's housing contract.

- c. **De-Densifying Efforts**. Residential students are required to comply with any de-densifying efforts needed on campus due to COVID or other public health emergency, including, but not limited to, termination or the relocation of all or some residential students to alternative housing. Relocation does not constitute a termination of a residential student's housing contract.
- d. **Dining Services**. Dining service, including where and how it will be offered to residential students, is subject to the discretion of the University and is subject to modification to address public health concerns. Due to health and safety guidance, Dining may limit the occupancy of dining halls, limit the amount of time students may reside within dining halls, or make other operational adjustments needed to address health and safety concerns.
- e. **Cleaning**. The University will implement and modify its cleaning protocols to address COVID or other public health emergency in the interest of minimizing the spread of disease.
- f. **Termination**. Upon reasonable notice, ODU Housing reserves the right to terminate housing contracts due to public health emergency needs, including COVID.
- g. Vaccination. Per the University's COVID-19 Guidelines, all resident students are encouraged to have a COVID-19 vaccination with proof submitted to the university or submit a medical or religious exemption and assumption of risk to the Monarch Wellness Portal.
- 27. Changes and Corrections: The University has made every reasonable attempt to make sure the information contained herein is accurate at time of publication. However, the University and Housing & Residence Life reserve the right to make changes or corrections when necessary. If changes are made, Housing & Residence Life will inform Residents of such changes through multiple means of communication and in a timely manner.

## Notes:

- A completed online application/contract indicates that the applicant has read, understands, and agrees to the contract and policies outlined within the Housing & Dining Contract Terms and Conditions and the Housing & Residence Life Guide to Living On Campus.
- Students are responsible for completing the online application procedure. Should a parent complete the online application procedure for the student, the University will hold the student responsible for fulfilling all responsibilities of the contract period.
- Failure to abide by the published terms and conditions may result in disciplinary action including but not limited to termination of housing.
- Unless explicitly stated in this document, students are able to appeal any disciplinary action related to their housing. Specific appeal processes are provided with each sanction.
- Old Dominion University email is the university's official method of communication. Students are expected to check their email on a regular basis.
- The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guarantees students certain rights with respect to their education records. The release of housing information to anyone other than the student may be restricted to protect student data.