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Policy Name: College Involvement in Off-Campus Housing Issues

Policy Number: N-1

Functional Area(s) Responsible: Enrollment Management; Academic & Student Affairs

Owner(s) of Policy: Office of Housing and Residential Life

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Policy Statement:

The Office of Housing and Residential Life shall maintain information regarding potential student housing available in the nearby community. Any information provided with respect to the premises, services available and/or terms of lease must be furnished by the landlord. General information describing the rights and obligations of tenants and landlords as well as the extent of the involvement of Finger Lakes Community College (College) with off-campus housing shall also be provided upon request.

Each student seeking information on the online off-campus housing list will be provided with the following written statement: *Finger Lakes Community College does not own or operate any off-campus housing. All listed properties are privately-owned and operated. This online listing is maintained by the Office of Housing and Residential Life solely as a service to students. College personnel do not supervise the premises described and will NOT become party to private landlord-tenant matters. College personnel will not become involved in any transactions between or on behalf of landlords or tenants, such as directing or arranging the lease of a particular facility, collecting rents and deposits, paying damages, dictating terms of lease, or otherwise making the College party to private landlord matters. Information contained in the listings has been provided by the respective landlords; the College makes no guarantee regarding the veracity, safety, or appropriateness by inclusion on this off-campus property list. The College assumes no obligation for compliance with local statutes for fire and housing code inspections. It is recommended that the tenants request verification of said inspections. Students are encouraged to learn and understand all of their rights, responsibilities, and protections afforded under the law before signing any rental agreement. The listings herein have been attested to by landlords that their accommodations are made available without restriction and do not discriminate based on an individual's race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, or criminal conviction.*

College employees shall not become involved in any transactions, disagreements, exchanges, payments, dictation of terms of leases or rental agreements, or communications between landlords and tenants or landlords and prospective tenants.

Students and/or landlords having complaints against one another shall be directed to lodge them with the appropriate local or state agency; the College shall refrain from becoming involved.

Reason(s) for Policy:

This policy is intended to limit College involvement in off-campus landlord/tenant matters.

Applicability of Policy:

All Enrollment Management and Student Affairs employees should be familiar with this policy. Any student seeking information regarding off-campus housing from any office at the College should be made aware of the existence of this policy as described above and directed to the Office of Housing and Residential Life.

Definitions:

None

Related Documents:

- Relevant Association Housing, LLC documents

Procedures:

None

Forms/Online Processes:

None

Appendix:

None