This contract is an agreement between the University and the individual student. It is for the period of time specified in Section 1 and entitles the student to the use of University Housing accommodations only in the manner set forth in this document, in the Student Code of Conduct, and in the University Housing Community Guide. This contract may be terminated only under the conditions specified in this document. The contract you are about to sign is a legally binding contract for BOTH the fall 2015 semester and the spring 2016 semester. Residents (parents and/or guardians) are urged to read this contract carefully and in its entirety. When this contract is completed and returned to the Department of University Housing, it becomes a binding contract between the resident (his or her parent or guardian if the resident is under 18 years of age) and the University.

The resident (and the parent or guardian, if required) has read and accepted every provision of the agreement.

Resident’s Name (please print)             Resident’s VIP ID Number

Resident’s Signature                        Date

Name (printed) of Parent or Guardian        Signature of Parent or Guardian        Date
if Resident is under 18 years of age

1. Eligibility for Housing & Contract Period: Any student, enrolled fulltime at USCA, is eligible to live in University Housing under the provisions of this contract provided space is available. The contract period is from August 16, 2015 – May 5, 2016. University Housing does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age or national origin when making housing assignments. Students are housed in same gender suites/apartments.

Any person required to register under Article 7, Sex Offender Registry, is prohibited from living in campus student housing. (SC Code of Laws Ann. 23-3-465 (2005) In the event it is determined that any person in campus student housing is subject to the above, law enforcement officials and appropriate University officials will be informed, and the housing contract will be deemed null and void and terminated immediately without refund.

2. Policies & Procedures: Residents are required to know and comply with all policies and regulations contained in this contract and within the University Housing Community Guide, the Student Handbook and other University Housing publications. Residents are responsible for all policy and procedural information posted on bulletin boards and/or disseminated through University publications, mass emails and newsletters. I fully understand it is up to me to read the Community Guide Book, the Student Handbook and other University Housing publications provided by University Housing on its website or if a hard copy is available and/or provided to me. I also understand that if I violate any policies and procedures in the Community Guide Book, the Student Handbook and other University Housing publications, I could be subjected but not limited to a disciplinary sanction from University as a result of the violation. The University reserves the right to prohibit any item or activity deemed by the University to be harmful, inadvisable, or not in the best interest of the University or its students. Addenda to the contract may be distributed as needed.

3. Meal Plans: All students living in University Housing are required to have a meal plan. Meal Plan requirements will be determined by academic classification. Meal plans are priced per semester and do not transfer forward from one semester to another. Residents seeking meal plan exception must appeal through the appeals process described in the Student Handbook. Any meal plan refunds will be based on consideration of: official withdrawal date from classes, departure date from University Housing, meal plan usage and any applicable processing fees. Prices are subject to change based on the USC Board of Trustees approval in June 2015.

4. Housing Reservations:
   a. Reservations for New Freshmen, Transfer Students and Re-Admitted Students: Housing reservations for the academic year for any new student are made only after the student has (a) been accepted to USCA and (b) submitted to University Housing a housing application, and $150 security deposit and application fee.
   b. Reservations for Continuing Students: Continuing students seeking housing are required to participate in the housing selection process conducted in the spring and to submit a reaplication form and signed contract.

5. Occupancy:
   a. University Housing may be occupied no earlier than 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 16, 2015.
   b. Students who fail to occupy their assigned space by 5:00 p.m. the day before the first day of classes will lose their assigned space unless prior arrangements have been made with the Housing Office.
   c. Residents may reside in their apartment during breaks (Thanksgiving Break, break between semesters, and Spring Break). Students staying for the break between semesters must be enrolled for the spring and must occupy their spring assignment during the break.
   d. University Housing must be vacated within 24 hours after the student’s last spring semester exam or by 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 5, 2016, unless the student is graduating.

6. Payment: This agreement binds a student to pay housing rental fees for one academic year, as indicated in Section 1, according to the University Housing payment schedule. Payment for each semester will be due at the beginning of the semester. All payment except the application fee and security deposit needs to be paid at the Business Services Office or through VIP.

7. Double as a Single and Consolidation: A double as a single (primarily for Senior and Junior students) room is not guaranteed to any on-campus resident during the academic year. However, if space permits, residents can request a double as a single room. It does not entitle a resident to sublet the room to another resident or non-resident. During all semesters, Housing reserves the right to require the single occupant of a room, except those who have contracted their rooms on a double as a single basis, to move together when to do so will: (1) reduce the cost of utilities; (2) facilitate cleaning; (3) make space available for the housing of special groups; or (4) support the double as a single room procedure. Once a resident contracts
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