

RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ADDENDUM

This Addendum is incorporated into the SoberHomes Licensing Agreement and outlines the rules and responsibilities that all members must adhere to in order to maintain their housing license.

1. Abstinence Requirement

- SoberHomes maintains a **zero-tolerance policy** for substance use and distribution on-site.
 - Members must abstain from **alcohol, illegal drugs, and non-prescribed medications**.
 - Gambling, including online betting, is strictly prohibited.
 - SoberHomes is **not** equipped with staff capable of providing detox care to members.
 - Licensee must provide a personal specimen for **drug testing upon request**. Failure to comply with a drug test request constitutes a breach of contract in accordance with Section 10.
 - A **positive test result** may result in immediate referral to detox or inpatient care, as well as temporary removal from the facility in accordance with Section 10.
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2. Conduct & Community Expectations

- Members must treat fellow members and staff **with respect and civility**.
- **Harassment, coercion, threats, intimidation, and violence** are grounds for immediate termination.
- Sexual activity and romantic relationships **between members** or guests are prohibited.
- Members must participate in daily and **weekly community meetings** and **assigned chores** to maintain shared spaces.
- Assigned personal spaces, common areas, and bathrooms must be **kept clean** at all times. Beds should be made daily, and belongings, including laundry, should be stored properly.
- Each member is responsible for maintaining a **neat and organized room** with belongings stored properly and beds made daily. Rooms must remain welcoming to existing roommates and potential roommates during daily property tours.
- **Community Boundaries:**
 - Bedrooms are private spaces; no member may enter a room they are not assigned to.
 - Members may not enter another housing unit except for community meetings, assigned housekeeping, or approved events.
 - When performing chores in another unit (e.g., laundry), members must complete the task without loitering and socializing.
- **Personal storage is limited to two medium suitcases** (approximately 120–150 liters or about 4–5 cu. ft.) and up to **10 days of food**. Members should **not** bring large items such as furniture, appliances, or electronics larger than a laptop (e.g., TVs, large speakers, or amplifiers). Members with additional belongings may rent a nearby storage unit at their own expense.

3. Curfew & Quiet Hours

- **Curfew:**
 - **Weekdays (Sun-Thu):** 9:30 PM
 - **Weekends (Fri-Sat):** 10:30 PM
- **Quiet Hours:**
 - Begin **30 minutes after curfew** and end at **6:00 AM**.
 - No excessive noise, music, use of phones, iPads, or TVs, or disruptive activities in bedrooms.
 - Use of electronic devices in common areas must be silent and minimal during quiet hours.
- **Noise outside of quiet hours:**
 - Members must keep voice and electronic sound at a level **not audible in adjoining rooms or neighboring units**.
 - Use of headphones is encouraged for music, calls, or videos.
 - Large sound systems, amplifiers, subwoofers, or similar equipment are **not permitted** on any SoberHomes property.

4. Visitors & Guest Policy

- Visitors, such as a sponsor or family member, **must be pre-approved** by house management.
- Guest misbehavior will reflect on the member's status. Guests must adhere to the same sobriety and conduct standards as members.
- Guests are restricted to **common areas only** and must depart **30 minutes before curfew**.
- **Overnight guests are strictly prohibited.**
- Unauthorized guests or repeat violations may result in **termination of the license**.
- Guests are permitted only in common areas and only with prior approval from the House Manager or Housing Director.
- Cross-unit visitation between members of different units is prohibited unless attending approved house meetings or community events, or performing chores.

5. Participation in Recovery & Meaningful Activities

- Members must engage in a **minimum of 30 hours per week** of **job seeking, employment, education, or volunteering**.

- Members must attend a **minimum of five (5) meetings per week** of **peer support programs** (AA, NA, Recovery Dharma, SMART Recovery, etc.) and provide proof of attendance to the house manager.
 - A **sponsor or equivalent** must be obtained within **30 days of residency**.
 - Members must work **Steps 1-6** (or equivalent recovery steps) within the first **90 days of residency**.
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6. Hygiene & Facility Maintenance

- Members must maintain good personal hygiene and keep their assigned space clean and organized.
Daily and weekly chores are a mandatory part of community living; failure to complete them may result in disciplinary action.
 - Shared areas—including kitchens, bathrooms, and laundry spaces—must be cleaned **immediately after use** to ensure a safe and sanitary environment for everyone.
Members should limit personal items in common areas, other than clearly labeled food, to prevent clutter and maintain an atmosphere that promotes wellness and mutual respect.
 - Food storage areas are cleaned out regularly. Colored tape and markers are provided to label ownership and date of storage. **Unlabeled or expired items may be discarded during scheduled cleanings.**
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7. Vehicle Policy

- Each member is limited to **one personal vehicle**, which may be a **car, motorcycle, e-bike, bicycle, or scooter**.
 - All vehicles must be in working condition, registered, and parked in designated areas only.
 - Members with automobiles must ensure that their cars are **in operating condition, with OEM or legal exhaust** and **properly registered**.
 - All vehicles must be **legally parked** in designated areas.
 - **Vehicle repairs, cleaning, or storage inside the property (including garages, patios, or shared spaces)** are strictly prohibited.
 - Members may not conduct **vehicle repairs on the street** to prevent community complaints.
 - Unauthorized or non-operational vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense after 48-hour notice.
 - Members are expected to be good neighbors in the homes, and as they come and go in our neighborhoods.
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8. Good Neighbor Policies

- SoberHomes operates in **residential areas** and is committed to maintaining **positive relationships** with neighbors.
 - Members must avoid **loud noises, disruptive behavior, and excessive gatherings**.
 - Members must **not loiter** outside the property or in surrounding areas.
 - Trash and personal belongings must be disposed of properly to keep the neighborhood clean.
 - Members must ensure noise, music, and gatherings do not disturb neighbors.
 - No furniture, appliances, or large items may be stored outside or visible from the street.
 - Any disputes or issues with neighbors should be reported to house management **immediately**.
 - Repeated violations of these policies may result in **disciplinary action, up to and including termination of the license**.
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9. Nicotine Use Policy

- Smoking, chewing tobacco, and vaping are only permitted in **designated outdoor areas**.
 - These activities are **strictly prohibited indoors and during meetings**.
 - Cigarette butts must be **properly extinguished and disposed of in designated trash bins**—littering is strictly prohibited.
 - Chewing tobacco users must use a **sealed container** for disposal and discard it properly in a trash bin.
 - Repeated littering or disregard for this policy may result in implementation of a **smoke-free campus policy**.
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10. Termination Policy

Grounds for Immediate Termination:

- Members in violation of Section 1 must peacefully leave the premises immediately and seek detox or alternative care. Failure to do so constitutes a breach of contract, grounds for immediate termination of the licensing agreement, and may result in removal by law enforcement. Members who take proactive steps, such as calling an ambulance or arranging alternative care, will be addressed under Section 11.
 - **Substance use, possession, or distribution** on-site.
 - **Violence, threats, or harassment** against other members or staff.
 - **Theft or property damage**.
 - **Failure to comply with curfew, guest policies, or hygiene requirements** after repeated warnings.
 - **Refusal to participate in mandatory recovery programs or meaningful occupation**.
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11. Emergency Removal & Reentry

- Members **removed for relapse under Section 1** who (a) leave the facility peacefully upon request and (b) take proactive steps, such as detox or arranging alternative care, may return **after completing their detox and/or inpatient care and testing negative for substances**.
 - SoberHomes will preserve the member's bed and belongings for up to 90 days, provided all financial obligations are met.
 - Should there be a breach of the License Agreement, reentry is subject to **availability and house manager approval**.
 - Any member **failing to vacate the premises upon termination** will be subject to legal action.
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12. Amendments to Addendum

- SoberHomes reserves the right to **update this Addendum** as necessary.
 - Members will be notified of any **policy changes**, and continued residence constitutes **acceptance** of updated rules.
 - These policies apply to all SoberHomes facilities and may be supplemented by local house guidelines for unit-specific needs (e.g., laundry schedules or meeting times). In all cases, the general policies in this Addendum take precedence.
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Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing below, the member agrees to abide by the rules outlined in this **Rules and Responsibilities Addendum**. Failure to comply with these rules may result in termination of the License Agreement.

Member's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____