

AU Student Pledge to Uphold Community Standards (excerpt)

I have chosen to live in a residential neighborhood and understand that I have rights as well as obligations, both to my fellow students and to non-student neighbors. I understand that, as an individual living in the District of Columbia, I have the right to:

- live in a dwelling that is safe and code-compliant;
- live in a neighborhood that is clean and free from garbage;
- live undisturbed by excessive levels of noise;
- consult with DC laws covering my rights as a tenant.

I understand that living off-campus comes with responsibility and obligations. I have these responsibilities and obligations as both an American University student and as a member of the community in which I live. I agree to:

- act in accordance with the values of American University, abide by the Student Conduct Code and American University policies, and comply with reasonable requests from university officials related to my management of noise, trash, home maintenance, vehicle rules and related issues;
- give particular attention to and inform my guests of the “***Disorderly Conduct Amendment Act of 2010***,” which states, *It is unlawful for a person to make an unreasonably loud noise between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. that is likely to annoy or disturb one or more other persons in their residences.*
- foster goodwill in my community by treating my student and non-student neighbors with respect;
- keep my property free of litter and garbage and dispose of my garbage in the proper manner;
- maintain my property by removing weeds, cutting grass, and shoveling my sidewalk in the winter.