

## **University Policy: Good Neighbor Guidelines**

**Policy Category:** Student Policies

**Subject:** Neighborhood relationships

**Office Responsible for Review of this Policy:** Office of Campus Life

**Procedures:** Not Applicable

**Related University Policies:** Good Neighbor Parking Policy; Student Conduct Code

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### **I. SCOPE**

This policy sets standards for good neighbor relations.

### **II. POLICY STATEMENT**

American University expects members of the AU community - students, faculty and staff - to conduct themselves in a manner that fosters and ensures a continued positive relationship with the University's neighbors.

### **III. POLICY**

As members of a community, we all have a responsibility to our city and neighborhood. It is important to foster good relations with one another in order to maintain and enhance the quality of life, safety, and desirability of the neighborhood we share. To help maintain good relations with your neighbors, keep the following in mind.

You are part of a community beyond the AU campus, and your actions affect your neighbors. While you may view your residency as temporary, be considerate of the fact that your neighbors have chosen their homes as their primary residence. Introduce yourselves when you move in and as a courtesy, notify your neighbors if you plan to have a gathering or party. Remember that the District and the surrounding jurisdictions have strict regulations regarding noise levels and the consumption of alcohol. It is your responsibility to be familiar with these laws and comply with them.

Learn and abide by your local jurisdiction's regulations regarding the upkeep of your front and back yards, trash disposal, and snow removal. Help foster a sense of community in your neighborhood by involving yourself in neighborhood events such as meetings, crime watch prevention groups, and opportunities for community service.

### **IV. EFFECTIVE DATE(S)**

This Policy is effective October 2010; Revised February 2015.

## **V. SIGNATURE, TITLE AND DATE OF APPROVAL**

This policy needs to be signed by the appropriate officer (listed below) before it is considered approved.

**This document was approved and signed by**

**Gail Hanson  
Vice President of Campus Life**

**on October 29, 2010**