

Oxford House Rules Acknowledgment

I, _____, have read all Oxford House rules, guidelines and policies and I agree to abide by them as a condition of my residency. I understand that I am a resident or guest and not a tenant.

I have received or been directed to a copy of the **Oxford House Manual**. I am aware that if I do not understand any rule or text, it is my responsibility to request an explanation from house membership.

I understand that Oxford Houses are run on a democratic basis and that rules may change from time to time. Therefore, it is my responsibility to stay abreast of any changes that may result from a majority vote after I move in.

Oxford Houses operate under state and federal laws governing group homes for substance abusers. I acknowledge that if I am expelled from the house by democratic vote, I must vacate the premises immediately. If I refuse to leave, the house will have the option to call the local police department for assistance.

Notice to Authority

Oxford Houses operate under the following statute (see Page 2 of 2 of this document for the complete text):

TITLE 42, CHAPTER 6 A, SUBCHAPTER XVII, Part B*, Subpart ii, § 300X-25 § 300x—25. Group homes for recovering substance abusers. (Release date: 2003-07-24)

Oxford Houses are structured in accordance with this statute, which supersedes any Landlord Tenant Laws. Residents or guests are not tenants and may be expelled for just cause after a hearing in the course of a house meeting and majority ruling on a Petition for Expulsion.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I will abide by the terms of this agreement.

Signature

Date ____/____/____

Witness/Position

Date ____/____/____

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TITLE 42, CHAPTER 6 A, SUBCHAPTER XVII, Part B*, Subpart ii, § 300X-25

§ 300x—25. Group homes for recovering substance abusers

Release date: 2003-07-24

(a) State revolving funds for establishment of homes

A State, using funds available under section 300x-2i of this title, may establish and maintain the ongoing operation of a revolving fund in accordance with this section to support group homes for recovering substance abusers as follows:

- (1) The purpose of the fund is to make loans for the costs of establishing programs for the provision of housing in which individuals recovering from alcohol or drug abuse may reside in groups of not less than 6 individuals. The fund is established directly by the State or through the provision of a grant or contract to a nonprofit private entity.
- (2) The programs are carried out in accordance with guidelines issued under subsection (b) of this section.
- (3) Not less than \$100,000 is available for the fund.
- (4) Loans made from the revolving fund do not exceed \$4,000 and each such loan is repaid to the revolving fund by the residents of the housing involved not later than 2 years after the date on which the loan is made.
- (5) Each such loan is repaid by such residents through monthly installments, and a reasonable penalty is assessed for each failure to pay such periodic installments by the date specified in the loan agreement involved.
- (6) Such loans are made only to nonprofit private entities agreeing that, in the operation of the program established pursuant to the loan—
 - (A) The use of alcohol or any illegal drug in the housing provided by the program will be prohibited;
 - (B) Any resident of the housing who violates such prohibition will be expelled from the housing;
 - (C) The costs of the housing, including fees for rent and utilities, will be paid by the residents of the housing; and
 - (D) The residents of the housing will, through a majority vote of the residents, otherwise establish policies governing residence in the housing, including the manner in which applications for residence in the housing are approved.

(b) Issuance by Secretary of guidelines

The Secretary shall ensure that there are in effect guidelines under this subpart for the operation of programs described in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Applicability to territories

The requirements established in subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to any territory of the United States other than the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.