WELCOME TO GRAND RAPIDS!

Whether you are a first-year student or soon-to-be graduate, we welcome you to explore and enjoy the active lifestyle, beautiful parks and wonderful neighborhoods of Grand Rapids. Being home to colleges and universities that host students from around the world makes our community culturally vibrant and diversity rich.

I hope this information about off-campus living is helpful. We want your experience living in Grand Rapids to create memories that last a lifetime!

Mayor George K. Heartwell

NEIGHBORHOOD LIVING

Grand Rapids neighborhoods offer a variety of housing options. While each neighborhood boasts distinct characteristics, expectations about property maintenance and neighborly conduct remain constant throughout.

When considering to live off campus, please be aware of City Ordinances that contain the following requirements:

- No more than four (4) unrelated persons may live together in a rental unit.
- Indoor furniture or furnishings, such as sofas, may not be placed in the yard or on the porch.
- Parking in the front yard is prohibited.
- Noise and music may not exceed twenty-five (25) decibels.
- Trash must be stored in a rigid container and removed from the property every seven (7) days.*
- Sidewalks must be cleared from snow within 48 hours of snowfall.*
- Grass must be cut regularly and may not exceed 12 inches in height.*
- Some neighborhoods have posted seasonal odd/even parking requirements to assist in snow removal, meaning vehicles can only park on one side of the street on a particular day.

* Responsibility is dependent upon lease requirements. Be sure to know who is responsible.

BUILDING BRIDGES

Neighborhood associations build 'bridges' in our community by engaging residents in a variety of ways to support safe, clean and attractive urban living while promoting community connections and quality of life.

Students living off campus become an integral part of the neighborhood and support this critical social infrastructure by helping neighbors in need—especially during the winter months—keeping noise down to respect children and early risers, and maintaining their premises.

We hope you will introduce yourself to your new neighbors and become active in your neighborhood association.

To determine what neighborhood association serves your neighborhood, visit www.cridata.org/neighb_gr.aspx
INFORMED RENTERS KNOW THAT:

An individual cannot be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, age, or familial or marital status. If you experience housing discrimination, contact the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan at (616) 451-2980.

City Ordinance requires rental properties be maintained to a certain standard. For a list of certified rental properties, visit www.grcity.us/codes.

If you experience problems with your unit, please report them to your landlord. If the landlord will not address the problem, you may file a compliant online at www.grcity.us/codes.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **General City Services/Customer Service**
  Dial 311

- **Grand Rapids Police Department**
  General Information (616) 456-3403
  Non-emergency (616) 456-3400

- **Grand Rapids Code Compliance**
  (616) 456-3053

- **Grand Rapids Parking Services**
  (616) 456-3290

- **Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation**
  www.grcity.us/parks
  (616) 456-3696

- **Neighborhood Association Maps**
  www.cridata.org/neighb_gr.aspx

- **Events/Things to Do**
  www.downtowngr.org
  www.experiencegr.com
  www.grnow.com

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