MILES CO-OP CONSTITUTION

Article 1 MEMBERSHIP

1. 1. Any person who agrees to fulfill the conditions of the House contract shall be eligible for membership. No person shall be denied membership on the grounds of race, creed, gender, or sexual preference.

1. 2. No one may live in Miles Co-op without first signing a valid contract, except temporary guests of members who abide by the Guest Policy as outlined in this document.

1. 3. Prospective members shall become members upon full payment of their dues and loans and signing a membership agreement. Members must also become members of the MSU-SHC and obey its policies and by-laws.

1. 4. Due to the small nature of the house, and in an attempt to avoid alienation within the house, house membership is restricted among people who already know each other. Only two people who have previously lived together or have any sort of relationship may move into the house. In the case of a third person, the current house must vote on whether or not to approve that third person. Four or more people who have any sort of previous relationship may not all move in together.

1. 5. A member is considered to be in good standing with the house as long as they are less than 15 days behind in their rent.

Article 2 RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. 1. Each member shall have one vote at Miles Co-op meetings. There shall be no voting by proxy.
2. 2. Members are required to:
    1. (1) Understand and promote the purpose of the House.
    2. (2) Take an active part in the affairs of the House.
    3. (3) Attend House meetings.
    4. (4) Perform all jobs and duties as required by the House.
    5. (5) Obey all rules and policies that the House sets.
    6. (6) Be aware of the contents of the House Constitution.
    7. (7) Abide by the Roommate Bill of Rights as follows:
        1. (a)Each roommate has the right to privacy and equal use of the room.
        2. (b)Each roommate must try to respect the other's desires regarding lights, noise, and room use in general. A roommate must obtain explicit permission from his/her roommate to have an overnight guest in the room each time he/she has such a guest.
3. 3. Miles Co-op is a NON-SMOKING house. Smoking is prohibited in bedrooms as well as common areas. Failure to comply may result in a fine.
4. 4. The membership has the right and responsibility to:
    1. (1) Elect house officers.
    2. (2) Pass on the entrance and expulsion of members.
    3. (3) Determine the use of the net surplus and savings.
    4. (4) Remove officers when they neglect to do their duties properly.
    5. (5) Make changes in the affairs of the house.

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