**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to outline the procedures for an immediate interim removal from campus housing or an immediate interim relocation to a newly assigned space in the residence halls.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Cancellation of housing contract:** an action requiring that a student be removed from that student’s on-campus room on a permanent basis if found responsible for a Code of Conduct violation.

**Interim housing removal:** an action requiring that a student be removed from that student’s on-campus room on a temporary, interim basis during the time a disciplinary complaint is investigated and resolved. Students removed from housing are restricted from university housing operated facilities.

**Interim housing relocation:** an action requiring that a student be immediately moved to a newly assigned on-campus housing room on an interim basis during the time a disciplinary complaint is investigated and resolved.

**Permanent housing relocation:** an action requiring that a student be moved to a newly assigned on-campus housing room if the student is found responsible for a Code of Conduct violation.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

The University of South Carolina Columbia (hereinafter referred to as the “university”) offers undergraduate housing on campus managed by University Housing (hereinafter referred to as “housing”). As a community of scholars, students are encouraged to engage in behaviors that are consistent with the Carolinian Creed. Fraternity and Sorority Life, the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity and University Housing (hereafter referred to as “housing”) are responsible for promoting positive community standards and responding to violations of policies published in STAF 6.26 Student Code of Conduct along with campus housing policies and regulations for single undergraduate student contracts, as stated in this policy. Campus housing policies and regulations are designed to promote the health and safety of residents and ensure that the residential living environment is conducive for a resident’s academic success.
In situations where alleged student misconduct is reasonably deemed to threaten the health or safety of a community member or residence hall property, immediate interim action, including relocation or removal from housing may be necessary to ensure a safe environment for all residents.

A. Reasons for Interim Removal/Relocation

1. Immediate interim removal or immediate interim relocation may be imposed upon a student by university Housing when there is reasonable cause to believe, based on available facts, that the student is a threat to the safety, health or welfare of any member of the residence hall community or residence hall property.

2. Immediate interim action may be warranted by the potential or threatened danger or disruption but is initiated only when the serious nature or immediacy of the threat makes it impractical to postpone action until the resolution of the pending disciplinary case.

3. Immediate interim action may be initiated during the last three weeks of each semester when a student’s behavior interferes with other students’ efforts to study or sleep.

PROCEDURES

A. Procedure for Interim Removal/Relocation

1. The decision for an immediate interim removal or immediate interim relocation will be made by the Director of Residence Life or designee.

2. When a student is removed or relocated on an immediate interim basis, the student is given notice explaining the reasons for the removal or relocation, an estimate of the duration, any special conditions that apply and a link to the Immediate interim Removal or Relocation policy.

3. Immediate interim removal from campus housing or immediate interim relocation to another housing assignment is an action requiring that a student immediately leave the residence hall or residential area.

4. When a student is notified of their immediate interim removal from campus housing, that student is prohibited from entering any residence hall on campus without written permission from the Office of Student Conduct.

5. A student notified of an immediate interim removal or immediate interim relocation also will be referred for appropriate disciplinary action. The immediate interim removal or immediate interim relocation will remain in effect until all disciplinary charges are resolved.
6. Any refunds for the time period the immediate interim removal or immediate interim relocation is in effect are not automatic and will be determined on a case by case basis by the director of administration or designee.

**RELATED UNIVERSITY, STATE AND FEDERAL POLICIES**
- STAF 4.03 Campus Housing Policies and Regulations
- STAF 4.11 Resident Student Conduct
- STAF 6.26 Student Code of Conduct

**HISTORY OF REVISIONS**

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