FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION

DATE: August 14, 2026

REGULATION CHAPTER NO.: Chapter 2

REGULATION CHAPTER TITLE: Student Affairs

REGULATION TITLE AND NUMBER: Housing 2.001

SUMMARY OF REGULATION: This amended regulation includes the newly named opened "Venom Landing" residential facility, updates the on-campus residency requirement to include second year students starting with incoming class of 2026, and includes the rights of the Vice President of Student Affairs and/or designee to remove students in violation of the Code of Conduct from campus.

AUTHORITY FOR REGULATION: Section 7, Article IX, Florida Constitution and Board of Governors Regulations 1.001.

RESPONSIBLE VICE PRESIDENT/UNIVERSITY OFFICAL INITIATING THIS REGULATION: William E. Hudson, Jr., Ph.D., Vice President for Student Affairs.

PROCEDURE FOR COMMENTS: Written comments concerning this proposed regulation shall be submitted within 14 days of the date of this notice to the person identified below. The comments must specifically identify the regulation you are commenting on.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION IS:

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FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION: The full text of this amended regulation follows:

2.001 Housing

(1) Florida A&M University (FAMU or University) is committed to providing safe, secure, and supportive campus housing that promotes student well-being, academic success, and responsible community living. University housing shall be administered in accordance with applicable law, Board of Governors requirements, University regulations and policies, and established housing standards and procedures.

(2) **Definitions**

(a) A traditional University residence hall or facility is a campus housing facility designed for communal student living, typically featuring individual or shared sleeping rooms with shared bathrooms and common areas, typically without apartment-style kitchens or private unit amenities.

(b) A non-traditional residence hall is a University-affiliated student housing that is not configured as a standard dormitory-style residence hall, including apartment-style, and any other University-owned, operated, or affiliated housing facility later constructed, acquired, or designated that meets the definition of a non-traditional residence hall.

(3) **Eligibility for Residency in University Housing**

(a) Single student facilities: Applicants must meet University admission requirements and be enrolled during the period of occupancy. Applicants must complete the Housing Application, FAMU Student Housing Agreement and Student Housing Agreement Confirmation Form that details the terms and conditions of occupancy. Applicants may complete and submit the FAMU Student Housing Agreement online to expedite the room assignment process.

(b) Other (non-FAMU) students: Applicant must be enrolled in programs sanctioned or approved by the University. Non-FAMU students are considered for room assignments on a space availability basis for limited periods of time.

(c) Non-student University-related groups participating in special programs (seminars, workshops, camps, etc.) may reside in University residential facilities on a space availability basis for limited periods of time.

(4) **On-Campus Residency Requirement**

(a) All First Time in College (FTIC) students shall reside in a University owned or leased residential facility, **based on space availability**, for the first academic year of enrollment unless approved for an exception.

i. A FTIC student is defined as a student when first admitted to FAMU is under the age of twenty-one (21) prior to the first day of classes with fewer than thirty (30) semester hours recognized by ~~Florida A&M University~~FAMU and/or has resided in University residential facilities for less than two (2) semesters.

ii. College credits earned prior to high school graduation—regardless of the delivery method or accelerated program (e.g., AP, IB, AICE, dual enrollment, career academies, industry certifications, or virtual courses)—cannot be used to qualify for an exemption from the On-Campus Residency Requirement~~College credits earned during high school completion through accelerated mechanisms such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Advanced International Certificate of Education, dual enrollment courses, career academy courses, national industry certification courses, as well as course offerings through virtual instruction, will not be counted towards an exemption from the On-Campus Residency Requirement~~.

(b) All FTIC student athletes shall reside on campus during the first two (2) academic years of enrollment.

(c) All full University scholarship recipients shall reside on campus during the first two (2) academic years of enrollment. Full University scholarship recipients are students who receive the Life Gets Better Scholarship, Distinguished Scholars Award, and Adopted High School Scholarship.

(d) Pathways to Success, formerly known as, Access Summer Bridge Program and Center for Disability Access Resources (CeDAR) ART Program participants shall live in University residential facilities for the first two (2) academic years of enrollment.

(e) For purposes of this section, the following are University residential facilities: Non-traditional residential halls: Rattler Pointe, Palmetto South Apartments, Phase III Apartments and Traditional facilities: Polkinghorne Village, FAMU Towers, Sampson Hall, Venom Landing and Young Hall.

(f) Regulation 2.026 requires all students living in traditional University residence halls to join a mandatory student meal plan.

(5) **Exemptions from the On-Campus Residency Requirement**

An exemption from the On-Campus Residency Requirement may be granted for:

(a) Students who graduated from a high school within thirty-five (35) miles of the University's Tallahassee campus;

(b) Married students;

(c) Students with a dependent child or children;

(d) Students twenty-one (21) years of age or older prior to the first day of classes;

(e) Students who are military veterans that served on active duty for at least twelve (12) months or students currently serving on active military duty;

(f) ~~Students, on a case-by-case basis, exempted~~ good cause as determined by the President or President's designee. ~~provided there is good cause shown by the student~~.

To request an exemption, students must complete and submit an exemption request form available on the Office of University Housing (Housing Office) website or located in the Housing main office, located in the CASS Building, 1735 Althea Gibson Way, Suite 303, Tallahassee, FL 32307.

(6) **Assistance Animals in Residential Facilities**

(a) The University's Animals on Campus Policy ~~Florida A&M University~~ recognizes the need for assistance animals in facilitating the independence of some individuals with certain disabilities. This subsection outlines how a request for assistance animals as a reasonable accommodation ~~from the no-animal policy applicable to~~in University residential facilities is submitted and the expectations thereof.

(b) Service Animals

i. In accordance with the Fair Housing Act, (FHA) section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); an assistance animal is defined as any animal that works, provides assistance, or performs tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, or provides emotional support that alleviates one or more identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability.

ii. Assistance animals perform many disability-related functions including, but not limited to, guiding a person who is visually impaired or blind, alerting a person who is deaf or hard of hearing, pulling a wheelchair, assisting with mobility or balance, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, retrieving objects, or providing emotional support to persons with disabilities who have a disability-related need for such support.

iii. This process does not apply to service animals as defined by Title II of the American Disabilities Act (ADA, which are allowed in other non-residential facilities. Notification of a service animal should be provided to the (CeDAR~~)~~.

(c) Request for Emotional Support Animal

i. An Emotional Support Animal (ESA) is viewed as a reasonable accommodation in a housing unit that has a no pet policy for its residents under the ~~Fair Housing Act (~~FHA~~)~~. Residence halls are considered a part of the FHA. ESAs provide a measure of support and comfort to individuals with qualifying disabilities **and** are a prescribed part of therapy for emotional and psychological disabilities and serve to alleviate symptoms of the disability.

ii. ESAs are often mistaken for Service Animals. ESAs are not considered service animals under the ADA. ESAs provide companionship, relieve loneliness, and can help to reduce symptoms of psychiatric disabilities and mental impairments, such as depression, anxiety, and certain phobias; however, unlike service animals, ESAs do **not** have special training to perform specific tasks that assist people with disabilities. **Therefore, ESAs are allowed in residence halls but are restricted to a student's assigned room and can only leave for nature breaks. ESAs are not allowed in classrooms, campus buildings, common rooms or other areas in the residence halls, or campus events.** ESAs must ***be under the full control of their owner at all times,*** cannot be left alone overnight, and cannot be cared for by another student.

iii. All requests for an ESA must be submitted in writing to CeDAR located at 1735 Althea Gibson Way, Suite 102, Tallahassee, FL 32307, telephone number (850) 599-3180, to register as a student with a documented disability. All supporting documentation must be submitted to CeDAR

before a reasonable accommodation request is reviewed in accordance with the schedule below.

1. Fall Semester – February 1 - Returning Students; June 1 - New students
2. Spring Semester – December 1 - New students applying to Housing for the first time
3. Summer Semester A/C – April 1
4. Summer Semester B - May 1

iv. CeDAR will review each request to determine if an ESA is reasonable. This determination is made on an individualized basis considering whether:

1. The person has a documented disability; and
2. The person making the request has a disability related need for an ESA.

v. A basis for denial is:

1. The person does not have a documented disability;
2. The person making the request does not have a disability related need for an ESA;
3. The specific ESA in question poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others that cannot be eliminated or reduced by another reasonable accommodation; or
4. The specific ESA would cause substantial physical damage to the property of others that cannot be reduced or eliminated by another reasonable accommodation.

vi. CeDAR will inform the student and the ~~Office of University~~ Housing Office of its determination in writing to the student's University issued email address or permanent address as listed in iRattler.

1. If the student's request is denied, the ~~decision~~ student may appeal the decision using the Non-Discrimination Policy and Complaint Procedure found in University Regulation 10.103.
2. If the student's request is granted, the ~~Office of University~~ Housing Office and CeDAR will jointly determine how to provide accommodations in accordance thereof. The student is required to

sign the Emotional Support Animal Agreement prior to moving into the residence hall.

(d) Expectations of Emotional Support Animals

Students with ESAs are fully responsible for their animal at all times. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in the removal of the animal.

Expectations include, but are not limited to:

i. The student must be in full control of the ESA. ESAs must be harnessed, leashed, crated, caged or tethered, unless the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls;

ii. ESAs must be vaccinated in accordance with local and state authority and the University's Animals on Campus Policy and, if appropriate, wear a valid vaccination tag;

iii. The student must ensure the ESA is clean and housebroken, and ensure the sanitary disposal of animal waste;

iv. The student is responsible for any property damage caused by the ESA; and

v. The student is responsible for the appropriate management of the ESA in all University facilities. Disruptive and/or aggressive behavior on the part of the animal may result in removal of the animal from the University residential ~~facility~~hall and/or rescission of the Emotional Support Animal Agreement.

(5) **Rent Collections**

All rent for housing facilities is due and payable in accordance with University Regulation 3.009, Payment of Fees.

(6) **Residence Life Rules**

Residence Life rules are listed in the Office of University Housing Guide ~~T~~to Residence Living Handbook. The Handbook and rules peculiar to specific areas are issued to residents upon occupancy and may be obtained from the Housing Website. Residents may assist in the development of other rules as necessary.

All students must comply with Regulation 2.012 (Student Code of Conduct), which supersedes all residence life rules.

(7) **Guests and Visitation**

Visitation is permitted in University residential ~~facilities~~ halls in specific areas and in accordance with the ~~restrictions~~ requirements below.

(a) Residents and guests shall abide by all Housing and University regulations, policies, and rules ~~and~~ as well as city, county, state and federal laws. Residents ~~are to~~shall immediately notify the Housing Staff and/or Department of Campus Safety and Security in the event of violations of Housing and University regulations, policies, and rules and/or city, county, state, or federal laws.

(b) All residents in the University residential ~~facilities~~halls are responsible for and may be held accountable for the behavior of their guest(s). It is the resident's responsibility to inform their guest(s) of the applicable Housing and University regulations, and rules.

(c) Overnight guests and co-habitation are strictly prohibited.

(d) The privilege of visitation may be revoked for individuals or residence units where housing regulations, policies, and/or rules are violated.

(e) The disposition and sanctions arising from violations of this ~~r~~Regulation shall be governed by the applicable provisions set forth in University Regulation 2.012 Student Code of Conduct and the Office of University Guide to Residence Living ~~Housing Handbook~~, existing or hereinafter promulgated.

(8) The FAMU Student Housing Agreement, Student Housing Agreement Confirmation Form, and Office of University Housing Guide to Residence Living, ~~Handbook~~ , Housing Online Application are incorporated herein by this reference. A copy of these materials may be obtained from the ~~Office of University~~ Housing Office and the Housing website.

(9) Any deviations from the procedures as noted in the above sections must be approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

(10) The President or President's designee may appoint a committee to review and recommend revisions to the Residence Life rules as necessary.

(11) The Director of Housing may institute additional written guidelines and/or procedures governing the operations of University Housing ~~provided the guidelines and/or procedures are in writing and have been~~ approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs or ~~his/her~~their designee. All students must be properly notified in writing prior to the implementation of any new procedures and/or guidelines. Publications shall be made

through the Office of University Housing Guide To Residence Living ~~Handbook~~ website and official FAMU communications, which shall be updated on an annual basis by a committee appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs ~~or his/h~~ertheir designee.

Specific Authority: Article IX, Section 7(c), Florida Constitution, BOG Regulation 1.001. History: New June 29, 2006; Amended May 12, 2011; Amended May 13, 2013; Amended March 6, 2014; Amended October 28, 2014; Amended July 30, 2020' Amended March 30, 2023; September-xx-2026.