

ABLE House Rules

1. All members of the Able House must stay clean and sober.
2. Any member who enters the Able House either drunk or high on drugs will be dismissed immediately. A member who is suspected of using drugs or alcohol can be confronted by any other member. The House Manager will administer a urine test to the suspected member. A Special Meeting will be called by the House Manager where any evidence of non-sober or disruptive behavior will be discussed. In order for a dismissal vote to be conducted there must be more than half the members present, and the majority of 75% will rule in the dismissal of the member. The dismissed member will leave the morning following the dismissal vote.
3. New members will be evaluated by the membership. Any new member must be sober and able to pay his rent and fees. In addition he must be respectable, accountable and dependable in order to be considered for membership.
4. All members must attend the weekly House Meeting. The day and time of the House Meeting will be determined by a majority vote of the members. Operational issues will be the main topic of each meeting. In addition, any issues of concern to any member will be discussed and a plan will be made to resolve the issue promptly (before the next Weekly Meeting). The smoother the Able House is run, the shorter the meetings will be.
5. The Able House is a self-governing community of men who operate on a democratic basis. Each member has one vote. In addition there will be officers who perform specific functions in the House but retain one vote as a member.
6. Any rent or fees will be paid in advance. There is a Sobriety Deposit of 2 weeks rent or \$250. The Sobriety Deposit is non-refundable. Members must give a minimum of two weeks' notice before leaving, at which time his Sobriety Deposit will become his last 2 weeks rent. Should a member be dismissed, the Sobriety Deposit will be forfeited and not refunded. There is a Key Deposit of \$50, which will be refunded when the member's room and house keys are returned and the House Manager inspects the vacated room.
7. Members will keep their rooms and your bodies clean and sanitary.
8. Overnight visitors are allowed either Friday or Saturday, not both.
9. No smoking anywhere in the building.
10. No violence or threats of violence.
11. No furniture brought in without permission or recorded by the House Manager.
12. All clothes and beddings may be treated in dryer at Participant's expense.
13. No noise heard outside of the room or in the yard, and no radio, stereo or TV played loudly.
14. No loud arguments, fights, disturbances or disrespectful comments to members and guests.
15. No prostitution, drug dealing, gambling, stealing or other criminal activity.
16. No vandalism or other damage to the individual room, common areas or any part of the building; members will be responsible for any damages to ABLE House.
17. All spills, stains, dirt or mess made by participant to be cleaned up immediately.
18. All clogged drains, leaking faucet, all insect, or other pest infestations and all damage to the property is to be reported to the House Manager immediately.
19. All rooms may be inspected weekly by House Manager.
20. House Manager has the right to enter Members' rooms without prior notice.
21. House Manager has the right to do random drug and alcohol testing at any time on any Member.
22. Inform House Manager if you are to be away overnight.
23. Everyone must complete weekly House chores in a timely fashion or pay a fine of \$10.00 to be paid to the member who actually did the chore.
24. Attend mandatory House meetings. Work is the only excuse not to attend.
25. 10:00 PM is the designated quiet time and the time for all guests to leave the house.

ABLE House Financial Agreement

186 St James Ave., 186 Bowdoin St.

Springfield, MA 01109

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ABLE HOUSE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

Resident: _____

Admission Date: _____

Residence Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

- The Able House fees are \$_____.

Fees include housing and utilities. Due by Sunday of each week or the 1st of the month.

Additional charges for excessive or additional utility cost may apply and will be prorated among residents.

- I understand that there is a Security Deposit of: \$_____ Key fee of \$50.

- I understand that I can be refunded this deposit when I leave if:

1. I am paid up to date
2. on my own accord (not being discharged)
3. with two (2) weeks' notice,
4. and with no damage to the ABLE House.

- I understand that I may pay fees on a weekly or a monthly basis.
- I understand that the period is Sunday to Saturday, and that I must pay a week ahead.

In acceptance of the FINANCIAL AGREEMENT with the ABLE House I agree that to qualify for The Able House, I _____ X _____ (Initial Here) must adhere to the attached Rules and Regulations and make my scheduled payments when due.

I further understand that failure to make payments when due may result in my discharge from ABLE House Residence.

Any unpaid account balance at the time of discharge is subject to the cost of collections and lawyers' fees if required.