

Living Agreement

This Residential Living Agreement is entered into on _____, by and between Providence Women LLC, d/b/a Providence Women (hereinafter "Providence Women") and _____ (hereinafter "Resident"), and shall govern Resident's living and participation in the sober living community known as Providence Women, at 240 Sherwood St, Portland, Maine.

We are becoming women of strength, dignity and peace. As such, we conduct ourselves with joy, modesty and decorum.

1. Zero Tolerance Policy Concerning Use of Drugs and Alcohol – While living at Providence Women, Resident is to remain clean and sober at all times, and shall refrain from the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or prescription drugs for which she does not have a valid prescription. Drug Paraphernalia, misuse of prescriptions, and any item from the Dark Web, such as Kratom or Spice, etc. constitutes a violation of this rule. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate termination of the Resident's tenancy. If you want to use, we would prefer you let us know beforehand, then leave. Do NOT take anyone else out with you.

2. Resident agrees that she shall be subject to a drug test, Breathalyzer test and room search upon move-in and randomly thereafter. Any refusal will result in immediate termination of the Resident's tenancy. There is a two-hour time limit to produce a urine sample. Note: Resident agrees not to consume Kombucha or poppy seeds, alcohol-based mouthwash, etc.

3. All medications to be taken by the Resident must be pre-approved by Providence Women. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate termination of the Resident's tenancy.

4. The first thirty (30) days of residency at Providence Women is a probationary and orientation period. During that initial 30-day period, Resident shall be required to:

- Join a Home Group and be active in that Home Group.
- Obtain a qualified Sponsor and be actively working the 12-steps of Alcoholics Anonymous out of the Big Book with that Sponsor.
- Secure employment or be in school at least 32 hours/wk (max 45) or be active in at least 24 hrs/wk of ongoing volunteer work.
- Abide by a 10 p.m. curfew each night. Resident must be on the grounds between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. and may be outside in the smoking area at any time. It is understood that this is not a time to rendezvous with non-residents. New romantic/sexual engagements are grounds for discharge. See # 7, below.

The Resident's progress will be evaluated at 30 days to determine if continued residency is appropriate.

5. The Resident is required to attend a minimum of four 12-step Recovery Meetings per week (AA/NA/CA etc.) during her tenancy - on four separate days of the week, fully clothed and attentive to the speaker. At least two of those meetings must be Women's Meetings. One of these meetings will be her Home Group.

6. Each Resident must attend the weekly 6:00 Thursday night dinner and House Meeting afterwards ("Ladies' Night In"). There will also be two or three required Recovery-centered in-house meetings per week, though with a choice of times.

7. Resident agrees to not become involved in any new romantic or sexual relationship. So you will not be on any online dating site, or "advertising" yourself in provocative photos on social media. We do not forbid speaking with men (or women). But as women growing in strength, dignity and peace, we invite you to observe your own motives.

If you have an ongoing, healthy relationship, you revealed that on your application and we note it here: _____ . Behavior with that individual will remain mature and appropriate given the setting. For instance, you will not be making out in parked cars on side streets, or flaunting any behavior in front of housemates.

If you have been romantically or sexually involved with any current resident of the house, we are able to accept you after that person moves out, but not currently.

Any romantic or sexual involvement with a current resident is a severe breach of trust and purpose, and is in extreme violation of the Living Agreement and grounds for immediate discharge.

8. No men or children are allowed on the grounds or in the house. We applaud your efforts toward family reunification. However, we do not have the facilities for that onsite.

Women visitors are limited to those pre-approved in a role related to Recovery. They may be present on the grounds, on the first floor, or in the Prayer/Meditation room, and may use the first floor half bathroom.

9. Disruptive Behavior by the Resident will not be tolerated and will result in immediate termination of the Resident's tenancy. Disruptive behavior includes, and is not limited to, the following: Physical or verbal abuse/violence. Destruction of property. Disrespect to other house members. Lying, dishonesty or theft. Resident will be held legally and financially responsible for damage to persons and property.

10. For choices of behavior in violation of the Living Agreement, but not severe enough to necessitate discharge, we use a verbal and written warning system. Resident is not to accrue more than 2 written warnings during her stay. After two written warnings, she will be placed on Contract. Violation (#3) will result in termination of her residency.

11. Fees. In connection with Resident's application to live and reside at Providence Women, there shall be no fees charged for the sober living program provided to the Resident by Providence Women. Instead, Resident's payment of her proportionate share of rent owed shall entitle her to live at Providence Women and to participate in all aspects of its sober living program. Resident shall be required to pay \$750 per month, on the first of the month, to Providence Women as her proportionate share of the rent. The amount of Resident's rental obligation may be increased or decreased by Providence Women upon (30) days advance notice.

Resident's failure to pay said rental obligation within a reasonable period of 5 days, may result in termination of Resident's tenancy.

Resident will also pay a one-time non-refundable Move-In Fee of \$100, and a Security Deposit of \$400. The Security Deposit is refundable if all rent and damages are paid, and proper move out notice has been given.

See # 17 & 18.

12. Each Resident is required to do a scheduled chore shift each week as assigned ("VIP"). This includes the daily cleaning of house common areas, various deep cleaning chores, and Thursday night dinner prep.

13. The Resident is required to be up and have her bed made by 9 am Monday through Friday, and to maintain a reasonable level of cleanliness in her room and around the house. Each Resident must keep her bed made when not in it.

14. No tobacco chewing or smoking of anything (including vaporizers) in the house. Smoking, chewing or vaping is allowed outside only in the designated area (green fenced-in deck.) No candles, incense, smudging or fires of any kind are allowed inside or outside the house.

15. Please be respectful of the house and furnishings. Pictures, etc. may be hung on bulletin boards only, not on walls, etc. Eating/ drinking is to be contained to Kitchen and Dining Room, or outside on the back decks, not anywhere else. This includes coffee. Bottled water (only) is allowed in a resident's room.

Appropriate, modest clothing must be worn at all times. Sunbathing (for the purpose of tanning, not attracting attention) is allowed in the BACK yard as long as the clothing does not include thongs, string bikinis, etc. You are becoming a woman of strength, dignity and peace. You are not advertising yourself by your looks to attract people only interested in your body.

Resident may have a laptop computer and phone, and clothing appropriate for the season. (We do provide a house Chromebook and an phone for house use if need be.) Resident will not bring in any furniture, television, stereo system, etc, or all her possessions. There is only limited storage space in each bedroom, and none elsewhere. An exception may be made for a woman coming straight here from lockup. If she has no other place to store her TV, it can be locked in the basement. Note: as outlined in the application, we have wireless internet available for the residents, and an occasional movie, but no television.

All items (except lotions, etc.) will be run through the bug zapper, to keep the house pest-free.

16. Resident shall be eligible to apply for an outside overnight after 30 days. All requirements must be fulfilled in provision #4, and the Resident must be actively working step 9 to have this privilege considered.

17. Consistent with Providence Women financial policy, to receive the Security Deposit back, Resident is required to live here for a minimum of 3 months, and to give thirty (30) days written notice before moving out.

18. Consistent with Providence Place financial policy, Resident is entitled to a refund of Rent/Security Deposit only in excess of 30 days rent, if her behavior (especially in regard to provisions outlined in this Residential Living Agreement) causes her discharge. This is consistent with #17, the requirement to provide a 30 day notice before moving out.

19. Assumption of Risk, Release & Indemnification. Resident agrees to assume and accept all risks arising out of, associated with or related to Resident's participation in Providence Women sober program and residence at 240 Sherwood St. in Portland, Maine (the "Premises") including but not limited to those risks which may have been caused in whole or part by the negligent actions or omissions of Providence Women or its agents. Providence Women and its agents shall NOT be liable for any damages or injury of or to the person or property of the Resident, Resident's family, guests, invitees or agents entering the premises at 240 Sherwood St. in Portland or the building of which said premises are part (the "Premises") – including but not limited to damage or injury (to person or property) caused in whole or in part by the negligent actions or omissions of Providence Women or its agents – unless such damage or injury is proximately caused by the reckless or intentional misconduct of Providence Women or its agents. Resident hereby releases Providence Women and its agents from all such liability, and further agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Providence Women and its agents harmless from any and all claim or assertions of damage or injury to the person or property of Resident occurring on or about the Premises, with the sole exception of claims for damage or injury proximately caused by reckless or intentional misconduct of Providence Women or its agents.

20. Resident's Move-in date shall be _____ .

21. Payment arrangements are as follows:

SEEN AND AGREED TO BY:

Providence Women _____

Title _____ Dated _____

Resident _____ Dated _____