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The University of New Hampshire and the Town of Durham share common values and standards. Each is committed to creating a positive social environment for its members and to enhancing the welfare of all. The university's location within the Town of Durham creates a special relationship that requires mutual respect, open and continuous communication, and the fulfillment of civic responsibilities by community members. We are collectively committed to cooperation in the resolution of mutual problems.

Civic Standards of the University of New Hampshire and the Town of Durham

A sound community is based on the principles of respect for individual integrity, respect for individual rights, responsible stewardship in the care of the physical environment, respect for law, and cooperation and service. All members of the community should make a conscientious effort to live by the following standards based on these principles..

Respect for Community

Community members show respect for the integrity and worth of all persons. Such respect requires one to:

- Act in ways that are constructive, honest, and considerate
- Value basic civil rights as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.
- Accept persons whose race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status, marital status or age may differ from one's own.

Respect for Environment

Community members value and protect our natural and physical environment. Respect should be exhibited not only in the downtown area but in residential neighborhoods as well. Young children, working older adults and elderly residents need quiet time and deserve a peaceful quality of life. Respect for the environment also means placing trash in containers and taking a moment to pick up and dispose litter.

Respect for Law and University Policy

Community members abide by the policies of the University of New Hampshire as applicable, and obey the laws of the Town of Durham, the State of New Hampshire, and the United States of

America. They accept accountability for their individual actions. Special emphasis should be placed on obeying laws and policies regarding:

- The sale, purchase, and consumption of alcoholic beverages;
- The sale and/or use of illicit drugs;
- Violent, indecent or disruptive behavior including sexual and domestic violence and harassment;
- Landlord-tenant contractual relationships; and
- The protection of public and private property.

It is the intention of the University and the Town of Durham to treat all members of the community with fairness, dignity, and respect. We are collectively committed to addressing violations of law and University policy in a timely, predictable, meaningful and consistent manner.

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