



Five or More Boston's Zoning Code

Limits Off Campus Housing



Ensuring Safe & Sanitary Housing For all Boston Residents



Zoning Code

On March 13, 2008 an amendment to the City of Boston's Zoning Code regulating off campus student housing went into effect. This amendment provides *a group of five or more students sharing an apartment, single family house or any other dwelling unit, is a violation of the Zoning Code. (Student is defined as a full-time undergraduate at a post secondary educational institution.)*

University Accountability Requirement (UAR)

In accordance with University Accountability Ordinance (UAR) all secondary schools operating in the City of Boston must submit a report containing the total number of students residing in off-campus units and enrollment status. The data must also include: the students address including unit number and zip code. Units believed to be occupied by more than four undergraduate students will be subject to an inspection.

Compliance inspections will include but are not limited to the following:

- Rental property owners must register their rental units with the City of Boston, Rental Registration Program.
- Property owners (who do not reside in the building) must post their contact information (name, address, telephone number) in the common hallway.
- Rental units must be equipped with working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Units must be clean, sanitary and free from conditions which may endanger the health, safety and wellbeing of an occupant or the general public.
- Property owners are responsible for compliance, violations will be issued against the property owner.