

Outline of Testimony by Division of Student Affairs

I. Introduction

A. Overview of responsibilities relating to off-campus housing

Howard University houses 4,600 students in the ten (10) residence halls on the campus and the three (3) residence halls located off campus. There are approximately seventy-two (72) students residing in the contiguous areas, of LeDroit Park, Bloomingdale, and Pleasant Plains, with two hundred-seven (207) in the 20001 zip code.

The University assumes oversight responsibilities for all students, to include those residing off campus. Students are expected to abide by the same rules, policies and protocols that govern students who reside in the residence halls and are held accountable for any behaviors that violate student conduct as explicated in the HBook and the Student Code of Conduct.

B. Background on types of issues received

The University is in receipt of issues relating to noise and disorderly conduct stemming from loud house parties.

C. Responses of the University to complaints received

The Department of Public Safety responds to the house parties by closing the parties and dispersing the students.

A community complaint form was created so that those persons from the community, directed affected by the noise are able to report violations of behavior to this office.

Complaints received will be reviewed and appropriate disciplinary actions taken, in keeping with the Student Code of Conduct.

Proactively, a letter has been developed that will be given to all students who reside off campus, apprising them of the expected behavior and the resultant consequences.

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 11-15
EXHIBIT NO. 70

II. Development of future off-campus housing infrastructure

A. Off-campus housing policy as found in Code of Conduct

The Student Code of Conduct does not explicitly have an off-campus housing policy. However, the behaviors are subsumed under the policies that apply to student behavior, both on and off campus.

B. Creation of off-campus student inventory

The University maintains an inventory of students who reside off-Campus, as well as a web-based off-campus housing service.

C. Development of a crisis management plan

A crisis management plan has been developed that will address complaints from the community. A Risk Assessment Plan with protocols will address students who live off campus.

D. Cooperative planning with community around activities that promote wholesome relationships between students and community residents.

A committee of community and university members will be convened to plan activities that capture the interest of students, strengthen the town/gown relationship and benefit all parties.

E. Establishment of a website for use by community and students living off-campus

A web-site for this office is under construction that will include information re off-campus housing policies vis a vis the Student Code of Conduct.

III. Conclusion