

Bower House Constitution

Preamble

We the members of Bower House Cooperative, in order to form a sustainable and just cooperative recognize that it is necessary:

1. **A.** To promote a clear awareness to the membership of their responsibilities and obligations towards the house and surrounding ecosystems; furthermore
2. **B.** To ensure that said responsibilities and obligations are discharged in a manner efficient, practical, and harmonious; also
3. **C.** To maintain Bower House financially and physically in the soundest possible condition; moreover
4. **D.** To protect the individuals, living in the house, of minority opinion from harsh and unjust rules;

Hereby create this constitution to govern over the Bower House Cooperative:

Article I: Definitions

1. **A.** 'Constitution' shall refer to this document in its entirety.
2. **B.** 'Bower House Cooperative,' 'Bower House,' 'Bower,' and 'house' shall be defined as the building located on the property: 127 Whitehills Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823.
3. **C.** 'Student Housing Cooperative,' and 'SHC' shall refer to the body that owns the Bower House Cooperative.
4. **D.** A 'member' is any person who has ever held a valid contract with Bower House Cooperative.
5. **E.** An 'active member,' or 'house member' is any member currently living in Bower House privy to the following conditions:
 1. **1.** Has a valid contract with SHC.
 2. **2.** Is currently in good financial standing with SHC.
6. **F.** A 'guest' is anyone staying at Bower House for any length of time without having signed a contract.
7. **G.** 'Active membership,' or 'membership' is the total number of individuals who are active members, or the entire group of active members.
8. **H.** A 'house meeting' shall be defined as a congregation of house members assembled to transact business pertaining to the internal operation of Bower House subject to the rules and regulations set forth by this constitution.
9. **I.** The 'constitutional addendum,' or 'addendum' will be where passed rules and regulations will be placed. The addendum is not apart of the constitution, but a supplement to it.
10. **J.** 'Meat' will be defined as an animal byproduct that is typically derived from the death of that animal.
11. **K.** The term 'personal living space' is defined as the individual room that an active member lives in.
12. **L.** A 'common room' shall be defined as any room that is not an active member's personal living space.

13. **M.** An 'Ecosystem' is a synthesis of all flora, fauna, and biological processes that interact with and are affected by membership of Bower house.

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