

# REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTS AT THE CITY OF 10,000 BUDDHAS

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The following regulations are established to assist residents' cultivation and to further their moral and spiritual development, to preserve harmony and wholesomeness in the community, to show respect to the City grounds, to avoid hindering the study and practice of other residents, as well as to avoid fire hazards and personal injury. These regulations are not meant to be oppressive nor inflexible, but they are set forth with seriousness and it is expected that they will be followed with serious intent. Residents of the City of 10,000 Buddhas (CTTB) who do not follow these regulations may be required to leave the City.

## < PERSONAL CONDUCT >

1. All residents must follow the Six Guidelines of CTTB: (1) no fighting, (2) no greed, (3) no seeking, (4) no selfishness, (5) no self-benefit, and (6) no lying.
2. To develop compassion and out of respect for life, everyone must maintain a vegetarian diet and refrain from killing at CTTB. Also no meat (including eggs) is allowed on campus. Firearms or weapons of any sort, fireworks or other flammable materials, or anything else which may cause harm is strictly prohibited.
3. To develop inherent wisdom, do not bring or consume drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and the five pungent plants: garlic, chives, leeks, onions, and shallots in CTTB. Gambling, dancing or keeping improper reading, pictures, music and video is not permitted on campus.
4. To allow residents to focus on their spiritual practice, attire must always be neat, modest, and not revealing and residents must not have emotional relationships or sexual conduct with each other. Interactions between men and women should be minimized and limited to CTTB business matters. Also men may not enter women's residences or surrounding grounds and women may not enter men's residences or surrounding grounds (except when absolutely necessary for CTTB business matters).
5. While in residence at the City of 10,000 Buddhas, whether on or off the grounds, residents are expected to always act in a responsible manner and to conduct themselves in accordance with the goals and regulations of the City of 10,000 Buddhas, Dharma Realm Buddhist University and schools.
6. All residents and guests, both Sangha and laity, must be registered at the Administration Office so that housing may be assigned to them. Visitors may be subject to a housing fee that may or may not include meals. Sleeping outside on the grounds or in vehicles is not permitted. The City of 10,000 Buddhas reserves the right to inspect baggage of residents and guests when they arrive and when they depart.
7. No pets are allowed on the grounds except for guide dogs for the blind.
8. All residents, both Sangha and laity must request permission before leaving the grounds overnight or the Ukiah area. The request should be directed to their designated supervisor and include their destination, time of departure and time of return. This is to be done at least two days in advance of a planned trip. No one may leave without previous approval. Laity must get permission before driving any monk, nun or student off the grounds.
9. Each automobile must be parked in its designated spot. No overnight parking is permitted in front of or adjacent to the north side of the Administration Building. For the sake of maintaining a quiet, safe, smog-free atmosphere, automobile traffic should be minimized. A 15 mile per hour speed limit is in force at all times throughout the grounds. Motorcycles are prohibited on campus.
10. The City of 10,000 Buddhas, Dharma Realm Buddhist University and schools cannot accept responsibility for the lost or stolen property of residents.
11. No one may teach classes, act as a spiritual advisor, or tutor without permission from the Education Committee.
12. All overseas visitors (including those of student status) staying at a DRBA branch temple or the CTTB for more than three days **must have personal accident and catastrophic health insurance. The insurance should cover the length of stay at the temple.**
13. Any minor (person under the age of 18) wishing to stay at and/or attend school at the CTTB must have medical and accident insurance, as well as a letter of agreement signed by **both parents**. (The legal guardian will sign the letter of agreement for minors who have no parents or only a single parent.)

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14. Except in special circumstances, all residents of the City of 10,000 Buddhas are required to attend the following schedule: *Morning Recitation* (4 -5 am), *Meal Offering & Three Refuges* (10:30 am -12:00 pm), *Evening Recitation* (6:30-7:30 pm), *Lecture* (7:30 - 9 pm).

Residents are also encouraged to attend special ceremonies: weekend ceremonies, 7-day retreats, and some special sessions. (You can get a detailed schedule from the Administration Office.)

The City of 10,000 Buddhas is a center for proper cultivation. If you are not willing to follow the schedule of the Buddha Hall, you should move out and find some better place to stay. People who are not able to attend the schedule should have a valid reason and should request their absence in advance. Children of all ages, including students, are encouraged to attend all these activities.

15. It is one of the basic responsibilities of the residents to participate in the City's community work. You are encouraged to join the work with the other residents when necessary.

### <HOUSING RULES>

1. All residents are required to live in the housing provided. Under certain circumstance, the CTTB administration may reassign residents to different housing. Any arrangements for off-campus housing for students must be approved by the City of 10,000 Buddhas or Dharma Realm Buddhist University, or schools.
2. All residence fees must be paid in full, and all past-due bills must be paid before a room or residence is occupied. Students' residence fees cover only the time when classes are in session. Other arrangements must be made for term and vacation breaks. A student who remains in the residence halls when classes are not in session will be charged a daily room fee or room and board fee. Residence fees are subject to change at the beginning of each term for students and at the beginning of each month for other residents.
3. Residents are required to live in their assigned rooms only, and they are responsible for keeping their dwelling places clean and neat. Rooms are subject to inspection. No screws, nails, tape or the like may be used on the walls or other surfaces of the rooms, and furniture must remain in the rooms in which it was originally placed unless permission to move it is obtained from the residence hall supervisor.
4. To maintain the monastic environment, residents (excluding family members) should avoid entering each others rooms.
5. An atmosphere of study and contemplation must be maintained in all residences. No radio, stereos, VCRs, televisions or private access to the Internet are permitted at the City of 10,000 Buddhas.
6. No cooking is allowed in the residences unless the residential unit is provided with a kitchen. Food and cooking utensils are not to be taken at any time from the kitchen or dining halls. Residents eating with the assembly are expected to arrange their schedules so that they eat during the hours when the dining rooms are open. Everyone must abide by the dining hall rules. Cooking Chinese herb medicine should be at a designated area.
7. Electrical appliances including irons, toasters, heaters (except when special permission is granted), hot plates, rice-cookers, microwave, refrigerators and so forth, as well as candles, kerosene or oil lamps, incense, and other flammable materials may not, due to fire hazard, be used in individual rooms.

**I have read and I understand the above regulations and agree to abide by these and other related regulations of the City of 10,000 Buddhas, Dharma Realm Buddhist University and schools.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Room Assignment \_\_\_\_\_