

FRATERNAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to the FHA Newsletter for February 2020! You have been identified as being an instrumental leader and/or staff member in the world of Greek Housing. FHA's mission is: "To provide educational and other support services for the professional development of its members whose primary area of responsibility is the ownership, management, finance, consultation or oversight of real estate/property and promotes the values and success of the fraternal movement." We are growing our communication efforts and hope that you will pass this on to any of your housing colleagues who we may have missed. In addition, we hope you will consider joining us at our annual conference and share this information with your organization. We look forward to a great 2020 in housing!

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SAVE THE DATE!

It was great to see everyone in San Antonio, TX last September. We had a wonderful group of both men's and women's housing professionals along with an elite assembly of business partners. Some topics included the state of legal battles involving right to exist, university recognition and city zoning ordinances, insurance & risk management, enrollment trends and occupancy and alcohol-free housing. Many strategic conversations provided for an opportunity for sharing and brainstorming that is unique and specifically for staff that handle the day to day housing issues for their organizations. As the conference continues to grow, the goal is for someone from every Greek organization, both men's and women's, who have housing on college campuses to attend. The next conference will be September 20th -23rd, 2020



at The Guesthouse at Graceland in Memphis, TN. Further information will be distributed for attendees and business partners shortly. We hope to see you there.

The Guesthouse at Graceland
3600 Elvis Presley Blvd.
Memphis, TN 38116



<https://guesthousegraceland.com/>

Photos courtesy of The Guesthouse at Graceland

FRATERNAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION MEDIA REVIEW

HUD Guidelines regarding ESAs just released (January 28, 2020)

The Highlights:

- Confirming that one ESA is needed for a person.
- ESA must be a normal household, domesticated animal. If there is an exception to this, it needs to be clearly spelled out from the doctor why this is needed. This is the first time this has been stated, this is a big one.
- Confirming that if documentation was purchased, it is not valid.

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PA/documents/HUDAsstAnimalNC1-28-2020.pdf>

Indiana Court of Appeals Affirms Lower Court Ruling that Bloomington Zoning Ordinance is Unconstitutional (January 28, 2020).

The Highlights:

- The appellate court held "that the City, via its Ordinance, impermissibly delegated to Indiana University the authority to decide whether a group of people will be recognized or sanctioned as members of a fraternity or sorority for purposes of determining whether a property owner complies with the Ordinance, in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment.
- Bloomington has 45 days to petition the Indiana Supreme Court for review.
- This decision, in addition to the similar decision from a Pennsylvania court earlier this month, should help to convince other institutions/municipalities from developing zoning ordinances for fraternity/sorority residences that depend on chapter recognition from the University.

<https://www.in.gov/judiciary/opinions/pdf/01302001rrp.pdf>

U.S. District Court in Connecticut Grants Motion to Dismiss All Claims Against Yale Fraternities Attaching Single-Sex Membership (January 30, 2020).

The Highlights:

- 3 Yale students sued 9 fraternities and Yale University in response to alleged harassment, sexual assault and discrimination as they sought to force all-male fraternities to admit women.
- Judge cites exemption in the federal Title IX gender equality law in dismissing most of the suit and specifically dismissing claims against all fraternities.

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCOURTS-ctd-3_19-cv-00209/pdf/USCOURTS-ctd-3_19-cv-00209-0.pdf

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