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# **Member Bill of Dignity & Independence**

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## **Independent Living Program**

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### **Purpose**

This Independent Living Program is founded on the principles of **personal autonomy, dignity, responsibility, and ordinary civic participation.**

Members are adults who independently manage their lives while participating in a structured program that permits shared living access.

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### **1. Recognition as Independent Adults**

Members are recognized as autonomous adults capable of managing their daily affairs, personal schedules, employment, finances, and household coordination **without supervision or care.**

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### **2. Household Self-Governance**

Members collectively manage the shared household environment, including cleanliness, shared space use, and interpersonal norms.

The Program Owner **does not** manage the household, assign duties, supervise conduct, or intervene in daily living matters.

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### **3. Freedom from Institutional Treatment**

Members are **not** clients, patients, tenants, or residents of an institution.

No treatment, supervision, case management, monitoring, or daily living assistance is provided or implied.

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## 4. Civic Participation & Ordinary Life

Members retain full participation in ordinary civic and community life, including but not limited to:

- Employment
- Education
- Banking
- Voting
- Identification
- Community involvement

Participation in the Program does **not** restrict lawful personal activities.

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## 5. Personal Mail & Administrative Address Use

Members may receive personal mail as part of ordinary civic life.

Mail receipt is recognized solely as:

- A **personal identification and correspondence function**, and
- An **administrative acknowledgment of Program participation**

Mail access:

- Does **not** grant tenancy
- Does **not** create residency rights
- Does **not** establish exclusive possession
- Does **not** create a landlord-tenant relationship

The Program Owner does **not** manage, distribute, censor, or control member mail except where legally required.

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## 6. Privacy & Personal Responsibility

Members maintain privacy over their personal affairs.

The Program Owner does **not** monitor personal behavior, relationships, schedules, or communications.

Members are responsible for their own conduct and choices.

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## 7. Program Compliance Oversight Only

The Program Owner's role is strictly limited to **verifying compliance with Program participation conditions**.

The Program Owner does **not** manage daily life, household operations, or interpersonal matters.

Failure to meet Program conditions may affect Program participation but does **not** constitute eviction or tenancy enforcement.

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## 8. Respect & Non-Discrimination

Members are entitled to respect, dignity, and equal treatment.

Participation in this Program is not intended to stigmatize, segregate, or institutionalize any individual.

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## Affirmation

By participating in the Independent Living Program, Members affirm their independence, responsibility, and commitment to shared living based on mutual respect and self-governance.

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## Acknowledgment & Signatures

By signing below, the undersigned acknowledges that this document:

- Expresses Program principles and expectations
- Does **not** create a lease, tenancy, or housing rights
- Does **not** provide care, supervision, or services

- Does **not** alter the license-based nature of Program participation
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**Member Name (Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Program Name:** Independent Living Program

**Program Owner / Operator Representative (Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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