



GREEK PLOT RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of this policy is to establish standards for the Greek Walk Plots owned and controlled by Norfolk State University.

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DEFINITIONS

Council of Independent Organizations (CIO)- This council is the governing body and collective voice for independent Greek-letter organizations at Norfolk State University that operate outside of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).

Divine Nine - used to refer to the nine National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) organizations.

Drill Unit - a marching unit that performs routines based on military foot or exhibition drills

Fraternity – A men’s student Greek organizations characterized by a ritual, badge and strong ties to friendship and moral principles.

Greek - Any member of a Greek-letter organization.



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National Pan-Hellenic Council - the governing council for traditionally African American organizations, for both men and women. The council facilitates the activities of the member organizations and represents the system to the greater community.

Plot – A area approximately 500 square feet agreed upon by Student Activities and Facilities Management and made available to a fraternity or sorority for the sole purpose of modeling the site as an expression of its philosophy and identity.

Plot Area – Area including plot and five feet around plot.

Sorority - A women's student Greek organizations characterized by a ritual, badge and strong ties to friendship and moral principles.

CONTACT(S)

The Director of Student Activities & Leadership officially interprets this policy. The Vice President of Student Affairs is responsible for obtaining approval for any revisions as required by BOV Policy # 01 (2014) *Creating and Maintaining Policies* <https://www.nsu.edu/policy/bov-01.aspx> through the appropriate governance structures. Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Office of Student Activities & Leadership.

STAKEHOLDER(S)

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All members of the University community are governed by this policy to include faculty, staff, students, alumni, and visitors and others working on behalf of the University. All fraternities and sororities on university property are to comply with all applicable Virginia state statutes and university policies.

PROCEDURES:

1. Plot Guidelines

- a. Plots are designated for registered NPHC & CIO/Drill organizations on campus only.
- b. The NPHC & CIO/Drill organization is responsible for maintaining a level of cleanliness and safety. The NPHC & CIO/Drill organization is also required to keep the plot and surrounding area free of rubbish and debris.
- c. Plots will be inspected for cleanliness and safety. Use of the plot will be restricted if the area is not maintained.
- d. All trash and materials should be removed from the plot area after use.



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- e. NPHC & CIO/Drill Organizations must keep all materials out of danger; particularly if it hinders the use of grounds equipment or pedestrian egress.
- f. All non-emergency requests for maintenance should be submitted to the Work Management Center as an online maintenance request through the University's Facilities Management Request Site (TMA).
- g. No changes can be made to the structure or infrastructure of the plot without written approval from the University Space Utilization Advisory Committee.
- h. Visitors to your plot are subject to and must abide by the rules of the University. Violators may be asked to leave the campus.
- i. NPHC & CIO/Drill Organizations are not permitted to host large events or parties on the plot without approval of The Office of Student Activities & Leadership
- j. Large social gatherings of any kind are not permitted on the plots.
- k. Cookouts (gatherings that include grills, food, music, etc.) on the plots are strictly prohibited.
- l. NPHC & CIO/Drill Organizations are not allowed to park or drive vehicles on any areas around the plots.
- m. The University has the right to relocate plots based upon the University master plan.
- n. All plots are state property and as such no one is prohibited from sitting or standing in the designed area.
- o. The plots of organizations that have been removed from campus for more than two years may be removed and reassigned.

2. Construction on the Plot

- a. The construction, renovation, or demolition of structures on the plot requires complex decision making and communication from multiple University stakeholders. A review of this policy during the project planning and design phase will help to ensure that environmental health and safety considerations are not overlooked and can be addressed well in advance.
- b. The main priority in all construction, renovation, and demolition project activities are the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, the public, and protection of the environment.
- c. Prior to construction of any structure, organizations are required to submit construction drawings to Facilities Management and the Office of Student Activities & Leadership for review and approval. Construction drawings should include floor plans, elevations, and details on how it will be secured to the ground, renderings and any other necessary information to convey design intent.

3. Design Guidelines

- a. Structures should not block nor obstruct normal pedestrian circulation.
- b. Structures should not be placed in a given plot if the landscaping and maintenance requirements of plot cannot be met.



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- c. Structures should be placed within the plot area where it is not overwhelmed by nor competing with the scale of the plot or adjacent structures.
- d. Structures should not exceed 6 feet in height.
- e. All plot paint designs must be approved by the Office of Student Activities & Leadership.
- f. Plot designs must not include any negative content that contains violent or vulgar language (i.e. Bloody, Deadly, Guns, etc.)
- g. All plot and paint designs must adhere to the deadlines given by the by The Office of Student Activities & Leadership.

PUBLICATION

This policy will be published in the Policy Library on the NSU website and made available to all University Faculty, Staff and Students as requested or needed.

REVIEW SCHEDULE

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