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General House Regulations of the University of Zurich

(Dated 25 February 2010)¹

The Executive Board of the University of Zurich,

pursuant to § 31, para.2 of the University Act of the Canton of Zurich dated 15 March 1998², and § 56, para.3 of the Statutes of the University of Zurich dated 4 December 1998³.

resolves the following:

§ 1 Scope of Application

¹The University of Zurich's General House Regulations apply to all buildings and grounds of the University of Zurich.

²As a complement to the General House Regulations, additional house regulations or other provisions containing further rules may be issued for individual buildings and grounds of the University. The principles in the General House Regulations serve as the basis for additional house regulations.

§ 2 Objective

The purpose of the General House Regulations is to ensure that the University's declared goals and responsibilities in research, teaching, and services, as well as at events, can be fulfilled without let or hindrance. In particular, safety and orderly conduct are to be ensured, and damage to the University of Zurich and its property prevented.

§ 3 Publication of opening hours of public areas

The opening hours of public areas are published on the University of Zurich's websites.

§ 4 Rules of conduct

Within the scope of § 1 para. 1, all persons are obliged to:

- a. Note and follow safety regulations and emergency procedures,
- b. Keep exits and entrances, emergency exits and evacuation routes, corridors, stairwells, and elevator entrances clear at all times,
- c. Use electricity, heat, water, and other resources sparingly,
- d. Refrain from causing noise or disturbances of any kind,
- e. Treat all fixtures, fittings, and furnishings with care and take every precaution against causing damage,
- f. Clean any excessive mess personally,
- g. Comply with the University of Zurich's waste disposal guidelines,
- h. Notify the responsible Service Center of any defects or damage to buildings, pipework and cables, fixtures and fittings, equipment, etc. and of theft of University property.



§ 5 Requirement to obtain permission

¹A permit is required for:

- a. Events as per the regulations on the use of the University of Zurich's facilities and grounds (Reglement über die Benutzung von Räumen und Aussenflächen der Universität Zürich),
- b. Temporary buildings⁴ or other structures,
- c. Affixing posters, placards, banners, and other notices anywhere other than on the designated noticeboards,
- d. Distributing or affixing flyers, newspapers, and other printed matter as well as any other kind of advertising material,
- e. Acquisitions,
- f. Taking photographs or making video or film recordings,
- g. Collecting donations,
- h. Petitions and opinion polls.

²Permits are granted by the delegate of the President. A permit may be subject to restrictions or the fulfillment of conditions.

§ 6 Prohibitions

¹The following acts are generally prohibited:

- a. Begging and peddling,
- b. Unauthorized possession or storage of prohibited, dangerous, or malodorous substances or objects,
- c.⁵ Any form of consumption of content of an illegal, pornographic, racist, or sexist nature, or that glorifies violence. Exceptions can be made in individual cases if a legitimate requirement for appropriate purposes, e.g. for research, teaching, art, education, or official tasks, can be demonstrated.

²In addition, the following acts are prohibited inside University buildings:

- a. Smoking outside the designated smoking areas,
- b. Eating in places where signs indicate that this is not permitted,
- c. Bringing pets into University buildings. Exceptions are made in the case of service animals and patrol dogs, and when keeping animals for teaching or research purposes, and in University staff accommodation,
- d. Bringing bicycles into University buildings or parking them there,
- e. Using any other means of wheeled transport, with the exception of mobility aids for the disabled,
- f. Bringing additional furniture into lecture halls and seminar rooms.

§ 7 Sanctions/Penalties

¹Persons who violate the provisions of these General House Regulations may be removed from the building or grounds by the responsible University authority, banned from the premises, subjected to disciplinary action, prosecuted, and/or fined.

²The details of the contact person or body responsible for ensuring adherence to the House Regulations may, where necessary and appropriate, be publicly displayed in a suitable manner in individual locations.⁵

³The telephone number of the Service Center must be displayed in a suitable manner in all buildings.⁵



§ 8 Entry into Force

These General House Regulations enter into force on 1 April 2010. They replace the University of Zurich House Regulations of 26 August 1914.

¹ [OS 65, 156](#).

² [LS 415.11](#).

³ [LS 415.111](#).

⁴ The phrase “temporary buildings” refers to constructions that are not built as permanent structures (tents, food and vending booths, storage for sports and leisure equipment, huts, stands, etc.).

⁵ Inserted in accordance with the decision of 5 April 2017 ([OS 72, 483](#); [ABI 2017-09-29](#)). In force since 1 December 2017.

* Consumption means the use, processing, storing, transferring, and/or disseminating in particular of internet services, e-mails, news communications, video or sound recordings, or other images.