



**Take Heed: Your Guide to Living in a Pirate Community**  
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**"Building stronger neighborhoods  
one pirate at a time."**

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## Our Mission

The City and University have teamed up to provide off-campus students information that will enhance the quality of life for them and their neighbors. We promote good citizenship by educating and empowering students to become personally responsible and active community members who encourage safe, clean and healthy neighbors.

### With Your Help We Can:

1. Increase your enjoyment of your college years by encouraging responsible fun and better interaction with your neighbors.
2. Increase personal safety and promote healthy lifestyles in off-campus housing.
3. Decrease student-related nuisances and unsafe personal behavior.
4. Decrease the need for law enforcement actions.
5. Increase communication and information sharing with your neighbors.
6. Encourage students living in neighborhoods to demonstrate good citizenship.
7. Increase positive perception of off-campus students.
8. Decrease disruptions from student-sponsored social events.

Please take a few minutes to read this information and keep this booklet handy for future reference. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Student Neighborhood Relations at 328-2847.

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## Common City Ordinances

Being a resident of the Greenville and ECU community has many perks and benefits, but it also comes with responsibility. Among these responsibilities are being a good, respectful, citizen and neighbor. Please take a few minutes to learn the Common City Ordinances in this section so you can learn how to have a good, safe time enjoying being a resident of Greenville.

### Roommates

Zoning Enforcement | 329-4498

There cannot be more than three 3 unrelated people living together as a single housekeeping unit, whether you live in a house, a duplex, an apartment, condominium, or mobile home. The following combination of persons can live together as a household: One 1 individual living alone, Up to 3 unrelated individuals, Two 2 or more individuals related by blood, adoption or marriage (i.e. family), One 1 family and up to two 2 unrelated individuals (i.e. room renting), One 1 family and up to two 2 related individuals (i.e. room renting).

### Animal Control Related Issues

Greenville Animal Control Unit | 329-4387

Greenville Animal Control enforces a 24-hour leash law stipulating that a dog owner must maintain physical control of a dog by means of a chain or leash when the dog is not on its owner's property. The law also stipulates that it is unlawful to permit a dog to urinate or defecate on a lawn or property that does not belong to the dog owner. Failure to adhere to the leash law will result in a Civil Citation issued to the dog owner.

Concerns about stray, wild, neglected or abused animals should be directed to the City's Animal Control Unit. Animals found running at large will be taken to the County Animal Shelter. Pet owners found to be abusing or neglecting animals will be prosecuted.

### Trash Collection

Public Works | 329-4522

The City of Greenville provides garbage & recycling collection to residential neighborhoods as well as apartment complexes. It is illegal to throw or deposit upon any street or sidewalk, or upon any private property, any type of litter or household trash. Place trash receptacles with tight fitting lids and recycling containers with City recycling stickers at the curb no earlier than dusk on the evening prior to scheduled collection. Emptied trash and recycling containers must be removed no later than daybreak of the day following scheduled collection.

## Noise Ordinance

Police Department | 329-4315

The Noise Ordinance is enforced at all times (particularly between 11pm and 3am, when younger adults have social gathering of all kinds) and in all areas of the City. The ordinance applies to: vocal (human) sound (i.e. talking yelling, etc.), animal sound (i.e. howling barking, crying, etc.), amplified sound (i.e. stereo and "Band Parties"). It also applies to indoor and outdoor sound generated within or near an apartment or house, as well as to amplified stereo sound in automobiles. This ordinance, particularly, covers the disturbance of nearby residents. Anyone who wants to exceed the limit (i.e. a "Band Party") must apply for a permit to exceed. The use of outdoor sound amplifying equipment requires a separate "Outdoor Amplified Sound Permit" issued by the Greenville Police. Violations of this City Ordinance are based upon Officer Discretion.

## Litter, Weeded Lots and Housing Conditions

Code Enforcement | 329-4110

It is illegal to throw or deposit upon any private property, street or sidewalk, any type of litter or household trash. Handbills or flyers that are posted on poles and trees are a form of organized litter. Grass or weeds on any lot that have grown to a height in excess of 12 inches constitute a violation and may be cut by the City after proper notice with all costs billed to the owner.

Furniture designed for indoors (sofas, chairs, refrigerators, etc.) are not allowed to be on front porches or in the yard. Abandoned and junk vehicles are not allowed in front or side yards. Property owners may only have one junk vehicle in the back yard, but it must be covered by a tarp.

Housing within the City of Greenville must be fit for human habitation and meet minimum housing codes. Please do not hesitate to call the Code Enforcement Division for questions about what minimum housing codes are and/or if your housing meets those requirements.

## Parking Concerns

ECU Parking and Traffic | 328-6294

Greenville Police (towed vehicles) | 329-4315

Like any urban campus, the university cannot accommodate the vehicles for all the faculty, staff and students that attend on a daily basis. If you choose to park on side streets surrounding the campus, understand there is a two hour time limit and that some streets DO NOT allow parking at all. Be sure to read parking signs along these streets to prevent being ticketed or having your car towed.

Furthermore, it is illegal to park a vehicle on an unimproved surface (grass or bare earth). Vehicles must be parked on an impervious driveway or legally in the street.

## How to have a Responsible Party Off-Campus

As a student, your behavior while living off campus greatly impacts your neighbor's image of all university students. If you are a member of a fraternity or sorority, your behavior also impacts your neighbor's image of Greek Life and Organizations. As a student who has chosen to reside off campus, you have the rights and responsibilities of a community resident.

We would strongly encourage you to consider the following suggestions if you choose to host a party:

Talk to your neighbors before the party. Let them know you are having a party and when it will start and end. Leave them your name and phone number. Encourage them to call if there is a problem during the party so you can correct it before someone calls the police.

During the party, let your guests know you are the contact person. If a neighbor calls, they'll know to take a message or find you.

Avoid overcrowding which might: (1) Block the exits in case of any emergency, (2) result in vehicles blocking your street in case fire, police, and/or medical units need to respond, and/or (3) force your guest to inappropriately use "outdoor bathroom facilities."

Periodically during the night, walk outside to check the noise level and adjust it accordingly. Also remember that voices carry and just by moving the party indoors you can better avoid disturbing your neighbors.

It is your responsibility to stay in control of yourself AND your guests. Please do Not let your guest abuse or misuse alcohol as excessive use of alcohol can lead to sexual assault, legal problems and even death.

Know and observe North Carolina Laws in terms of you liability in providing alcoholic beverages to persons less than 21 years of age, as well as the City of Greenville's "Open Container Law, Trash Ordinance," and "Noise Ordinance."

Understand that as a student of East Carolina University, you are also responsible for upholding the rules and sanctions of the Code of Conduct for Off-Campus events.

After the party, clean up the area around your house/apartment as well as your neighbor's if needed. Contact your neighbor the next day and thank them for their cooperation.

If you have problem at your party and need assistance, contact the ECU Student Neighborhood Relations office weekdays at 328-2847 or call the "Neighborhood Hotline" at 328-5499 anytime.

# Let Student Neighborhood Relations Help You!

When you live in a college town like Greenville, it is best to create positive relationships with your neighbors in order to avoid problems before they happen. When problems do arise, it is always best to try to work them out yourself before you seek the help of third parties; however, when these problems cannot be worked out, the Student Neighborhood Relations Facilitator (SNRF) can help to mediate and resolve issues between you and ECU students living off-campus.

**Before filing a complaint, please make sure we are the office best able to help you.**

Student Neighborhood Relations  
201 Erwin Bldg  
252-328-2847

Neighborhood Action Hotline  
252-328-5499

### Quick Hints

1. Try talking with your neighbor about any complaints you or they may have.
2. Join your local neighborhood association.
3. Remember to file a formal complaint with the proper authorities before contacting SNRF.
4. To file a complaint with SNRF, please call ECU's Neighborhood Action Hotline at 328-5499

### SNRF can help you with:

1. Noise Violations
2. Extreme Garbage Problems
3. Party Problems
4. Landlord & Lease Questions
5. Roommate Disputes
6. Housing and Community Rules & Regulations
7. Who to contact in the City of Greenville for help.

### SNRF cannot help you with:

1. Grass
2. Small Garbage Problems
3. Sun Bathing in Yards
4. Animal Control Issues
5. House Repairs
6. Street Maintenance
7. Problems with non-students

\* These problems should be taken up with the individual, neighborhood association president, or the City of Greenville.

# Useful Phone Numbers

## Off-Campus Safety and Useful Resources

### Emergency Numbers

Fire/Rescue/Police	911
Pitt County Sheriff	252.830.4154
Pitt County Memorial Hospital	252.816.4100
Emergency Room	252.816.4597
ECU Police Emergency	252.328.6150
ECU Police Non-Emergency	252.328.6787

### East Carolina University Off-Campus Services

Adult/Commuter Student Services	252.328.6881
Center for Counseling and Student Development	252.328.6661
Center for Off-Campus Living	252.328.2847
Greek Life	252.328.4235
Ombuds Office (Crisis and mediation center)	252.328.9170
Safe Ride (ECU.RIDE)	252.328.7433
Student Neighborhood Relations Facilitator	252.328.2847
Victim Assistance	252.737.1466

### City and County Services

Animal Control	252.329.4387
Animal Shelter	252.355.7879
City Bus Service	252.329.4532
Code Enforcement	252.329.4110
Community Watch Program	252.329.4355
Courts/Courthouse	252.695.7100
Crime Stoppers	252.758.7777
Department of Motor Vehicles	252.830.3456
Garbage/Recycling	252.329.4527
Greenville Police Non-Emergency Call For: Amplified Noise Permit, Noise Control, Parking Tickets, and Towed Vehicles	252.329.4315
Greenville Utilities Commission (Power and Water)	252.752.7166
Parking Tickets (paying them)	252.329.4450
Pitt County Health	252.413.1319
Pitt County Social Services Dept.	252.413.1101
Real Crisis Helpline	252.758.4357

**Good Pirates** **Bad Pirates**

**Noisy Neighbors Are Not Good Neighbors**

**Take Heed** Take Heed: The City of Greenville has a noise ordinance that carries a hefty fine and applies to loud music, loud voices, cars and other sources of noise. Special noise permits are available through the Greenville Police at 329-4315.

**Good Pirate** **Bad Pirate**

**Proper Docking is Very Neighbory**

**Take Heed** Take Heed: It's against the law in Greenville to park on unimproved surfaces (grass, dirt, etc.).

# SAVE THE WORLD IN 3 EASY STEPS

**1. Use It**

Look for the recyclable symbol on products you use.

**2. Rinse It**

Clean items before placing in recycling container.

**3. Toss It**

Put item in a container that has a visible City of Greenville Recycling Sticker and a tight-fitting lid.

You can recycle plastic bottles, glass jars, newspapers, magazines, aluminum cans, paper, rinsed food cans, and cardboard boxes. Put all recyclables in the same recycling container.

Residential homes may use backyard containers or a City-approved roll-out container each with the City's free recycling sticker. Roll-out containers need to be brought to the curb for collection.

Apartment complexes can request designated recycling centers with special roll-out containers.

For a recycling sticker or more information, contact Public Works at 329-4522.

