



**Nuisance Policy**  
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**I. Purpose**

The purpose of this Nuisance Policy ("Policy") is to set forth guidelines for the treatment and handling of nuisance complaints received by the Golden Rain Foundation ("GRF"), in accordance with the requirements of GRF's Governing Documents, as defined below, and the law.

**II. Definitions**

- a. Community – Laguna Woods Village.
- b. Golden Rain Foundation ("GRF") – the Golden Rain Foundation, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation.
- c. Governing Documents – all of the following, collectively, the Articles of Incorporation; the Bylaws; the Rules and Regulations; and any Resolutions or Policies duly adopted by the Board; all as may be lawfully amended or modified from time to time.
- d. Member – any person who is an owner of a Unit in United Laguna Woods Mutual ("United") or Third Laguna Hills Mutual ("Third") who has been approved for membership in accordance with the Governing Documents.
- e. Nuisance – see details under Conditions.
- f. Resident – any person who has been approved by the Board of Directors, or its designee, as applicable, for occupancy of a manor within United or Third's development.
- g. Staff - Employees of Village Management Services, Inc. authorized to act on behalf of GRF.

**III. Conditions for Nuisance**

**Nuisance in General:** Anything which is injurious to health, or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property, is a nuisance. (Civ. Code § 3479)

**Public Nuisance:** A public nuisance is one which affects at the same time an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, although the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals may be unequal. (Civ. Code § 3480)

**Private Nuisance:** A private nuisance is a condition or activity that interferes with an individual's use or enjoyment of their property. (Civ. Code § 3479, 3481)

Based upon the foregoing provision of the various statutory provisions, with regard to GRF, a nuisance shall be deemed to be anything that unreasonably interferes

with another Member or Resident's use and enjoyment of his/her/their/they manor, as determined by the Board. Below are examples of activities that fall into a nuisance category; please note, however, that this is not an exhaustive list of potential nuisances, inasmuch as any activity that falls within the above definition of a nuisance shall be deemed a violation of GRF's Governing Documents:

1. **Noise:** Things that interfere with quiet enjoyment such as, residents playing their music at an excessively loud volume, overly loud conversations, yelling or shouting, biting dogs, excessively loud vehicles, etc. Excessive and overly loud characteristics are measured against what a reasonable person in the same or similar circumstance would consider to be excessive or overly loud.
2. **Odors:** This includes second-hand smoke or smoke odors (cigarettes, cigars, vaping matter/materials and marijuana), strong odors from e-cigarettes or vaping devices, etc. The word strong shall be measured against what a reasonable person in the same or similar circumstance would consider to be strong.
3. **Violation of Laws:** A violation of federal or state laws or local ordinances, including, without limitation, such violations as public nudity, brandishing weapons which are registered or unregistered at or in the presence of another resident, the resident's guest and invitees and/or a staff member or a Resident, the resident's guest and invitees engaged in drug dealing (selling drugs for money or in exchange for some other form of remuneration) or prostitution.

#### IV. Nuisance Complaints and Investigation

A complaint may be registered by calling the Security Department at 949-580-1400 or the Compliance Division by calling 949-268-CALL or email to [compliance@vmsinc.org](mailto:compliance@vmsinc.org). Staff will inform the reporting party to call the Security Department for documentation of the ongoing nuisance violation.

**Investigating Alleged Nuisances:** To determine whether or not a nuisance in violation of the Governing Documents is taking place or has occurred, Staff evaluates the alleged behavior, based upon the written complaint provided along with all of the information provided to support the complaint, and may further investigate the complaint before determining if the alleged behavior or nuisance activity in fact occurred, and whether the impact on other Members/Residents or units is deemed reasonable or unreasonable to an average reasonable person similarly situated. This may include, without limitation, further conversations with the reporting party and neighbors.

If Staff determines that the alleged nuisance in violation of the Governing Documents has or may have occurred, a warning letter may be sent to the responsible Member and/or the Member may be sent a notice that the Member is being called to a disciplinary hearing before the Board or a committee thereof. At the disciplinary hearing, the Board will consider all evidence and documentation of the alleged nuisance violation, and the Member may speak and present evidence regarding the nuisance before the Board makes a decision on disciplinary action to be taken, if any.

#### **V. Enforcement**

GRF is authorized to take disciplinary action against any Member who may be found in violation of the Governing Documents, or Residents, tenants, or guests are found to be in violation of the Governing Documents. When a complaint is lodged regarding the occurrence of a violation, the Board of Directors has a duty to investigate and impose, if appropriate, discipline as set forth in the Governing Documents. Discipline shall be imposed, if at all, after a duly noticed disciplinary hearing in accordance with the requirements of statute and GRF's Governing Documents.

If a Member or such Member's unit/manor is found to have committed a nuisance violation as defined herein, the Board has the authority to impose monetary fines, suspend Member(s) privileges, and/or bring forth legal action, as more fully set forth in the Governing Documents, including without limitation the Schedule of Monetary Penalties, as may be revised from time to time. Each Member is entirely responsible for ensuring that the Governing Documents are followed by anyone they allow into the Community—this includes any co-occupant, lessee, guest, care provider, vendor, invitee or contractor.