

MONONA SERENITY GROUP, INC.

HOUSE RULES – Updated 11/9/2023

The MSG's primary purpose is to serve AA, Al-Anon and other 12-step recovery groups by providing a safe, clean and healthy space for 12-step recovery group meetings, MSG fellowship events, and other 12-step educational or social gatherings.

The MSG recognizes that there is but one ultimate authority for our operations and decisions, a loving God as may be expressed in our group conscience, and we pledge to guide all of our decisions for the MSG by reference to the twelve traditions of our 12-step recovery programs. Likewise, the MSG encourages respect for the common welfare and unity among all members and visitors, and encourages all members and visitors to adhere to our common 12-step recovery traditions. **The MSG Board reserves full right to ban anyone from the MSG property and building, when the Board determines that these House Rules have been violated and the common welfare and unity of members and visitors are threatened.**

To ensure that the MSG can continue to provide a safe, clean and healthy space for those seeking recovery through a 12-step program, the MSG has adopted the following guidelines for participation in group meetings, events and other activities held at or supported by MSG:

- Building: The MSG building is unlocked 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after scheduled meetings. It is locked at all other times for security. Please do not prop the doors open.
- Clean space: All members and visitors are expected to clean up after themselves and it is the responsibility of the meeting/event leader to ensure MSG meeting space is clean after use.
- Coffee and Soda: Coffee and soda are sold by the MSG (see posted signs). No other food, beverages or products can be sold on the MSG property.
- Food: Food can be shared during a meeting/event with group consent, but all food must be removed from the MSG premises afterwards. Please respect everyone's right to a clean and food-free environment.
- Visitors: Non-members are welcome 30 minutes before and after scheduled meetings and are welcome to attend as many meetings as they wish. Visitors can also be in the MSG to meet with a member or sponsor, to assist with 12-step program events/activities, or to assist with MSG events/activities.
- Children: Children of members or visitors can attend MSG events designed for families and may join a parent at a meeting with both parental supervision and group consent.
- Rooms not in use for meetings may be used by members, but new or special meetings must get MSG Board approval first (see application on MSG web page).
- Rent: Each meeting shall contribute 80% of its' collection to the MSG to support operating expenses.
- Service animals: Certified service animals are allowed in the MSG building if they are leashed and accompanied by their owner. Other pets are allowed outside only and must be leashed on MSG property.
- The following **are not allowed** on the MSG property and will be referred to local authorities or the MSG Board as appropriate:

- Alcohol, illegal drugs, firearms, weapons or explosives.
- Smoking, e-cigarettes and vaping are not permitted within the MSG building. They are only allowed at the picnic table by the side door.
- Vandalism, theft, or property damage.
- Verbal, physical, visual or electronic communication harassment of members or visitors.
- Gambling.
- Solicitation of money, sexual favors or living quarters.
- Overnight sleeping in the building or overnight parking in the MSG parking lot.
- Monona Serenity is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all individuals using our premises. Any form of sexual harassment, including unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, is strictly prohibited. Anyone who engages in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or banning from the premises. All attendees are expected to treat each other with respect and dignity at all times

Violations of any of these House Rules should be brought to the attention of the MSG President or other Board member as soon as possible. Complaints can be submitted in writing to the MSG Board via the "Suggestion Box" in the building or via the MSG web page. In addition, the complainant can formally submit complaints at the next scheduled MSG Board meeting.