

## Parking

Parking spots at your rental property are for tenants only. You and your landlord are not allowed to sell parking spots (with the exception of Iowa home football game days). Street parking is allowed on some streets, though in most cases not overnight. There should be enough parking spaces at your property to accommodate all tenants.

You and your guests may not park on the yard except for Iowa home football game days.

## Permit Parking on Marietta Avenue

For \$20 per year, you can buy a permit to park on Marietta Avenue. Parking spots on Marietta are not guaranteed. They are available first-come, first-served only. These permit spots are not intended for street storage. If you leave your car for more than three days, you may be towed.

## Maintenance Problems or Unresponsive Landlords

If you need something fixed at your rental house please start by contacting your landlord in writing. Your landlord has up to seven days to correct the problem. If the problem is not addressed after seven days, you may contact Stan Laverman, the University Heights Housing Inspector.



## City Council and Mayor

Contact entire council at:

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# CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Rental Housing Guide  
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### University Heights: The Height of Good Living

Welcome to University Heights! We are a separate municipality from Iowa City with our own mayor, city council, and police department. We hope you will find living in University Heights to be safe and enjoyable. We are happy to have you here, and the following guide has some information that you may find useful.

### City Information

City information is posted to our city website [www.university-heights.org](http://www.university-heights.org). Another helpful resource is NextDoor.com. You can sign up and join the University Heights neighborhood at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com).

### Occupancy Restrictions

University Heights prohibits 'rooming houses' which are defined as a single house occupied by four or more students who are enrolled in post-secondary education. Please contact the City Clerk, Chris Anderson, if you observe a violation of this rule.

### Zoning Ordinance & Permits

Rental properties must have a current city-issued rental permit and have passed health and safety inspections before tenants can move in.

### Reporting Potential Ordinance Violations

The city counts on each neighbor to do their part in following city ordinances. Residents are encouraged to speak with their neighbors to resolve ordinance concerns (for example: parking, noise, unkempt yards). However, where a solution cannot be reached residents may contact the city to report potential ordinance violations.

### Snow Removal

Many University Heights residents walk to work, and we take snow removal and keeping sidewalks cleared very seriously. All sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice accumulation within 24 hours of when it stops falling. In most cases this responsibility is assigned in the lease to the tenant, but you may want to check with your landlord to make sure. If snow and ice are not removed you may be subject to a fine.

### Yard Maintenance

Grass, weeds, vines, and brush must be trimmed to a height not more than 10". Please check your lease to see if this is your responsibility or the landlord's. Plant growth in excess of 10" may incur a fine. Plant growth must never obstruct streets, sidewalks, or signage regardless of height. Trees and other vegetation must be kept 8' over sidewalks and 13' over the street.

### Garbage Pickup

Garbage is picked up on Tuesday mornings. Please bring all refuse to the curb between 3:00 pm on Mondays and 6:30 am on Tuesdays. Garbage needs a proper sticker to be picked up. Stickers can be purchased at the Fareway at 2530 Westwinds Drive, off of Mormon Trek Blvd. Garbage containers must be removed from the curb by the end of the day on Tuesday.

### Recycling

Recycling should be sorted into two bins - one for paper and cardboard, one for plastic, glass, and metal. Food containers should be rinsed out. You do not need any stickers for recycling pick up. Cardboard too large to fit into the bin should be flattened and cut into 4'

pieces.

### Yard Waste

Yard waste bags are also available for purchase at the Mormon Trek Fareway. Sticks and branches can be cut to 4' lengths, bundled and tied with twine for pick up. Each household can have one bundle of sticks picked up for free each week. Curbside compost pick-up is also available. You can get a container by paying a \$25 deposit to Johnson County Refuse, and then purchase yard waste bags from the Mormon Trek Fareway. Compost must be in a yard waste bag to be picked up.

### Game Days - Go Hawks!

Parking vehicles on the yard is permitted only on football home game days, if your lease allows. Vehicles parked on yards on non-game days are subject to a \$25 fine and towing. Fees escalate for repeated violations.



The following conduct is prohibited at all times in University Heights, but is rarely seen outside of game day:

**Noise** - No music, yelling, chanting, screaming or other offensive sounds that can be plainly audible across property lines to the disturbance of others.

**Disorderly House** - No fighting, quarreling or loud disagreeable noises that disturb the neighborhood.

**Disorderly Conduct** - No fighting, using abusive language, threatening gestures or obstructing the street or sidewalk.

**Public Intoxication** - It is illegal to be intoxicated in public, urinate in public, or to purchase, consume or possess alcohol if you are under the age of 21.