University of St. Michael’s College Residence Alcohol Code

The USMC Residence Alcohol code was enacted to ensure that USMC residents who choose to consume alcohol while on USMC property, do so safely, legally, and in a manner that respects the well-being and legal obligations of the College and its members. The following policies apply to all students living in residence at USMC as well as their guests:

1. No person under the age of 19 years may possess or consume alcohol anywhere on College property.

2. No person who is 19 years or older may provide alcohol, either directly or indirectly, to persons who are under 19, or allow underage residents to consume alcohol in their room.

3. The consumption of alcohol is permitted by persons of legal age in only individual residence rooms. Drinking in all other places including residence common rooms, corridors, foyers, bathrooms, fire escapes, patios, or outside on the College grounds, is prohibited.

4. No alcohol may be sold either directly or indirectly (tickets, memberships, clubs, etc) on College property.

5. No person may be intoxicated in any public area of the residence or College including house common rooms.

6. Drinking games that promote the rapid consumption of alcohol are prohibited, as are the use of instruments (e.g. funnels) to maximize or accelerate consumption. All activities that have excessive consumption or intoxication as their focus are prohibited.

7. Forcing or coercing people to consume alcohol is prohibited as is the use of alcohol in hazing or initiation rituals.

8. Alcohol may not be given to students as prizes by members of the St. Michael’s Residence Council, the individual House Councils, or the Dons.

9. Hard liquor (i.e. spirits and liqueurs) and kegs of beer (including mini-kegs) are prohibited on campus and are not allowed in the residence dorms. Beer, cider, wine and premixed cocktails are permitted for those who are 19 years of age or older.

10. All events involving alcohol that are hosted by St. Michael’s Residence Council, the individual House Councils, or the Dons are subject to the ‘USMC Alcohol Policies for Student Sponsored Events’.

11. All advertising for events at which alcohol is available, whether on-campus or off, that has been designed, printed or commissioned by an USMC resident, may only make reference to alcohol in general terms (i.e. wine & cheese, licensed event, etc.) and may not mention specific alcohol products, providers, or pricing.

12. Residents are responsible for the consequences of their own actions as well as the actions of their guests, whether or not they are under the influence of alcohol. Intoxication is not an excuse for inappropriate or delinquent behaviour.