Where Do I Start?

Any new faculty or staff member looking for housing in Grinnell is invited to start their search at our Office of Facilities Management. Facilities Management maintains lists of Grinnell realtors and College-owned rentals to help you make the contacts you need to locate appropriate housing in Grinnell. Simply call Facilities Management’s general number and let them know that you are interested in new faculty/staff housing:

Office of Facilities Management
(641) 269-3300

Renting in the Grinnell Community

If your preference is to rent, Grinnell’s choices include apartment complexes, duplexes, efficiency apartments, rental houses and downtown lofts owned and operated by private citizens in the community.

- Call a realtor from the list on this brochure for current rentals available in the area. You are also welcome to reach out to any local realtor not included on this list

Buying/Renting in the Grinnell Community

If you would like to purchase a home, you will find that Grinnell’s housing market includes modern luxury homes, restored Victorians, traditional ranch houses and country farmhouses. The Poweshiek County Multiple Listing Service website provides up-to-date, single source access to current listings by all the principal area realtors:

Poweshiek County Multiple Listing Service
www.poweshiekmls.com

Realtors
Joyce Halblom
(641) 990-8441
Matt Karjalathi
(641) 260-0672
Ramsey-Weeks, Inc.
(641) 236-3141

College-Owned Rentals

In addition to options in the community, the College owns a limited number of unfurnished rental units. These include 3-bedroom duplexes, as well as 2-, 3- and 4-bedroom homes.

- Units are leased on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Most units have washer and dryer hook-ups; the machines are not provided.
- All units have air conditioning (some have central air and some have window units).

All units have off-street parking (some have driveway or 1- or 2-car garages).

- Cable television and internet is available in all units at the tenant’s expense. Prior approval is necessary if installation is required.
- Dogs and cats are allowed in most units. Prior notification is required.
- Limited lawn care and snow removal is provided by the College. All other yard work is the responsibility of the tenant.

Deposits

- There is a security/damage deposit one month rent and $300 non-refundable deposit per pet up to two pets. Owner is responsible for any other pet damage above the deposit.
- Deposits are due in full prior to arrival.

Leases

- Leases take effect the month of possession.
- First month’s rent will be pro-rated if possession is after the 6th of the month.
- All leases end June 30.
- Tenants are limited to 2 consecutive leases (i.e., June 30 of the second lease, regardless of month of possession).
- Early release is available to those who are leaving their College rental unit in order to purchase a home. Otherwise, early release will only be available 30 days prior to the end of the lease with notice by April 1.
- Renters Insurance is required with proof provided by move-in

Rent Rates

- The College does not subsidize College rental rates.
- Rates are based upon the size of the unit and the amenities offered and are comparable to the housing market in Grinnell.
- Current rates range from $950 - $1200 per month, plus utilities.
- Monthly rent is deducted through payroll.

The information provided in this brochure is only a summary. The detailed language of the lease governs specific details regarding the rent of College-owned units. Grinnell College reserves the right to add, change or terminate any provisions addressed in this summary statement.

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