**Temple Terrace Community Garden**

**Rules, Regulations, and Membership Application**

**Respecting and Valuing Others:** The garden is a place of growth both for our plants and for ourselves. It should be a space where we welcome new gardeners big or small and from different walks of life. All of our gardens are located in public spaces, which means that we will more than likely come into contact with people outside of the garden as well. If you see someone new in the garden please come from a place of curiosity and kindness and please extend a welcoming atmosphere that makes the garden an enjoyable place to be.

I will respect all other gardeners. I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others. I will abide by all applicable laws while on the garden property. I will work to keep the garden a secure and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

**Volunteering:** The Temple Terrace Community garden is a volunteer-led organization. Changes to by-laws and garden rules and policies are done so by the Planning Committee. Everyone is encouraged to join the Planning Committee and participate in meetings and engage in discussions relating to overall organizational matters. However, only Planning Committee members are permitted a vote.

**As a member,** I will strive to volunteer and participate in TTCG activities and contribute to the overall care of TTCG’s garden space - Greco Garden, Linwood Garden, and Riverhills Garden. I will volunteer in workdays and clean ups in order to help maintain the community garden as a whole.

I will dispose of trash and garden waste in their designated location at each garden.

**Communal Garden Space:** Any alterations to the communal space must be approved by the plot coordinator.

**As a Renter,** or plot holder, I understand that dues are paid annually during membership renewal time which takes place from August 1st to September 1st. While I am able to sign up for the bed before membership renewal time I understand that dues are not prorated, which may result in paying twice during the first year.

**A household can rent a maximum garden bed space of 30 ft in length or 3 10ft beds.**

As a plot holder, I will engage in best gardening practices which include but are not limited to maintaining my bed - harvesting mature plants, weeding, and planting in ways that does not shade other garden beds and that respects the space of my neighbors. Furthermore I will not plant trees in my garden bed.

As a plot holder, I will plant only in my assigned garden bed and will not extend my planting outside of this assigned space unless approved by the assigned Plot Coordinator.

**Harvesting:**

The garden is composed of communal and individual/assigned garden spaces.

As a member, I am welcome to harvest from communal beds, towers and other designated communal spaces. Rented beds should only harvested or altered the person it is assigned to unless permitted by the assigned household.

I will plant only in my assigned garden bed unless approved by my Plot Coordinator.

I will harvest mature plant growth to ensure that food is not being wasted or spoiling in my garden bed which may cause unwanted pests.

**Striving for organic and sustainable:** All gardening practices within TTCG garden space should strive to be as organic and sustainable as possible. As an organic gardener, I will avoid the use of unnatural chemical fertilizers and pesticides and will compost suitable organic materials. I will also conserve water by avoiding using excessive water and by using best gardening practices such as mulching to help conserve water.

**Irrigation:** I will contact my plot coordinator or irrigation committee whenever I witness any leaks or issues with the irrigation. Any alterations to the provided drip irrigation must be approved by the Planning Committee prior to installation.

**Parking and Pets:** I understand that I will park in the prescribed area. I also understand that pets are not allowed in the garden at any time.

**Children:** Parents and guardians must supervise children less than 18 years of age while in the garden. I understand that children are more likely to engage in gardening themselves when encouraged and treated positively while in the garden. Therefore, if I see children in the garden, I will do my best to work and engage them to enjoy garden activities.

**Guests:** I understand that I am responsible for the conduct of my guests.I will inform my guests of the garden rules.

**Personal Responsibility and Communication:** I will maintain my garden bed and will communicate with my plot coordinator in the event that something occurs where I may need assistance maintaining my bed or if I need to discontinue my garden plot earlier than the renewal time. If I leave for an extended period of time that hinders my ability to perform upkeep I will notify my Plot Coordinator and reach out to my garden neighbors to ensure that food is not being wasted. If my plot becomes unkempt -overgrown, infested with pests, overripe produce rotting, debris not discarded- I will have 7 days to resolve the issue or make acceptable arrangements to do so. Failure to do so will result in my plot being reassigned.

I understand that violations of the mentioned rules or the bylaws may subject my membership to be disqualified and a revoking of my households’ rented garden plot.

**I have read and fully agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Temple Terrace Community Garden, Inc. Furthermore, I hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Temple Terrace Community Garden, Inc., the Planning Committee, the City of Temple Terrace, the School District of Hillsborough County, all members of the Temple Terrace Community Garden, Inc., jointly and individually, and the landowners for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or any of my guests.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency Contact: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Number) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Membership/ Bed Rental**

Check Payable to: Temple Terrace Community Garden

Mail to: Temple Terrace Community Garden Treasure

209 Linda Ave

Temple Terrace, FL 33617

TTCG Membership (one-time payment, per household): $10

* Membership gives household access to communal beds.

Individual beds are 4’ x 10’ each for the donation of $35.

Maximum of three beds per household. (1- $35, 2- $70, 3- $105)

Renewals are due by September 1st. Must be a current TTCG member.