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## **Resident Guidelines**





### Dear Resident,

The Robins Family Housing staff (the "Owner") is pleased you chose this community as your new home. We have established these Resident Guidelines with your comfort, convenience and safety in mind. Included among these guidelines are references to guidelines for amenities that may or may not be available at your community.

The Owner serves as the managing agent for the owner. For the purpose of these guidelines, we will refer to you, the "Resident," as being any person who is listed as a resident on a valid and current lease agreement, and entitled to occupy the home and a "suitable and responsible representative" as a person 18 years of age or older who is authorized by a parent, guardian, or legal custodian. It will be the responsibility of you, the Resident, to ensure all your occupants, guests, invitees and others present at the Community comply with all the Resident Guidelines.

From time to time, we may make reasonable guideline changes, which will be coordinated in advance with the local Air Force Housing Management Office and distributed on the Owner website which you may find at RobinsFamilyHousing.com.

Thank you,

Management staff of the Owner

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### 1. LEASE PROVISIONS

### **1.1 Number of Occupants**

To assume quality service and amenities, the number of occupants per home will be limited to two individuals per bedroom. A newborn under the age of 6 months is not included in occupancy limits. The occupancy limit will be waived for active duty military personnel who are head of household and whose immediate family (spouse and declared family members) exceeds the two persons per bedroom rule. The waiver of occupancy limit does not include extended families (i.e. grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, etc.) It is the responsibility of the Resident to inform management, if or when, the number of people residing in their home exceeds occupancy limits. Failure to do so will constitute a violation of the Lease Agreement.

### 1.2 Inter-Community Transfers

The Community Director may approve transfers from one home to another and in such instances a new Lease Agreement will be signed. The vacated home will be inspected and must be left in the condition described in your Move-Out Instructions. We will assess charges for damages as applicable and will require they be paid upon request. A transfer for convenience may be subject to a fee to offset the related costs.

### 2. POLICIES FOR RECREATIONAL AREAS

### 2.1 Access by Minors

While the following policies contain minimum provisions regarding the supervision of minors, Residents are advised to exercise their own prudent judgment with respect to the unsupervised use of the facilities by minors. The Owner, by establishing the minimum requirements contained in these policies, is not in any manner representing, guaranteeing or ensuring the safety of any persons when participating in the activities or utilizing the facilities of the community with or without supervision.

### 2.2 Pools

### **Swimming Pools**

We ask that all Residents and their guests' observe the posted pool regulations as established by the City/County. For health and safety reasons, we require all persons under the age of 14 years old be accompanied and supervised by a parent, guardian or legal custodian, or a suitable and responsible representative, at all times.

A Resident must accompany their guests at all times. For the comfort and pleasure of all Residents, radio and CD players may only be used with earphones. All Residents and their guests are asked to refrain from loud or profane language and to conduct themselves in a manner which is not offensive to those around them.

### **Wading Pools**

Wading pools are authorized. A wading pool is defined as less than 14 inches in depth, (eight) 8 feet in diameter, or (eight) 8 feet in its longest dimension. Pools should be emptied and properly stored daily and when not being used, and under constant supervision when in use lawns will be restored to original condition when a wading pool is removed. Remember a child can drown in one inch of water. Children depend on us for their safety and well-being. It is suggested you contact the base legal office regarding liability.

### 2.3 Sports and Recreational Area / Fitness Center-

While all residents and occupants may use the sports and recreational areas, persons under the age of 12 must be accompanied and supervised by a parent, guardian, legal custodian, or a suitable and responsible authorized representative at all times. Residents may check out equipment from the Owner's Management Office during office hours, however, we may require proof of residency. We also require a valid driver's license or other identification be left at the Owner's Management Office and that all equipment is returned before closing. Use of sport and recreational areas is at your own risk. You understand that unless caused by our negligence the Owner will not be not responsible for injuries, accidents or losses suffered by you while using facilities. The Owner's Management Office makes no warranties concerning the equipment or facilities and Residents agree that no representations are being made as to the safety, desirability or quality of equipment or facilities. Residents and their quests or occupants will be responsible for the cost of any repair or service on equipment or facilities due to misuse by a Resident or its guests. Management reserves the right to limit the use of facilities. To ensure space for all Residents, except to the extent that on a case by case basis you have managed in advance with the Owner's Management for more quests, we ask that you not invite more than (two) 2 quests to accompany you while using these facilities.

### 2.4 Policies for Common Areas

All common areas, including but not limited to parking lots, stairwells, jogging trails, the grounds surrounding your home, clubrooms, sport courts, creeks, lakes and pools must be kept clear at all times of trash, refuse and other obstructions. Please be aware all items left unattended in common areas and which do not have identification on the item may, after a reasonable time, be removed and disposed of by management personnel. Common areas a re for the use and enjoyment of all Residents at the Community. Any Resident, occupant and/or guest(s) behaving in an unreasonable, illegal and/or offensive manner will be required to leave the common areas and such conduct may possibly lead to proceedings to terminate your Lease in accordance with the procedures set forth in your Lease.

### 2.4.1 Motor Vehicles and Parking

When entering or leaving the community, we ask you to operate your vehicle at the posted speed limit. All parking is unassigned, unless otherwise specified in your Lease Agreement.

The parking lots are for the parking of personal automobiles, motorcycles, vans or pick- up trucks belonging to or used by the Residents, guests and occupants of the community.

Cars without valid license plates and inoperable vehicles (including those placed on blocks or with deflated tires) will be subject to towing. The use of parking lots for any other purpose, such as parking or storage of commercial vehicles, taxi cabs, limousines, boats, trailers, large trucks, buses, large motor homes, parking vehicles for your friends who are not visiting you, or repair of motor vehicles (including oil changes), is expressly prohibited anywhere in the community (including private garages).

Local fire codes prohibit the parking of motorcycles on sidewalks, patios or inside your home. Please do not park in designated fire lanes, handicapped spaces (unless authorized to do so) or block trash receptacles. Such action is a violation of your Lease and the vehicle may be towed at the owner's expense. Any vehicle towed may be subject to additional fines under local laws. All abandoned, inoperable vehicles and/or vehicles with expired state or base registration are subject to being towed. In addition, any vehicle with an alarm system which malfunctions and/or sounds continuously for one hour, or intermittently for a period of three hours, is subject to being towed.

### 2.4.2 Recreational Vehicle Parking

Residents should contact the Owner's Management Office to reserve a parking spot in the RV parking lot on the main base for an administration fee. Recreational vehicles are allowed in the Owner's housing areas only up to 24 hours before and after use for prep and clean up time. See the list of Helpful Numbers provided by the Owner's Management Staff.

### 3. CARE OF HOMES

With the exception of childcare operated by an installation-approved, licensed child care provider and in-home businesses with prior approval, Residents may not operate any type of business in or from their home or within the community without the approval of the Owner and must comply with Base, Air Force and DoD requirements. Any commercial enterprise which interrupts the privacy of other Residents will not be approved.

### 3.1 Access to Your Dwelling

We require the Owner's Management Office to approve any change of home locks. It is imperative we have access to your home in order to handle emergency situations, and, therefore, it is necessary for your manager to have a copy of any and all keys to your home. The landlord is required to give a Resident 48 hours' notice of intent to enter the unit for any purpose other than to make repairs requested by the Resident (in which case the Resident shall make an appointment for the Owner to enter) or in case of an emergency. Whenever management personnel or exterminators enter your home to perform work, they will leave a copy of the service request to let you know what work was performed.

We require written permission be supplied from Residents listed on the Lease Agreement, in order to give access to a home. This includes delivery companies, moving van representatives, out-of-town quests and relatives.

### 3.2 Appliances and Fixtures

Your dwelling is equipped with appliances and we require written permission be obtained before any Resident installs a privately owned appliance. We will require any personal appliance be stored within your home such as an additional refrigerator. We ask you to not overload your dishwasher and only use detergents made for automatic dishwashers. To keep your disposal in good working order, please turn on cold water before star ting your disposal and do not grind bones, rinds, or stringy foods. If your disposal should stop, press the reset button on the outside of the disposal.

### 3.3 Decorating

The Owner requires Residents to refrain from modifying the walls, shelves or closets without prior approval, except as allowed by any applicable laws relating to persons with disabilities. You may hang pictures, mirrors, etc. on the walls, but ask you to use appropriate picture hanger devices. In addition, we ask you to please use a cutting board rather than chopping and cutting on the kitchen countertops. Residents are allowed to use waterbeds on the ground level, but only with proof of private insurance to cover any possible damages from waterbeds.

In order to keep our neighborhoods uniform, we also require any window treatment be approved by the Owner's Management Staff. All windows must show white to the outside-aluminum foil or colored window treatments will not be allowed. Residents shall dispose of garbage in designated receptacles only. Please utilize telephone outlets already installed in your home. Additional wiring is prohibited except that requests for wiring for additional telephone lines will be handled on a case by case basis; please contact the Owner's Management Office.

### 3.4 Fences

Residents desiring to install fences must obtain written approval from the Owner, in advance, and all fences must be of the type approved by the Owner and installed in a location approved by the Owner All resident-installed fencing will be maintained by the resident Residents are not allowed to paint, attach, or alter fencing in anyway, without written authorization by the Owner. Residents are required to properly maintain backyard fencing i.e. removal of weeds, grass and debris.

### 3.5 Patios

You should keep your sliding doors, patio doors, and windows closed and locked during your absence to protect against rain damage. Patios or entryways should be kept uncluttered and free of trash. In addition, please do not leave pets unattended on patios at any time.

### 3.6 Yards

Yards should be kept free of signage (except where signage for limited periods is approved in advance by the Owner for such things as birthday parties and other special personal household events), excessive decorations, trash and debris. Playground equipment is permitted provided it is placed in the back yard of the premises and remains in good functional condition. Trampolines will be permitted only in fenced backyards and with factory designed side netting wall structures. Structures such as dog runs, storage sheds, or personal whirlpools/spas are not allowed without prior written approval from management. While private wading/swimming pools are allowed, they cannot be left over night or unattended at any time while there is water in the pool.

### 3.7 Landscaping

Landscape maintenance will be provided in the family housing common areas and in the yards of all residences excluding fenced in areas in order to keep consistency throughout the family housing areas. The lawn inside the fence area is your responsibility and should be kept neat in appearance. Residents are encouraged to make additions to their gardens for their own gardening pleasure.

Lawn maintenance services, including mowing, edging and leaf removal, will be provided by the Owner on a designated schedule. Lawn maintenance will include all areas outside the boundary of any housing area fences. However, the areas must be fully accessible to receive services. If personal objects such as toys, bicycles etc. are not cleared from yards prior to mowing, Resident could be charged. Residents will be responsible for maintaining all inaccessible areas inside of fences in accordance with the Owner's guidelines. Management reserves the right to mow any fenced area undone by the resident within a reasonable time and charge the resident, or fencing will be removed in the event that lawn maintenance is not performed to required standards.

### 4. GENERAL INFORMATION

### 4.1 Guests

Immediate relatives of Resident as defined in the lease agreement may be considered normal Residents of household and are not "Social Visitors," regardless of period of stay. Social visits by military members assigned to the Installation and civilians employed at the Installation but who permanently reside outside the commuting area are limited to 30 days. The Resident agrees that the duration of social visits by anyone residing within the sixty- minute commuting area of the Installation is limited to no more than two days. Visitation period for all other guests is limited to two weeks per visit. Special situations, such as temporary custody, should be referred to

management and will be dealt with on an individual basis. The owner reserves the right to control the entry into the community by Resident's guests, agents, licensees or invitees, furniture movers, delivery persons, solicitors, and/or salespeople and may prohibit from the dwelling or community guest or invitees who, in Owner's judgment reasonably exercised, have been disturbing the peace, disturbing other Residents or violating community policies or Base requirements. No more than (two) 2 guests per household may accompany the resident to the pool, except to the extent that on a case by case basis you have an arranged in advance with the Owner's Management for more guests.

### 4.2 Safety / Security

Please report immediately to the Base Security Forces (for on Base Residents) and the City of Warner Robins Police Department (for off Base residents), and then to the Owner's Management Office or 24-hour answe1ing service, any suspicious persons, strange vehicles or unusual or suspicious activity.

### 4.3 Children

Attached you will find a copy of the Youth Supervision Guidelines which are recommended by the Robins Family Advocacy Committee and approved by the Wing Commander. We ask you to please read these recommendations.

### **4.4 Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors**

Resident, occupants and visitors present with Resident's consent shall not disable, disconnect or remove batteries from smoke detectors. Resident shall replace smoke detector batteries and immediately report any malfunctions to the Owner's Management Office. Resident will be responsible for any loss or damage from fire, smoke, or water if that condition arises from the Resident disconnecting, damaging, failing to replace a battery, or failing to report malfunctions to the Owner's Management Office.

The Owner has provided carbon monoxide detectors (when natural gas is provided to the home) and smoke detectors The resident agrees that they are safe and acceptable, subject to the Owner's duty to make needed repairs of same upon written request of Resident. Any additional smoke detectors desired by Resident may be installed at Resident's expense only after prior written approval from the Owner. When installed, any such additional items shall become the property of the Owner.

### **5. PROPERTY POLICIES**

### 5.1 Satellite Dishes

If allowed by applicable telephone, cable television and Internet service contracts, the installation of satellite dish systems must be approved (with proper insurance), in writing, by the Owner prior to installation. The satellite dish should be located behind or to the side of the housing unit on a freestanding pole. Satellite dishes will not be attached to any housing structures such as homes, garages, utility poles, fences or trees. No satellite dishes will be installed in the front yard. The Owner reserves the right to use landscaping or other screening materials in the event that satellite equipment is visible from the street. Any lines/cables from the satellite dish to the house must be underground. A digging permit will be required before any holes or trenches are dug.

### 5.2 Skateboarding

For the safety of both residents and users, skateboarding is not authorized on roads and streets in the family housing area. Skateboarding is only allowed on sidewalks in residential areas. Skateboard ramps are not allowed. Residents are encouraged to secure additional liability insurance to cover any injuries that may occur as a result of skateboarding. The use of appropriate safety and protective equipment is required.

### **5.3 Holiday Decorations / Outside Lighting**

Outside lighting must be Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved and factory listed for outside use. Running electric cords through windows and doors, or across heating ducts or vent systems is prohibited, as this causes a fire safety hazard. All exterior lighting must be "GFI" protected. Residents are reminded that homes have limited amp circuits and care must be taken to prevent overloading.

Holiday decorations and outside lighting are prohibited from being placed higher than the edge of the roof gutter. The use of staples, nails, screws, or other mechanical fasteners to attach decorations or lighting to the homes and associated structures is prohibited Plastic clip-on hooks may be commercially obtained and used to attach decorative lighting, garlands etc. Attachment of anything to vinyl siding is prohibited. Additionally, electrical decorations must be unplugged when Residents are away from the home

Holiday lighting may not be erected before Thanksgiving and must be removed no later than January l0th. Outside decorative lights are to be turned off no later than midnight, except on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, when they are allowed to remain on overnight. Outside lights are not authorized during daylight hours.

Decorative lighting for other occasions such as Halloween is authorized but cannot be put up earliest than one month prior to the occasion and must be removed NLT one week after the occasion.

### 5.4 Pets

If you wish to have a pet in your home, you must sign a Pet Agreement Pets, must have current registration and meet the requirements of the prevailing agencies Breeds that are considered to be vicious by the AKC and our insurance carriers will not be allowed on the premises. A list of these breeds is available at the Owner's Management Office.

### 5.5 Televisions, Stereos, Radios

Please respect your neighbor's right to the quiet enjoyment of their home by controlling the volume of your televisions, stereos, radios, and parties "Quiet Time" will be observed from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and midnight to 8:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Citizen Band (CB) and other wireless base stations or radio/television aerials and wires are not permitted on any part of the premises. Satellite dishes may be installed, under the guidelines provided by the Owner and only with the proper insurance.

### 5.6 Weapons

Resident may not possess weapons in the Owner's Housing areas in violation of applicable law (including military law) or Base regulations. Each Resident owning a weapon must comply with Base regulations. In any of the Owner's Housing areas located within a military reservation, the military policy for storing firearms will apply. Actions taken by Residents involving weapons which are prohibited by applicable laws or Base regulations are strictly prohibited and will be grounds for eviction.

### 5.7 Keys / Lock Out

Please ensure children returning from school or other activities have access to their home. The failure to provide such access and supervision as set forth under Section 4.3 above may possibly lead to proceedings to terminate your Lease in accordance with the procedures set forth in your Lease. In case of emergency, it is necessary for the Owner's Management Staff to have access to a key to any additional or replacement lock which was not originally provided to you upon move in. In the event you are locked out of your home, please call your neighborhood office during business hours or contact maintenance for assistance. A number will be provided in your Welcome Package. Depending upon the circumstances, we may replace any lock and provide additional keys for a small fee.

### 5.8 Barbecue Grills

The use of charcoal barbecue grills and gas fired grills on decks, balconies, covered parking areas or patios and under any building overhang are prohibited. All grills must be used a minimum of 15 feet from any building structure. The storage of fuel bottles from the gas fired grills (attached or unattached) inside any structure or on balconies is prohibited. Charcoal grills may be stored on porches; decks, balconies and patios provided the charcoal is completely extinguished.

### 5.9 Basketball Backboards / Soccer and Hockey Goals

Only potable basketball backboards, hockey and soccer goals and other recreation equipment are authorized in the family housing areas.

Basketball backboards will not be attached to any housing structures such as homes, garages, utility poles, fences or trees; nor will backboards be affixed to permanent or semi-permanent freestanding poles. Portable units must be used in approved areas, areas that are safe, that do not threaten to damage houses, ancillary structures or grounds, and that do not create a nuisance or affect the quiet enjoyment of neighbors.

Unless you have the Owner's prior approval to allow recreational equipment to remain in place, all recreation equipment, including basketball, hockey and soccer goals and related equipment, must be returned each day to a proper storage area after use. No court markings are to be painted on to the ground or playing surface . The portable basketball goal and all associated equipment must be maintained in good condition at all times.

Residents are encouraged to use the basketball courts and playing fields that are provided throughout the housing areas and in the community recreation centers. Basketball goals are not allowed to be stored in the common areas

### **5.10 Storage Sheds**

Requests for storage sheds should be addressed · to the Owner's Management Office Sufficient storage will be provided as the new homes are constructed. However, until new homes are available, the Owner may allow standard storage sheds for the resident's temporary use. Only sheds approved by the Owner are allowed, and all sheds must be purchased by the resident Sheds may only be placed in an approved location and must not be visible from the front of the home. Residents shall not store food of any type, including pet food, bird seed etc., or any other material that may attract animals, rodents or pests in the storage sheds.

### **5.11 Trampolines**

Personally owned trampolines are limited to 16 feet in width, have side-netting and located in a fenced area. Trampolines should be compatible in size to the homes rear yard, only on a flat surface and cannot be located where there will be an adverse visual impact from the street or from neighbor's homes. A Written request to erect a trampoline must be submitted to the Owner and approval must be granted prior to installation. Residents are encouraged to secure additional liability insurance to cover any injuries that may occur as a result of trampoline usage.

### **6. MAINTENANCE**

### 6.1 Emergency maintenance is provided 24 hours a day.

An emergency is defined as any occurrence which endangers life or property or which eliminates an essential service. These include, but are not limited to: fire, flood, power outage, gas leak, violent criminal activity and burglary. If the ONLY bathroom is not functioning, it is considered an emergency.

### **6.2 General Maintenance**

Please report any and all needed repairs to the Owner's Management Office by phone, or email, if possible. In the event yow service request is not completed to your satisfaction and your Management staff seems unable to provide a solution, please do not hesitate to contact your Neighborhood Manager.

### 6.3 Bathrooms

Please do not put paper towels, disposable diapers or Q-tips in the toilets and notify us immediately, preferably in writing, of any necessary repairs to your home or the fixture within your home. Please note the cost for any repair or service on appliances and/or fixtures due to Resident, occupant and or guest misuse will be charged to Resident.

### **6.4 Heating Filters**

The heating filter(s) in your home should be changed on a regular schedule to insure proper performance of heating and heating units. We will provide this service at no cost and will send you notice in advance. Filters are also available free of charge if you choose to replace them on a more frequent basis.

### 6.5 Lighting

Please notify the Management of any burned-out common area exterior lights.

### **6.6 Power Failure**

In the case of power failure, check your circuit breaker inside your home before reporting to the office.

### 7. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The Owner's Management Office may issue Lease violations for such items as excessive noise, littered yards, illegal parking, unauthorized pets, unauthorized repair of vehicles and failure to observe speed limits or stop signs within the community An accumulation of (three) 3 Lease violations may subject you to proceedings to terminate your Lease in accordance with the procedures set forth in your Lease . These proceedings are subject to approval by the Installation Commander under procedures established by the Base. The following items are typical prohibited activities.

- Disrupting our business operations.
- Disturbing or threatening the rights, comfort, health, safety or convenience of others in or near the Community.
- Engaging in threatening or fighting behavior, making excessively loud utterances or using offensive language which is disruptive to others within the Community.
- Harassing or discriminating behavior towards others in or near the Community (including Owner's representatives and employees).
- Possessing, selling or manufacturing illegal drugs or possessing drug paraphernalia.
- Storing anything in a utility closet which houses gas appliances.
- Tampering with utilities or telecommunications lines.
- Handling, storing, using, or disposing of hazardous chemicals (including motor oil) in a manner contrary to local ordinance and EPA guidelines is not allowed. Burning sterno logs in fireplace is prohibited.

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# DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS



# OWNER'S INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

As a valued resident of our community, your concerns are very important to us. This is why a multistep dispute resolution process has been established to address Tenant concerns and any disputes relating to the Lease. The first step for resolving disputes is included in the Owner's two-part Informal Dispute Resolution Process below; and, if the Owner's two-part Informal Dispute Resolution Process does not resolve the dispute to your satisfaction, you have the right to elevate your concerns to the MHO and pursue the Government Dispute Resolution Process as set forth in the Universal Lease as incorporated into our Active Duty Tenants' current leases through HMC's Community Guidelines and Policies, which you will find copied below.

The Owner's two-part Informal Dispute Resolution Process is available to you so that your concerns are elevated to the appropriate HMC team members to ensure a thorough review of your concerns and a timely response. To afford us an opportunity to thoroughly evaluate and address your concerns as quickly as possible, any complaint or dispute must initially be submitted to us using the following process:

- 1. Submit a complaint online using the Owner Approved Form: To initiate the Owner's Informal Dispute Resolution Process, you must:
  - a. Prepare and submit an online complaint using the Owner approved form for review by the Community Director. The form allows you to describe the complaint in detail, provide adequate supporting information and documentation (i.e., complete description of the issue, photos, invoices, estimates, etc.), and detail what specific steps we might be able to take to address your concerns. This form is available and must be submitted online at https://riskonnecthunt.force.com/Dispute/s/. Once your complaint is submitted, you will receive an email confirmation including your dispute resolution number. Should you lack the means by which to submit your complaint electronically, please contact your Community Director for further assistance. For all other questions, please contact your Community Director.
  - **b.** <u>Cooperate with us</u> as we investigate your concerns, which may include, without limitation, providing us with prompt access to your Premises for inspection or repairs, providing additional documentation, or answering questions about your complaint.
  - **c.** Allow your Community Director up to five business days from the receipt of your online complaint to fully evaluate your concerns and respond.
  - **d.** You will receive an email notification from the Owner's Informal Dispute Resolution portal once the Community Director has responded to your complaint.
- **2. If you are not satisfied with the Community Director's response to your complaint:** You may elevate your complaint to the Regional Director of Operations, by:
  - **a.** Making a written request to your Community Director that your complaint be elevated to the Regional Director of Operations.
  - **b.** You will receive an email from the Owner's Informal Dispute Resolution portal containing the Owner's approved Regional Level Request Form. Prepare and submit

the Regional Level Request Form online. Once your Regional Level Request Form is submitted online, you will receive an email confirmation. Please contact your Community Director with any questions.

- Cooperate with us on any additional reasonable requests to allow the Regional Director of Operations an opportunity to thoroughly investigate your complaint such that we may try to resolve it to your satisfaction.
- **d.** Allow the Regional Director of Operations up to ten business days from the receipt of your online request to review, evaluate and respond to your complaint.
- **e.** You will receive an email notification from the Owner's Informal Dispute Resolution portal once the Regional Director of Operations has responded to your complaint.

**If you are not satisfied with the Regional Director of Operation's response to your complaint:** You may pursue Government Dispute Resolution pursuant to the Universal Lease, as further outlined below.

# **GOVERNMENT DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS (EXCERPT)**

### "SECTION 9 -- DISPUTES"

If Tenant has a dispute with respect to Owner's performance of responsibilities under the Lease or attached schedules, Tenant shall first attempt to resolve it by bringing the request or concern to the attention of the Owner. If Tenant and Owner are unable to resolve such dispute to the reasonable satisfaction of either party, Tenant shall attempt to resolve such dispute through Informal Dispute Resolution Processes set forth by the MHO; as such, informal process is identified and described on the Community Specific Addendum. If Tenant has a dispute pertaining to the Premises that is not resolved using the informal resolution processes, and the dispute pertains to rights and responsibilities set forth in the Lease, including maintenance and repairs, rental payments, displacement rights, Lease termination, inspections, or fees and charges (each an "Eligible Housing Dispute"), Tenant or Tenant's designated agent may submit the request or concern to the MHO for formal dispute resolution, in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Process set forth on Schedule 3. Tenant or Owner may seek legal advice or seek to resolve the dispute and pursue any remedy available by law in accordance with applicable law, except that Tenant and Owner shall not pursue such remedy available in law while a Formal Dispute Resolution Process under Schedule 3 is pending.

### "SCHEDULE 3 — DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS"

### **DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

1. **Scope.** This Dispute Resolution Process (hereinafter, "Dispute Resolution Process") allows eligible tenants of privatized military housing to obtain prompt and fair resolution of housing disputes concerning rights and responsibilities set forth in the Lease, including maintenance and repairs, rental payments, displacement rights, Lease termination, inspections, or fees and charges (each an "Eligible Housing Dispute").

2. Eligibility. Any military member, their spouse or other eligible individual who qualifies as a "tenant" as defined in Section 2871 of title 10 of the United States Code (hereinafter "Tenant" or "Tenants") is eligible to seek resolution of Eligible Housing Disputes. Prior to initiating this Dispute Resolution Process, a Tenant must first attempt to resolve the dispute through the Informal Dispute Resolution procedures as described in Section 9 of this Lease agreement, which includes utilizing the informal issue resolution procedures of the Military Housing Office ("MHO") with responsibility over the subject housing unit (the "Premises").

### 3. Dispute Processing.

- (a) To initiate the Universal Lease Dispute Resolution Process, the Tenant must complete the Form attached here as Exhibit A (hereinafter, "Request Form for Dispute Resolution Process"), available from the MHO, and submit it to the MHO responsible for their leased Premises. At a minimum, the Tenant must provide the following information on a Request Form for Dispute Resolution Process: (i) Tenant's name, contact information, and military status; (ii) the Owner's name; (iii) the address of the subject Premises; (iv) written affirmation the Tenant has sought resolution through, and completed, the informal issue resolution procedures set forth in Section 9 of the Lease agreement; and (v) a concise statement describing the dispute and prior efforts to resolve it. A Tenant who wishes Owner to withhold all or part of the Rent payments received by Owner during the Dispute Resolution Process (not to exceed 60 calendar days), pending resolution of the dispute as provided for in Section 4 below, must explicitly request Rent segregation on Section 7 of the Request Form for Dispute Resolution Process.
- **(b)** Within two (2) business days after receiving a Request Form for Dispute Resolution Process, the MHO shall review the request and take the following action:
  - (i) If the MHO determines the request is ineligible or incomplete, the MHO shall provide written notice to the Tenant, as further described below.
  - (ii) If the MHO determines the request is complete and eligible for this Dispute Resolution Process, as determined by the MHO in its reasonable discretion, the MHO shall notify the Tenant of receipt and simultaneously provide a copy of the request to the Owner and the Installation Commander responsible for the Premises.
  - (iii) If the MHO determines the Tenant is not eligible to request dispute resolution, the dispute is not an Eligible Housing Dispute, or the request for dispute resolution does not contain sufficient information, the MHO will provide a written notification to the Tenant explaining the reason(s) for the ineligibility or the information needed for further consideration. The Tenant may submit a revised Request Form for Dispute Resolution Process. All subsequently described deadlines associated with the Dispute Resolution Process will run from the date of MHO's receipt of an administratively complete Request Form for Dispute Resolution Process..
- (c) The Deciding Authority shall be the Installation or Regional Commander with authority over the Premises.
- **4. Treatment of Rent Payments Pending Dispute Resolution.** If an Eligible Housing Dispute alleges failure to meet applicable maintenance guidelines and procedures prescribed under the terms of the Lease agreement or applicable Schedules and addenda, or the housing unit is otherwise alleged to be uninhabitable according to applicable State or local law, a Tenant may request Owner to withhold all or part of the Rent payments received by Owner

during the Dispute Resolution Process (not to exceed 60 calendar days), on the Request Form for Dispute Resolution Process. Upon receipt of an administratively complete Request Form for Dispute Resolution Process in which the Tenant has requested a partial or complete withholding of Rental payments, the MHO will notify the Owner to initiate the process to withhold such payments from use. The Owner shall segregate amounts equal to such payments (the "Segregated Rental Payments") in a project level reserve account unavailable to the Owner, or Owner's property manager, employees, agents, or contractors for any purpose pending completion of the Dispute Resolution Process.

- 5. Owner and Tenant Obligations Pending Dispute Resolution. The rights and responsibilities of both Owner and Tenant under the Lease shall be unaffected by, and continue, pending the Dispute Resolution Process, including the ability of the Owner to access, maintain, and repair the premises. Any actions taken by the Owner to repair the premises during the Dispute Resolution Process shall be considered by the Deciding Authority in rendering a decision.
- 6. Inspection. Within seven (7) business days of receiving an administratively complete Request Form for Dispute Resolution Process, if the Eligible Housing Dispute is related to living conditions or the physical condition of the Premises, the MHO shall schedule and conduct a physical inspection of the Premises. The Owner and its designee, the Tenant or Tenant's representative, and the Dispute Resolution Investigator shall be notified of any inspection schedule and be afforded the opportunity to be present at the inspection. The Owner or its designee may schedule a separate inspection, at which the Tenant or Tenant's representative shall be allowed to be present. The Tenant shall grant access to the Premises for these inspections at a time or times and for a duration or durations mutually agreeable to the attendees. The Deciding Authority may grant an additional seven (7) business day extension in writing, if necessary, at the request of the MHO, the Owner, or the Tenant to facilitate inspections. If a Tenant fails to grant access to the Premises for inspections discussed in this Section, the Dispute Resolution Process shall terminate, no decision rendered, and the specific subject of the dispute deemed ineligible for future consideration. Within three (3) business days of the MHO inspection, the MHO shall make a written report of findings, and transmit the results of the inspection to the Deciding Authority, the Owner and the Tenant.
- **7. Consideration of Recommendations.** Before making a decision, the Deciding Authority shall solicit written recommendations or information relating to the Eligible Housing Dispute from each of:
  - (a) The head of the MHO;
  - **(b)** Representatives of the Owner for the subject Premises;
  - (c) The Tenant of the subject Premises;
  - (d) If the Eligible Housing Dispute involves maintenance or other facilities related matter, one or more professionals with specific subject matter expertise in the matter under dispute, selected and provided by the Deciding Authority. The cost of any other additional inspections, reports, or evidence gathered by the Parties will be borne by the Party requesting additional inspections; and
  - **(e)** An independent Dispute Resolution investigator (the "Dispute Resolution Investigator") selected by the Deciding Authority who shall consider the recommendations or information collected pursuant to Sections 7(a) through 7(d) of this Schedule in making a recommendation.

The Deciding Authority shall make any written recommendation or information relating to the Eligible Housing Dispute provided pursuant to this Section 7 available to the Owner and Tenant for review within three (3) business days of receipt by the Deciding Authority of all written recommendations or information collected pursuant to Section 7(a) through 7(e) of this Schedule. Both the Owner and Tenant shall have up to three (3) business days to submit a written rebuttal to any information received by the Deciding Authority. The Deciding Authority shall make any rebuttal submission available to the other Party within three (3) business days of receipt. At the end of any applicable period for rebuttal, the fact-finding portion of the Dispute Resolution Process shall be considered completed.

- Resolution Process no later than thirty (30) calendar days after MHO's receipt of an administratively complete Request Form for Dispute Resolution, unless good cause exists for the Deciding Authority to take up to an additional thirty (30) calendar days. In no case, however, shall the Deciding Authority make a decision more than sixty (60) calendar days after the MHO accepts as complete the Request Form for Dispute Resolution Process. The Deciding Authority shall transmit the decision to the Tenant, the Owner, and the MHO on or before the deadline outlined herein. The decision shall include a certification that the Deciding Authority solicited and considered the recommendations described in Section 7 of this Dispute Resolution Process; a concise statement of the rationale underlying the decision; and the resolution of the Eligible Housing Dispute, which may include direction of any remedies available under Section 9 of this Dispute Resolution Process, or a finding of no fault by the Owner, as applicable.
- **9. Remedies.** The Deciding Authority (i) shall direct the final determination of the disposition of any Segregated Rental Payments, and (ii) may direct one or more of the following remedies and specify a reasonable time for the Owner and/or Tenant to comply, as applicable:
  - (a) Direct the Owner to take action to remediate the Premises. Such an order may identify specific commercially reasonable outcomes but shall not specify methods of repair;
  - **(b)** Direct the Owner to fund Tenant relocation in accordance with the Minimum Standard Tenant Displacement Guidelines (Schedule 4);
  - (c) Direct the distribution of any Segregated Rental Payments to Owner or Tenant, as applicable;
  - (d) Direct a reimbursement or credit, as appropriate, for the payment of any fees, charges, or move-out damage assessments determined to be due to Owner or Tenant; or
  - **(e)** Allow Tenant to terminate the Lease or excuse Tenant from minimum move-out notice requirements and any associated fees.

The Deciding Authority may not order any remedies other than those specified in Sections 9(a) through 9(e) above. The Deciding Authority's decision is the final action available under this Dispute Resolution Process. To the extent, the decision requires Owner to perform work at the Premises; such decision shall stipulate that the Tenant shall not interfere with Owner's ability to perform work at the Premises. The Deciding Authority shall reasonably determine whether such work ordered to be performed by Owner pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Decision has been satisfactorily completed.

**10. Availability of Assistance to Tenants.** While the Dispute Resolution Process does not require the use of legal services, military legal assistance attorneys may provide legal services

in furtherance of this Process to Tenants statutorily eligible for military legal services to the extent those services are available at the military installation. Private civilian attorney or other assistance may be obtained by the Parties at each Party's own expense without reimbursement. In addition, a Tenant Advocate from the MHO may provide the Tenant advice and assistance on the Dispute Resolution Process.

- 11. Relationship to Applicable Laws. Nothing in this Dispute Resolution Process, or any decision rendered by the Deciding Authority, shall prohibit a Tenant or Owner from pursuing the original Eligible Housing Dispute in any adjudicative body with jurisdiction over the housing unit or claim in accordance with applicable state and/or federal law. Nothing in this Dispute Resolution Process shall prohibit a Tenant or Owner from pursuing an ineligible dispute in any appropriate adjudicative body.
- Resolution Process, the Parties agree and agree to cause their representatives to maintain the confidential nature of the proceeding and the Decision. No action taken by the Parties in connection with this Process shall be deemed or construed to be: (a) an admission of the truth or falsity of any claims heretofore made, or (b) an acknowledgment or admission by either Party of any fault or liability whatsoever to the other Party or to any third Party. Further, any recommendation gathered by the Deciding Authority pursuant to Sections 7(a) through 7(e) of this Dispute Resolution Process, and any written decision or remedy rendered pursuant to Sections 8 or 9 of this Dispute Resolution Process shall remain confidential and may not be released or used as evidence in a court of law or other similar judicial proceeding, except to the extent necessary to demonstrate that any alleged damages have or have not been remedied, and shall be withheld from release, as applicable, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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# EXHIBIT A — REQUEST FORM FOR FORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

### **REQUEST FORM: GOVERNMENT FORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Tenant Name (Rank, Last, First):	
Premises Address (Street, City, State, Zip):	
Tenant Contact Information:	
(a) Phone # (Home/Cell):	
(b) Email:	
Owner Company Name:	
Owner Contact Information:	
(a) POC Name (Last, First):	
(b) Phone # (Home/Cell):	
(c) Email:	
Rent Segregation Request. Tenant hereby requests segregation payments as of the date set forth below.	
Tenant requests full Rent segregation in the amount of	\$per month, or
Tenant requests partial Rent segregation in the amount	
Name and signature of Tenant confirming they have sought r the informal resolution process procedures set forth in Section	esolution through, and completed
ne: Signature:	Date:
(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE last is an administratively complete request eligible for Rent segregation 9 and Section 4 of Schedule 3 (Dispute Resolution Process). It is a mount equal to \$ per month in a segregated accordingly property manager, employees, agents, or contractors.	gation in accordance with Lease . Owner is directed to segregate
ne of MHO Representative:	Date:
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