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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Installation Policy Memorandum #22, Community Garden

1. Purpose: Provide policy and guidance to Fort Greely, Alaska (FGA) residents, soldiers, contractors, and civilians on the existence, availability, and use of the Post Community Garden. By growing their own food, gardeners increase their access to fresh and nutritious fruits and vegetables. "Food security" is strengthened when the people of the Post and community grow their own food. Educational opportunities for children and students open, when the garden is made available.

2. Applicability: All organizations, military and civilian residents, assigned to and/or under the control of Fort Greely, including Doyon Utilities, Missile Defense Agency, US Army Corps of Engineers, Space & Missile Defense Command, Installation Management Command, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Arctic Regions Test Center, and Logistics Readiness Center.

3. Procedures:

a. Each year, by the end of the month of April, FGA Environmental Office will send to Public Affairs Office (PAO) for dissemination, the number, size, and availability of community garden plots. Interested parties will notify the garden manager of their interest and intent to sign up for a plot.

b. Once interested parties are confirmed, the environmental office will set a date/time for a gardening meeting to discuss how the process works, confirm garden plot assignments, and to answer any questions or concerns the growers may have. Plots will be measured and marked by the Garden Manager, and assigned to each individual.

c. The garden area will be secured, cultivated and prepared for planting each May by DPW Operations & Maintenance Division (O&M). DPW will ensure the water tank at the garden area is filled to provide convenient access to water. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the garden manager.

d. At the start of the growing season, confirmed gardeners will plan any non-invasive crops they choose. Annuals or perennials could be planted, but if perennials are

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planted, it is with the understanding that they will likely get tilled under the following Spring, unless removed at the end of the current growing year (usually by September).

e. During the growing season, typically 01 June – Middle-September, the responsibility of caring for the plants (watering, weeding, fertilizing, etc.) falls to the assigned person for a particular plot. No liability rests with the US Army for plants lost due to drought, infertile soils, inclement weather, wildlife predation or damage, neglect, or inattention.

f. At the end of the growing season, responsibility is assumed by the gardeners, for clean up of their assigned plots, by pulling up and removing dead/dying plants and placing them in the nearby compost pile, and for other general cleanup of their plots. Other things that may need to be removed include tires (used for growing), small structures or greenhouses, lumber used to define plot boundaries, etc.

g. Prior to freeze-up, the Garden Manager will pull all stakes, ribbon, and other items, to prepare the total field area for plowing the next Spring.

h. With prior approval from the Garden Manager, semi-permanent structures (cold-frames, small greenhouses, etc) may be erected outside the assigned garden space (plot) and left at the garden over winter, for anticipated use the following year.

i. With prior approval from the Garden Manager, perennials may be planted outside the assigned garden plot area. Consideration will be made for varieties of shrubs, herbs, flowers, berries, or fruit trees.

j. No plant/seed will be planted that is illegal under federal or state law.

4. Effective Date: This policy is effective on the above-mentioned date of this memorandum.

5. This policy supersedes all previous Policy Memorandums regarding the garden.

6. The point of contact is the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Office, Garden Manager, Mr. Justin Hogrefe, 907-873-4664 or justin.i.hogrefe.civ@army.mil.

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