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MEMORANDUM FOR Residents of Army Family Housing (AFH)

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison (USAG) Wiesbaden Command Policy Letter #81, Resident Interior Enhancements in Army Family Housing (AFH)

1. References.

- a. Army Regulation 420-1, Army Facilities Management, 24 August 2012.
- b. Army in Europe Supplement to Army Regulation 420-1, Housing Management, 20 November 2008.
- c. Department of Army Pamphlet 420-1-1, Facilities Engineering, Housing Management, 2 April 2009.

2. Purpose. In accordance with reference 1.a. (paragraphs 3-45. & 5-33.), this policy provides the opportunity for residents to perform limited improvements on their housing units and associated grounds.

3. Applicability. This policy is applicable to all personnel assigned to AFH, along with their Family members.

4. Policy. The basic Self-Help Program, which is in concert with the prudent landlord concept, optimizes the use of scarce resources and gives residents a feeling of homeownership, will be employed to the maximum extent possible.

5. For any home improvement projects it is imperative to ensure compliance with applicable law, to promote safety, and to prevent accidents. Installation and use of equipment in AFH shall meet manufacturer guidelines and the requirements stated within this policy. Specified precautions listed below shall be observed and adhered to.

6. Painting, wallpaper, borders, faucets, etc.

- a. It is permitted to paint interior wall surfaces using emulsion paint products (Dispersionsfarbe) that can be primed and repainted without extra cost upon vacating housing. Residents must ensure that baseboards, outlets, floors, and doorframes remain free of paint. Use of latex or acrylic products is not permitted.

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b. Only wallpaper that can easily be removed using water and without damage to the wall surface is permitted and it must be removed prior to vacating. The same applies to border and skirting applications.

c. Installation/replacement of water faucets should only be accomplished using fixtures that can be accommodated with the existing sink and plumbing fixtures. Caution is advised and residents should only purchase lead free faucets.

7. Caution is also advised for intended changes to patios or walk-ways/stepping stones or moving of installed property. Government funds may not be used for projects which would normally be done by residents to meet their personal needs.

a. Additions, changes, or other alterations to installed electrical wiring or fixtures are prohibited.

b. Use only electrical items which have the Underwriter's Laboratories Label (UL) or Host Nation (HN) "GS" and/or "TÜV" symbol.

c. The use of ceiling fans in most AFH units will not be authorized. Ceiling height, structural integrity as well as the age and capacity of electrical wiring are all factors that are not conducive to this type of installation in some of our housing. Before purchasing a ceiling fan, have DPW determine if your home can accommodate one. Use the Army Maintenance Application (ArMA) at armymaintenance.com to request an appointment.

8. Items that are not approved:

- a. Radio antennas
- b. TV antennas
- c. Satellite dishes
- d. Wallpaper or border paper not designed to be easily removed using water
- e. Removal or addition of walls
- f. Replacement of flooring

9. Cost for the installation, maintenance, and property restoration will be borne by the resident. Any alteration to the housing unit must be removed, and the unit restored to its original state. Alteration includes but is not limited to yards, fencing, blinds, curtains, etc.


10. In accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2020, "The Secretary of Defense shall allow a resident of a military family housing unit to anchor any furniture, television, or large appliance to the wall of the unit for purposes of preventing such item from tipping over without incurring a penalty or obligation to repair the wall upon vacating the unit."

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Note: Residents are encouraged to visit the Federal Government website (<https://www.anchorit.gov/>) that addresses "Why to Anchor" and "How to Anchor" questions. You may also submit a request for assistance using ArMA. It is important to note that damage to painted surfaces should be repaired/sealed in such a way as to prevent ingestion by children.

11. Proponent. The proponent for this policy is the USAG Wiesbaden, DPW Housing Area/Building Coordinator Manager, DSN 548-4433 or civilian: 0611-143-548-4433.


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