

Housing Authority implements enhanced Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Housing Authority:

A spokesman for the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) said today (November 25) that enhanced measures of the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates (Marking Scheme) endorsed earlier will take effect on December 1, 2024.

The HA's Subsidised Housing Committee endorsed on July 19, 2024, the implementation of measures to enhance the Marking Scheme by adding three new misdeed items and widening the scope of two misdeed items. For the revised list of misdeeds under the Marking Scheme, please see the Annex.

The following three new misdeed items will be added:

1. "Feeding feral pigeons or other wild animals" with seven penalty points;
2. "Hanging or placing objects with potential risk of falling from height outside the window, balcony or façade (including canopy, air-conditioner hood and other projections)" with seven penalty points and the application of a warning system. Misdeed item A2 "Hanging floor mop outside the window or balcony" will be deleted as it will be incorporated into the new misdeed item; and
3. "Resisting or obstructing the Housing Authority (HA) or person(s) authorised by HA in execution of duties in accordance with the Housing Ordinance or other statutory requirements, or policies imposed by HA" with 15 penalty points.

The scope of the following two misdeed items will be widened:

1. "Dripping oil from exhaust fan" be amended to "Dripping oil from exhaust fan, range hood duct, etc"; and
2. "Obstructing corridors or stairs with sundry items rendering cleansing difficult" be amended to "Placing any sundry items, property, or objects in estate common areas (including but not limited to common areas inside or outside any buildings of the estate) that cause obstruction or render cleansing difficult".

With a view to rendering assistance to Owners' Corporations (OCs) of the Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) estates in daily management and meeting residents' aspiration for a decent living environment, all misdeed items under the Marking Scheme will be applicable to public rental housing (PRH) tenants in TPS estates.

The spokesman called on PRH residents to maintain domestic and estate environmental hygiene and avoid causing nuisance to other residents in

estates. "The HA will step up publicity on the revised Marking Scheme and remind PRH households that they should be public-spirited and empathetic to their neighbours and build a better community together," he said.