

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Fairhaven Housing Authority Tenants

FROM: Krisanne Sheedy

RE: Feeding Birds, Squirrels , or Any Wildlife

DATE: May 22, 2014

It has been brought to the attention of the Authority that there are tenants who are regularly feeding the squirrels and other wildlife. There are also tenants who have birdfeeders. Both birdfeeders and feeding wildlife, including squirrels, is **NOT** allowed anywhere on the grounds of the Housing Authority. The food left on a birdfeeder often spills onto the ground and attracts squirrels and other rodents and wildlife which can be dangerous and unsanitary. Directly feeding the wildlife any kind of food, peanuts or table scraps creates a hazard by inviting in wild animals that are dangerous and unsanitary.

The Housing Authority has set policies that forbid the feeding of wildlife and the use of birdfeeders. This is detailed in your Tenant Handbook which is explained to you at the time you sign your lease at move in. You sign a form at that time that acknowledges your understanding of the information in the handbook and on your lease. By signing your lease you agree to comply with any rules, regulations or policies set by the Housing Authority.

The following is the explicit language of your lease for your reference:

### **Section IX. TENANT'S OBLIGATION**

Tenant has the following obligations which are the material conditions of Tenant's tenancy:

#### **(Q) Rules, Policies and Regulations**

To comply with the rules and policies (and to cause each household member and each guest to comply with the rules and policies) established by LHA for the housing development of which the

leased premises are a part pursuant to Section XX; and to comply with applicable regulations of the Department.

**Section XIX. COMPLIANCE WITH LHA'S RULES AND POLICIES**

LHA has adopted or may adopt reasonable rules and policies for the benefit and well being of the housing development, of which the leased premises are a part, and for the benefit of the tenants of the housing development. Compliance with LHA's rules and policies is a material condition of tenancy. Tenant, other household members and guests shall comply with such rules and policies. Substantial violation of any rule or policy shall be cause for termination of this lease and eviction. LHA shall post and keep posted in a conspicuous place in its central office and, if practical in each development a copy of all rules and policies which affect the rights, status, duties or welfare of Tenant and other household members, although absence of posting shall not affect their enforceability. Upon request Tenant shall without charge, be provided one copy of applicable rules, policies or regulations. LHA may charge for additional copies.

We cannot stress enough the importance of following the rules and policies adopted by the Authority.

Your anticipated cooperation is expected. Please STOP feeding the birds and wildlife, it creates problems. Go to a park or Fort Phoenix if you must feed the birds or squirrels. It is not permissible to do it on the grounds of the Fairhaven Housing Authority.

If you have any questions or comments, please call the office and speak with the Director.