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Village rule regarding drying and airing washing

Dear Residents,

### **Current Rule**

Recently, it has been raised with management, by more than one resident, that the rule around drying and airing washing outside of units is not being adhered to.

The handbook rule states:

### Decks & Balconies

No washing is to be put out at any time.

This rule applies to all residents in all units. It includes balconies above ground level, as well as patio areas and grassed areas that are accessible in 7 out of the 8 townhouses. It applies at all times, including at weekends.

The purpose of the rule is to assist in keeping the Village looking tidy and attractive, for the benefit of all residents.

Please be aware that if Village management observe this rule is not being adhered to, then we will raise the concern directly with the resident in question. If you have a concern that a fellow resident is not adhering to this rule and are uncomfortable raising it directly with them, please feel free to let us know at reception.

Please note: the rule <u>does not prevent</u> residents drying and airing their washing anywhere inside their units and making use of the sun that they get through the windows. So, residents are free to continue to place washing near their windows, as long as it is inside their unit.

Another area that has been used around the village for drying and airing laundry is inside the townhouse garages. The rule <u>does not prevent</u> residents drying their washing inside their garages, whether or not the garage doors are open or closed. Therefore, residents are free to continue drying and airing laundry in their garages.

# Suggestion to expand rule

We have received a suggestion that this rule be re-visited and expanded so as to prevent washing being dried or aired in garages when the garage door is open.

If any residents wish to discuss such a rule change further, can we suggest that your committee would be a good place to provide any thoughts on the above and an item could be put on the agenda for a future committee meeting. This will then form the beginning of a consultation process that is needed for changing a village rule.

## Summary

### To summarise:

- The current rule is that no washing is to be put out on decks and balconies, including patios and grassed areas.
- The rule applies to all residents, at all times.
- If management observe the rule is not being adhered to, we will raise the matter with the resident(s) concerned.
- If you observe the rule is not being adhered to, but do not wish to raise the matter with your fellow resident directly, you can advise us at reception.
- A suggestion has been made that the rule be expanded to prevent washing being aired in garages when the door is open.
- If residents wish to discuss the option of expanding the current rule, they should approach the residents' committee. Subject to feedback a consultation process will commence.

Kind regards

Gary Jarvis Village Manager