

Public Private Venture (PPV) Housing Plain Language Brief (Tenant Welcome & Orientation)



MCIEAST-MCB CAMP LEJEUNE MILITARY HOUSING OFFICE

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The Military Housing Office (MHO) welcomes you to MCIEAST-MCB Camp Lejeune



- This brief is an introduction to your MHO and PPV Partner and includes your rights and responsibilities as a tenant
- Atlantic Marine Corps Communities (AMCC) is a privatized company that owns and manages your rental property. The MHO, your government point of contact (POC), will assist you with any housing concerns
- As a tenant, you are encouraged, but not required, to purchase renters insurance for your property. Additional information on renters insurance is found within this brief and is available from your MHO upon request

Contact Information

MHO Contact Information	PPV Partner Contact Information
• Street Address: 43 Inchon Street Tarawa Terrace, NC 28543	 Street Address: 5401 Maryland Avenue Camp Lejeune, NC 28547
• Phone : 910-450-1628	• Phone : 910-353-5700
Website: <u>https://www.lejeune.marines.mil/</u> Offices-Staff/Family-Housing-Division/	Website: <u>https://cl.atlanticmcc.com/</u>
• Email: LejeuneFamilyHousing@usmc.mil	Facebook/Social Media: <u>Facebook.com/atlanticmcc</u>
	• Email: <u>marketing@atlanticmcc.com</u>

MHO Services and Responsibilities

Installation Commander: Brigadier General Andrew M. Niebel Installation Housing Director:

Mrs. Mary F. Simmerman

The MHO is here to assist you with:



Advocacy on your behalf with the PPV Partner



Home referral services for offbase housing



Assistance during move-in, move-out, and other inspections performed by PPV Partner at resident's request



Housing questions and concerns



Applications for service members seeking referrals to live in family housing



Fair Housing Act concerns or complaints



MHO contact for next duty station



Assistance in the dispute resolution process

AMCC at MCIEAST-MCB Camp Lejeune

PPV provides benefits that are not typically offered in community rentals:

- *Rent cannot exceed the basic allowance for housing (BAH) with dependents rate*
- No upfront costs including application fees for Service members
- No credit history or salary requirements
- Basic utilities are included with rent



Understanding Your Lease

Tenants must accept and sign the PPV lease with DoD approved language. The lease includes tenant's rights and responsibilities. The resident handbook is considered part of the lease

Face-to-face lease signing is available and encouraged, especially if the tenant has questions. DocuSign is the recommended electronic signing option

In addition to the lease itself, the PPV lease includes several addenda:

- **Pet Addendum** Pet ownership is a conditional privilege extended to residents in the community who meet the conditions. Only two pets, dog(s) and/or cat(s), allowed per home.
- Satellite & Antenna Addendum Conditions on installing such equipment.
- **Construction & Relocation Rider** Provisions and requirements if and when applicable to the Community.
- Mold & Mildew Addendum Prevention, reporting and documentation requirements.
- Asbestos Disclosure Education and documentation requirements.
- **RECP Addendum** Resident Energy Conservation Program.
- Lead Based Paint Addendum Education and documentation requirements.
- **Permission To Enter** Service Request access preference.

It is important to read through and understand what you are signing. If you have questions on your lease, contact the PPV Partner

Tenant Responsibilities

Per your lease, you have several responsibilities to fulfill:



Report in a timely manner any apparent environmental, safety, or health hazards of the housing unit to the landlord and any defective, broken, damaged, or malfunctioning building systems, fixtures, appliances, or other parts of the housing unit, the common areas, or related facilities



Allow the landlord reasonable access to the rental home in accordance with the terms of the tenant lease agreement to allow the landlord to make necessary repairs in a timely manner



Conduct oneself as a tenant in a manner that will not disturb neighbors, and to assume responsibility for one's actions and those of a family member or guest in the housing unit or common areas



Do not engage in any inappropriate, unauthorized, or criminal activity in the housing unit or common areas



You are responsible for your animals at all times. Residents are responsible for all animal damage to their home or common spaces



Read all lease-related materials provided by the landlord and to comply with the terms of the lease agreement, lease addendums, and any associated rules and guidelines



Read and follow all local policy, to include those on personal protection/safety and security/firearms; insurance; facility use and services; visitors and guests; parking; additional local policies



Renters insurance is a responsibility of the resident, and is strongly encouraged to protect your belongings and prevent financial hardships



Maintain standard upkeep of the housing unit as instructed by the PPV housing management office and MHO



Residents are responsible for keeping their home clean and in good order

What to Expect: Move-In and Move-Out

MOVE-IN

MOVE-OUT

The Resident:	The Resident:	
\checkmark Tours the home for quality	✓ Provides a minimum of 30-day notice to vacate to AMCC	
\checkmark Accepts home and terms of lease	 ✓ Returns the home in good condition AMCC provides: 	
✓ Signs a lease		
AMCC provides:	Amee provides.	
✓ Walk-through tour of your home	 An inspection prior to move-out to assess the condition of your home utilizing the move-in inspection checklist 	
\checkmark Move-in inspection with checklist	✓ Appropriate maintenance services and a speedy issue resolution	
\checkmark Lease signing and answers to questions	 A final determination of any damages or repairs and associated costs 	
✓ Keys		
✓ A survey asking about your move-in experience	✓ A move-out survey for you to provide feedback	
MHO provides:	MHO provides:	
 Plain Language Brief and answers to housing policies/questions 	\checkmark Provides answers to questions and issue resolution process	
✓ MHO Representative at your move-in inspection	✓ MHO representative at move-out inspection	
\checkmark Follow-up to check-in with you (15 and 60 day)	 PCS assistance and MHO contact for your next location 	
\checkmark Support to resolve any unresolved concerns at move-in	✓ Support on any issues	

Renters Insurance Overview

You are **strongly encouraged** to purchase renters insurance to protect against personal loss or liability due to unforeseen circumstances *Renters Insurance is <u>NOT</u> part of the rent you pay to the PPV Partner

What is renters insurance?

A renters insurance policy is insurance for those renting any type of housing which protects your personal property against damage or loss and protects you from personal liability (i.e., financial loss) for damage to the rental property associated with your actions, or for someone that is injured while on the rental property you are occupying

Why purchase renters insurance?

The insurance carried by the PPV Partner doesn't cover your personal property if it is stolen or damaged as a result of a fire, theft, or other unexpected circumstances. If you want to protect your personal belongings, and have liability protection, purchase a renters insurance policy with liability coverage



Renters insurance will reimburse you for personal property destroyed by a fire. If you accidentally set fire to someone else's property, the personal liability provision will help reimburse the cost of their damaged belongings

Damage to your possessions from a burst water pipe is typically covered under renters insurance



Renters insurance typically protects items stolen after a break-in at your rental property, or even items stolen outside of your rental



Personal liability coverage is part of a standard renters insurance policy. It may help pay for another person's medical bills if you're found legally responsible for their injuries

Tips for Renters Insurance

For more information on renters insurance, ask your MHO for a copy of the **Tenant Guide to Renters Insurance.** The MHO can assist you with general questions, while the Legal Services Support Section (LSSS) will assist you in understanding different policies



The National Association of Insurance Commissioners indicates the average renters insurance policy costs between **\$15 to \$30 per month**. **Cost may vary depending on your location, choice of deductible, and coverage amounts*



Make sure you know what your policy covers. Insurance terms and conditions vary by provider. Be sure to read your insurance policy carefully to understand what may or may not be covered. For example, a liability policy may not cover structural damage from personally owned appliances



Renters insurance is widely accessible and may be available through your car insurance company. Make sure to ask about any discounts and bundling options

Don't Waive the Liability Coverage! Your insurer will help cover the costs if you're held responsible for injuring another person or damaging another person's property, including your rental property. The typical renters insurance policy offers \$100,000 in liability coverage

Maintaining Your Home

Please be aware of local guidance and report maintenance issues immediately to your PPV Partner



- Keep food in air-tight containers
- Clear outside doorways and windows of leaves and dirt
- Check your toilets and faucets for leaks
- Use exhaust fans in bathrooms and laundry rooms
- Report leaks and maintenance issues immediately
- Check drains and keep them clear



- Clean and monitor major appliances
- Check and change batteries for smoke/CO detectors per directions by your PPV Partner

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Window Safety Tips

Windows are among the top five (5) hidden hazards in the home. Before opening a window, know the risks they pose to children.

Window Safety Tips

- All windows above the first floor should have a *Child Fall Hazard* warning sticker
- Do not rely on screens to prevent a window fall
- Only open windows that are out of reach if you need ventilation

Child Safety Tips

- Encourage children to play in the center of the room and away from open windows
- Keep close attention to furniture, or anything children can climb, near open windows



PPV Partners and MHOs across the nation are working towards installing window safety measures to ensure a safer environment for our Marines, Sailors, and their families

Maintenance Issues

How to Report Maintenance Issues

- Report maintenance issues (maintenance emergencies, trouble calls, safety concerns, compliance issues) right away by contacting AMCC. Call: 1-877-509-2424
 - For **Emergency** maintenance
 - For **Urgent** maintenance
 - \circ For Routine maintenance
- Web Portal: <u>cl.atlanticmcc.com/resident-portal</u>
- Download the App:
 - https://cl-atlantic.securecafe.com/ residentservices/atlantic-marine-corpscommunities-at-mcb-camp-lejeune/ userlogin.aspx

Submitting and Tracking Work Orders

- Service/Work Orders are submitted by calling directly to the Maintenance Department, submit using the Resident Portal or submit using the app
- Service Orders are assigned to a qualified technician for response and action. Residents receive an email confirmation that their service order was created and scheduled
- Maintenance technicians update the service orders electronically while in the home. Once work is completed, the resident receives an email confirmation and a survey for providing feedback
- If follow-up work is required, the Service Order Coordinator will provide regular updates
- Service orders can be tracked electronically in the Resident Portal

Contact your PPV Partner if you have concerns on maintenance, service/work orders, repairs, or services.

Types of Service Calls

Type of Service Call	Description	Examples	Response Time
Emergency	 Critical safety, life threatening issues Resident with a medical requirement for stable temp levels 	 Gas leaks Fire Power outage Sewage back-up Flood No toilet available for use Refrigerator inoperable 	 30-minute initial response 1 day to complete emergency work Available 24/7/365
Urgent	• Habitability issues	 Broken window Garage door inoperable Kitchen sink back-up Lights flickering or non- working light-fixtures Presence of mold/mildew 	 4-hour initial response 1 business day to complete work
Routine	ConvenienceUnit care issues	Single burner inoperableRepair screensLight bulb replacement	 1 working day initial response 1 business day to complete work

Tenant Bill of Rights

In 2020, laws were passed to assure PPV military residents' basic rights. MHO will provide residents with a full <u>Tenant Bill of Rights</u> for review

environmental standards

A housing unit and a community

that meets applicable health and



A written lease with clearly defined rental terms



Standardized documents. forms, and processes



To report issues with habitability of the housing unit to the Landlord, the chain of command, and housing management office without fear of reprisal or retaliation



Consistently honest, accurate, straightforward, and responsive communications



Access to a dispute resolution process for housing issues



Right to forgo non-refundable fees



Reasonable advance notice of any entrance to the home



Sufficient time and opportunity to prepare and be present for move-in and move-out inspections



A plain-language briefing by the installation housing office on all rights and responsibilities before signing a lease and 30 days after move-in



Access to a Military Tenant Advocate or a military legal assistance attorney



Advice from military legal assistance on resolving disputes



Management services that meet or exceed industry standards



Access to an electronic work order system



Right to withhold rent until disputes are resolved



Working fixtures, appliances, and utilities



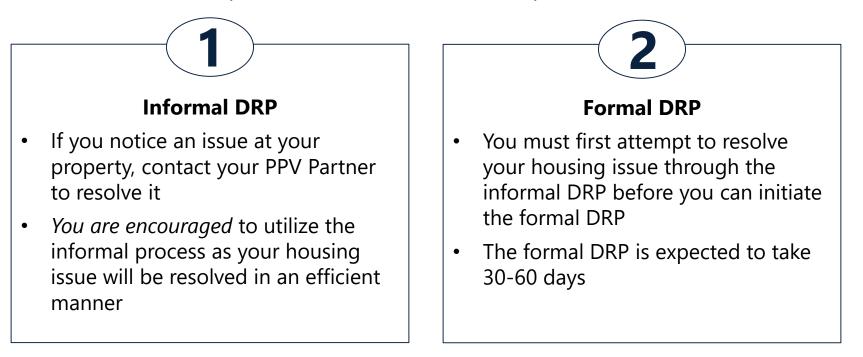
Prompt and professional maintenance and repair



Access to seven years of maintenance history

Dispute Resolution Process Overview

Active duty Service Members and their families living in PPV housing have access to the dispute resolution process (DRP), ensuring prompt and fair resolution for housing issues. The DRP has two components: an informal and formal process.



Your MHO serves as your advocate throughout the informal and formal DRP. To explore the DRP further, please visit the Marine Corps MHO Website.

Informal Dispute Resolution Process

The dispute resolution process starts with an informal process of communication between you and the PPV Partner. **You are encouraged** to utilize the informal process as your housing issue will be resolved in a more efficient and timely manner



If you find a problem at the property where you currently reside, contact your PPV Partner so they can take steps to properly resolve the issue



Elevate to the PPV Partner Regional Manager if the action taken is unsatisfactory



If the PPV Partner or Regional Manager does not resolve the issue, contact the MHO and inform them of the problem at your property. The MHO may investigate the issue



If you are not satisfied that your housing issue has been solved, your MHO will provide you with a form which can be filled out, initiating the formal dispute resolution process

Formal Dispute Resolution Process

PPV Partner

The formal dispute resolution process begins once you submit the request form provided by your MHO. You must first attempt to resolve your issue through the informal DRP before you can initiate the formal DRP



submit a rebuttal

Dispute Resolution Process Issues

As a tenant, you can begin the dispute resolution process to resolve issues concerning the following rights and responsibilities:



Connect with Marine Corps Housing



https://www.lejeune.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/Family-Housing-Division/



For information on Marine Corps Housing policies, visit: <u>https://bit.ly/3n2zyGe</u>