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Tenants of allotment gardens shall comply with the following: -

1. Tenants will be given forty days during which to respond to the annual rent reminder. After the expiration of forty days it will be assumed that the Tenant no longer wishes to occupy the allotment garden and one month's notice of termination may be issued.

2. The allotment garden shall be kept free from noxious plants and weeds and kept in a proper state of cultivation and on the termination of the tenancy it shall be delivered up in such a condition.

3. No tenant occupier of an allotment garden shall cause any nuisance or annoyance to the occupier of Tenant of any other allotment garden or neighbouring residents, or obstruct any path laid out by the Council for the use of the occupiers or tenants of adjoining allotment gardens and shall keep in good condition and shall maintain one half of the width of any such path or strip not less than 9" in width as a border between the allotment garden and any adjoining allotment garden and shall not plant trees or other plants in such positions as to encroach on any path or border.

4. No building or structure may be erected on an allotment garden without the written consent of the council first had and obtained. Where such consent has been obtained any such building or structure shall be maintained to the entire satisfaction of the Parks Officer and on or before the termination of the tenancy such building or structure shall be removed and the land on which it has been standing shall be reinstated to the entire satisfaction of the Parks
Officer.

5. Any Tenant or occupier of an allotment garden failing to remove any structure as aforesaid shall be deemed to have authorised the Council to remove the structure and dispose of it as they think fit without compensation to the Tenant or occupier.

6. Except as provided in these conditions no Tenant shall cut or prune any timber or other trees or wood or take or sell or carry away any minerals gravel sand or clay unless the written consent of the Council shall first be had and obtained.

7. Every Tenant shall use his best endeavours to prevent wilful damage to hedges, fences, gates and other property on the allotment garden estate.

8. No pasture on any allotment garden shall be broken up without the prior written consent of the Council first had and obtained.

9. No barbed wire shall be erected adjacent to any path laid out by the Council for the use of occupiers or Tenants of allotment gardens.

10. No dogs of other animals shall be permitted to enter into or upon any part of the allotment garden unless kept on a lead (in the first case) and in the case of the latter unless otherwise under property control.

11. The allotment garden stakes shall be maintained unharmed and in good order and each Tenant of occupier of an allotment garden shall provide and maintain to the satisfaction of the Parks Officer a numbered plate correctly stating the number of the allotment garden as determined and recorded by the Council in the register of allotment gardens.

12. All Tenants or occupiers of an allotment garden shall notify in writing to the Customer Services any changes of address during the continuance of the tenancy or occupation of the allotment garden.

13. The Tenant shall pay compensation to the Council in respect of any deterioration of the land caused by failure of the Tenant to maintain the allotment garden in due order and in clean and good state of cultivation and fertility and the amount of such compensation shall be the amount certified by the Parks Officer as being the cost of reinstating the land in due order.

14. No weed killer of a residual or like nature or other chemicals detrimental to plants growth shall be used on any allotment garden without consent of the Parks Officer in writing first had and obtained.

15. The Tenant shall obtain a key to the gates of the allotment garden site from the Council paying in respect thereof a deposit of £ 15.00 will become payable upon the issue of a new key.

16. The Tenant or occupier of an allotment garden shall comply with all additions to or amendments of these rules that the Council from this time to time consider necessary as though they were written into the rules at the time the tenancy or occupation of the allotment garden commenced. The Tenant of occupier of any allotment garden shall also comply with all reasonable directions of the Parks Officer concerning the use of the allotment gardens.

17. The Tenant or occupier of an allotment garden shall permit any duly authorised officer of the Council to enter upon the allotment garden at any time and for any purpose.

18. Any notice required by these rules or the tenancy agreement to be served on a Tenant may be either sent by registered post or delivered to their last known address or by fixing the same in some conspicuous manner on the allotment garden.

NOTE: NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ANY OF THESE RULES WILL CONSTITUTE A BREACH OF THE TENANCY AGREEMENT.