

Common Area Use Policy

A Common Area Use Policy provides residents and administrators with general guidance on the matter.

As a general rule, tenants cannot place personal property on or in common areas of housing authority property. Tenants may display decorations, plants, signs and other items within the areas that are under their exclusive control, in a manner that does not obstruct an open egress route from their dwelling unit to another unit, the outside public way, and that does not pose any other safety hazard.

Middleborough Housing Authority may allow displays in common areas where egress is not an issue. Residents may be allowed to display selected items in accordance with MHA rules and policy and in compliance with local ordinances or by-laws.

- **Middleborough Housing Authority approves one (1) small table and two (2) lawn chairs on the patio or porch area at the elderly developments**
- **After receipt of a written request, Middleborough Housing Authority may approve personal property in common areas.**

The single exception is that residents may always display the American flag in common spaces, as long as it complies with safety provisions mentioned above, and is displayed respectfully in accordance with existing laws related to use of the flag.

The Housing Authority may promulgate additional guidance for the use of common space, and will seek cooperation of the resident population in regards to enforcement

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