

VEHICLE POLICY

1. PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

- 1.1 This Policy outlines the conditions and obligations of Macquarie Grove Homes's ('MGH') employees' use of vehicles provided by MGH.
- 1.2 This Policy, where relevant, operates in conjunction with an employee's contract of employment.

2. COMMENCEMENT OF THE POLICY

- 2.1 This Policy will commence from 15/11/2021. It replaces all other policies of MGH relating to MGH vehicles (whether written or not).

3. SCOPE

- 3.1 This Policy applies to casual, part-time and full-time employees of MGH.
- 3.2 This Policy does not form part of any employee's contract of employment.

4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXPENSES

- 4.1 If MGH provides an employee with a motor vehicle, the employee is entitled to use it for work-related purposes. Reasonable personal use is also permissible in accordance with MGH's instructions from time to time, and subject to the restrictions specified in this Policy.
- 4.2 Employees will be provided with a fuel card for exclusive use for the allocated MGH vehicle. If excessive fuel consumption charges appear on the statement for the vehicle, MGH may investigate and the employee may be required to reimburse MGH for part or all of the costs. Employees are required to retain all invoices for fuel used for the vehicle and provide the invoices to Finance Manager on a Fortnightly basis.
- 4.3 MGH will pay all registration, taxes, insurance premiums, running costs, maintenance, and repair expenses associated with the running of the vehicle.

5. OWNERSHIP OF VEHICLE

- 5.1 At all times, the vehicle remains the property of MGH.

6. MAINTAINING MGH'S VEHICLE

- 6.1 An employee who is provided with a vehicle must:
 - (a) take good care of the vehicle;
 - (b) ensure vehicles are used and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements and specifications. The owner's manual for each vehicle is stored in the vehicle's glove box and drivers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the features and correct operation of each vehicle by reviewing the contents of these manuals;
 - (c) if required by MGH, ensure that it is properly and responsibly maintained and serviced, particularly in accordance with warranty requirements;

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- (d) ensure that the provisions of any insurance policy relating to the vehicle are observed;
- (e) not allow the vehicle to be driven by anyone other than the employee. Written permission must be obtained from MGH for any other person to use the vehicle;
- (f) not fit any accessories to the vehicle without prior written approval from MGH;
- (g) pay all parking and traffic infringement penalties relating to use of the vehicle incurred by the employee and provide timely nominations to the appropriate authority for parking and traffic infringement penalties not incurred by the employee;
- (h) ensure that the vehicle is securely locked when left unattended and that any alarm system fitted to the vehicle is turned on;
- (i) ensure that the vehicle is available for use by other employees when required;
- (j) drive and use the vehicle only for the purpose for which it is intended;
- (k) ensure that the vehicle is properly garaged when not in use;
- (l) when required by law, immediately report any accidents involving the vehicle to the police;
- (m) immediately inform MGH of any faults or damage to the vehicle; and
- (n) keep the vehicle clean and in good order.

7. USE OF VEHICLE WHILE ON LEAVE

7.1 While on authorised leave, the vehicle must not be used by the employee. If directed to do so by MGH, the employee must return the vehicle to MGH's premises prior to the commencement of the leave.

8. SAFETY

8.1 The employee's obligations with respect to safely using MGH's vehicle include:

- (a) obeying all relevant road rules and legislation;
- (b) not driving the vehicle if the employee is taking any medication that may adversely affect the employee's ability to drive or where the employee is intoxicated through alcohol consumption or illegal drug use; and
- (c) ensuring that the first aid kit provided with the vehicle is kept fully stocked and that items in that kit which have a 'used by' date are replaced after that date.

8.2 If an employee is involved in any accident as a result of medication use, intoxication, unlawful drug taking, negligence or recklessness, the employee will be responsible for paying any excess on the insurance and any other amount not covered by the insurance.

9. LICENCE

9.1 Employees must maintain a current driver's licence. An employee must notify MGH immediately if their licence is suspended or cancelled. If it is a requirement of an employee's employment to drive a motor vehicle, the suspension or cancellation of the employee's licence may cease the employment.

10. RETURN OF VEHICLE

10.1 The employee must return the vehicle when the employment is terminated, or at any other time as MGH may direct.

10.2 MGH considers the provision of a motor vehicle as a significant privilege. Accordingly, MGH reserves the right to withdraw use of the motor vehicle for any employee who is in breach of this Policy. Such breach may also result in other disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, termination of employment.

10.3 Additionally, MGH may inspect the motor vehicle at any time without notice.

11. BREACHES OF THIS POLICY

11.1 A breach of this Policy may lead to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, termination of employment.

Variations

MGH reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this Policy from time to time.