

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Resident Administration Law

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Chapter 1: Basics of Resident Administration Law

Article 1 (Mission of Resident Administration Law)

The Resident Administration Law of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea contributes to establishing strict systems and order in resident administration work, thereby providing the people with autonomous and creative lives.

Article 2 (Definition)

Resident administration is an important state management work that takes responsibility for and cares for the overall lives of the people. Resident administration work includes identity registration, food supply, housing guarantee, drinking water supply, education and training, labor administration, product supply, health and hygiene, and all other work related to people's lives.

Article 3 (Basic Principles of Resident Administration Work)

It is the inherent requirement of our country's socialist system for the state to take responsibility for and care for the people's lives. The state shall enhance the spirit of service to the people in resident administration work.

Article 4 (Scope of Application)

This law applies to citizens living in the territory of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. It does not apply to citizens of other countries living in the territory of the Republic.

Article 5 (Relation to Other Laws)

Matters not regulated by this law in relation to resident administration work shall be governed by relevant regulations.

Chapter 2: Resident Administration Institutions

Article 6 (Direct Responsible Entities for Resident Administration Work)

Provincial (directly governed city), city (district), and county people's committees are the direct responsible entities for resident administration work and are the heads responsible for the people's lives. People's committees at all levels must fulfill their responsibilities and roles as the heads responsible for the lives of residents in their respective areas.

Article 7 (Establishment of Offices)

To practically ensure resident administration work, offices shall be established under city (district) and county people's committees. Offices shall be located in ri (town, workers' district, dong). The head of the ri (town, workers' district, dong) office is the office manager.

Article 8 (Status of Offices)

Ri (town, workers' district, dong) offices are the grassroots execution institutions for resident administration work. Offices are responsible to the respective city (district) and county people's committees for their work. Ri (town, workers' district, dong) offices shall have official seals and nameplates.

Article 9 (Organization of People's Units)

People's units are the basic units of national social life and the bases of resident life. People's committees shall organize people's units by including a certain number of households in the resident area. The work of setting the standard number of households in people's units shall be done by the Cabinet.

Article 10 (People's Unit Leaders)

People's units shall have leaders and deputy leaders. People's unit leaders and deputy leaders shall be elected at people's unit meetings. People's unit leaders shall work under the guidance of the respective ri (town, workers' district, dong) office.

Chapter 3: Resident Administration Management

Article 11 (Preparation and Execution of Resident Administration Management Plans)

Proper resident administration management is an important requirement for enhancing the superiority of the socialist system. People's committees shall properly establish and accurately execute resident administration management plans.

Article 12 (Identity Registration)

Residents must register their identity with the relevant institution in the following cases:

1. Birth or death
2. Marriage or divorce

3. When applying for a citizen card (Pyongyang citizen card)
4. When enlisting or being discharged from the Korean People's Army or the Social Security Forces
5. When acquiring or losing the nationality of the Republic
6. When moving in or out
7. When adopting or being adopted
8. When temporarily residing in another country
9. When changing registered identity information

Article 13 (Guarantee of Childcare and Education Conditions)

People's committees and relevant institutions, enterprises, and organizations shall modernize nurseries and kindergartens and provide childcare and education facilities, sports and play facilities, musical instruments, toys, publications, and educational materials. Streets and villages shall have children's parks and playgrounds equipped with various recreational facilities for children.

Article 14 (Guarantee of Educational Conditions)

People's committees and relevant educational institutions shall rationally arrange elementary and middle schools considering the number of residents and commuting conditions in the area and fully guarantee educational conditions.

Article 15 (Supply to Residents)

People's committees and relevant institutions shall properly establish the resident supply system and supply food, side dishes, fuel, drinking water, and resident goods according to supply standards in a timely manner. In this case, resident households shall be registered, and supply booklets shall be issued to each household.

Article 16 (Operation of Convenience Service Networks)

People's committees and relevant institutions shall rationally establish convenience service networks such as hygiene, processing, repair, and utilization services according to the characteristics and needs of the resident area and improve the quality of convenience services.

Article 17 (Rational Arrangement of Medical Service Networks)

People's committees and relevant institutions shall rationally arrange people's hospitals and clinics and provide modern medical facilities and medicines to ensure residents receive timely treatment.

Article 18 (Construction of Housing)

People's committees and relevant institutions, enterprises, and organizations shall plan and construct modern housing according to the natural geographical conditions, needs, living sentiments, and customs of the residents in the area.

Article 19 (Construction of Infrastructure)

People's committees and relevant institutions shall rationally construct power networks, communication networks, water and sewage networks, heating networks, and rainwater networks according to the living area units to ensure residents' lives are convenient.

Article 20 (Guarantee of Natural Environment)

People's committees and relevant institutions shall create green spaces with good tree species, fruit trees, flower trees, and green areas in streets and villages to ensure a favorable natural environment for residents' health and lives.

Article 21 (Implementation of Management Responsibility Area System)

People's committees shall designate management responsibility areas to institutions, enterprises, and people's units within their jurisdiction and ensure proper management. Exemplary institutions, enterprises, and people's units in street and village management shall be widely introduced and their experiences generalized.

Article 22 (Guarantee of Life for Meritorious Persons, Elderly, and Housewives)

People's committees and relevant institutions shall pay close attention to the lives of meritorious persons and the elderly and actively involve housewives in household convenience services and sideline production activities to increase household income.

Article 23 (Savings Work)

People's committees and banking institutions shall establish savings offices in ri (town, workers' district, dong) and ensure residents voluntarily participate in savings work. In this case, residents shall be provided with convenience to withdraw their savings at any time.

Article 24 (Savings Movement and Purchase Work)

People's committees and relevant institutions shall ensure households in their jurisdiction save water and electricity to the utmost and actively participate in purchase work.

Article 25 (Accident Prevention)

People's committees and relevant institutions shall establish measures to prevent various accidents such as fire, electrical, and gas accidents among residents. Accident factors shall be promptly investigated and eliminated.

Article 26 (Maintenance of Social Order and Security Organization)

People's committees and relevant institutions shall responsibly organize work to maintain social order and security in resident areas.

Article 27 (Reception and Handling of Complaints and Petitions)

People's committees and relevant institutions shall promptly and accurately receive and handle complaints and petitions raised by residents.

Article 28 (Grasping and Reporting Resident Supply and Life Guarantee Conditions)

Ri (town, workers' district, dong) offices shall grasp and report resident supply and life guarantee conditions in their jurisdiction daily, weekly, and monthly to the relevant people's committee and correct any deviations.

Article 29 (Use of Housing)

Residents wishing to use housing must obtain a housing use permit from the people's committee or relevant institution. Residents cannot dispose of housing at will without the approval of the people's committee or relevant institution.

Article 30 (People's Unit and Family Life)

Residents shall voluntarily participate in people's unit life and maintain family life in a healthy and frugal manner according to socialist lifestyle.

Article 31 (Management of Streets, Villages, and Housing)

Residents shall always keep and manage the streets, villages, and housing they live in hygienically and culturally.

Article 32 (Accommodation Order)

Residents wishing to accommodate others in their homes must obtain approval from the relevant institution according to the established order.

Article 33 (Reporting Order)

Residents must promptly report any abnormal phenomena, including illegal activities, to the relevant institution.

Chapter 4: Guidance and Control of Resident Administration Work

Article 34 (Principles of Guidance and Control of Resident Administration Work)

Strengthening guidance and control of resident administration work is a fundamental guarantee for further consolidating and developing the socialist system. The state shall establish a unified guidance system for resident administration work and strengthen guidance and control to ensure people's government institutions fulfill their responsibilities and roles.

Article 35 (Guidance of Resident Administration Work)

Guidance of resident administration work shall be under the unified guidance of the Cabinet, with people's committees responsible for regular grasp and guidance of resident administration work.

Article 36 (Priority Guarantee of Resident Living Conditions)

State planning institutions, material supply institutions, financial and banking institutions, and power supply institutions shall prioritize the provision of materials, equipment, and funds necessary for resident administration work. Materials, equipment, and funds allocated to resident administration work shall not be diverted elsewhere.

Article 37 (Market Operation Order and Prohibition of Material Burden)

People's committees and relevant institutions shall establish proper market operation order within their jurisdiction and ensure that residents are not subjected to material burdens.

Article 38 (Supervision and Control of Resident Administration Work)

Supervision and control of resident administration work shall be carried out by people's committees and relevant supervision and control institutions. People's committees and relevant supervision and control institutions shall strictly supervise and control the accurate implementation of state policies related to resident administration work.

Article 39 (Administrative or Criminal Responsibility)

Institutions, enterprises, organizations, and responsible officials or individual citizens who violate this law and cause serious consequences in resident administration work shall be held administratively or criminally responsible according to the circumstances.