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Bylaw to curb unsightly high-rise views gazetted

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The amended Federal Territory Uniform Building Bylaws 1984 was gazetted last month in an effort to curb unsightly views from high-rise buildings.

Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said amendments to the bylaws require developers of new high-rise buildings to provide a uniform area for the installation of air-conditioners and to allocate a space for the drying of laundry.

"Developers of new high-rise buildings will need to adhere to the new bylaws before their projects can be approved by the City Hall.

"From now on, City Hall also has the power to require developers to alter plans of any high-rise projects which had been approved but had yet to be constructed, to be in-line with the amendments," he told reporters after his weekly post-Cabinet meeting.

He said a similar amendment was expected to be made to the Uniform Building Bylaws 1984 to include other States, after receiving approval from the Attorney-General's Chambers.

An extra requirement was proposed for the amendments to the Uniform Building Bylaws 1984, which allows residents to install grills only at specified places on their windows and doors, he said.

Ting said the amendments were first made to the Federal Territory Uniform Building Bylaws 1984 as the city had the most high-rise buildings.

"This is just one of our efforts to help beautify our surroundings.

"The real task is to make sure residents use the facilities provided," he said.

Ting said the move to overcome the problem of unsightly clotheslines hanging from high-rise buildings was first mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad a few years ago during a meeting with key players of the housing industry.

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