

ALLIED CONTROL AUTHORITY  
CONTROL COUNCIL

**Law No. 18**

HOUSING LAW

In order to make reasonable provision for the protection, expansion, survey, allocation and utilization of existing housing, space, the Control Council enacts as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. The German local authorities (Gemeinden, Gemeindeverbände and Kreise) shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this Law. Such authorities shall be supervised by the appropriate German authorities at higher levels.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires, the phrase "German housing authorities" means, so far as regards matters of execution, the German local authorities and their housing offices, agencies and committees, and so far as regards matters of supervision, the German authorities at higher levels and their housing committees and agencies.

3. All German housing authorities may issue regulations (Anordnungen) effective within their areas for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Law.

4. The duties imposed upon them by this Law shall be carried out by the German housing authorities under the control of Military Government and in accordance with directions and regulations issued by Military Government. U

ARTICLE II

1. For the purposes aforesaid:

a) The German local authorities shall:

I. Maintain existing housing offices (Wohnungsämter) or similar agencies, or set up such offices or agencies if they do not already exist, and

II. Establish housing committees whose functions it will be to tender advice to the housing offices in carrying out the provisions of this law.

b) The German housing authorities at higher levels may, and shall, if so directed by Military Government, establish consulting committees to assist them in their duties.

2. The following principles shall be observed in the formation of the committees specified in the foregoing paragraph: