Town Council Act sets out handover process

HDB says rules will be followed, amid Aljunied residents’ concerns

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The Aljunied Town Council currently operates three offices which have been rented from the HDB. The three-year leases expire between November and next May. Ten other agreements are with its managing agent, UPP Facilities Management, and companies contracted to provide cleaning and maintenance services.

Mr Tanjong Pagar Town Council general manager Tan Khiang, who was Tanjong Pagar Town Council chair for four years, said there was no need for residents to worry as rules are pulled out clearly in the Act to make your opponent comfortable.”

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Mr Dave Munisamy, 30, an operations manager, said: “The lifts are still functioning and the chutes are still cleared regularly. If it’s something that can be done, we are doing it.

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