

## **Housing Complexes Geographical Dimension And Its Effects On The Level Of Housing Contentment: (Al-Ma' ather Housing Complex, Riyadh)**

### **Abstract:**

Housing problems are one of the recent problems facing the growth of the Riyadh city, particularly, among the youth who intend to get married or those of the youth initially beginning their working life. In the light of huge sums of money involved in putting up a private domicile or villa and the determination of the state to assist in this matter, the state has experimentally constructed a housing complex buildings comprising a number of apartments such as the Al-Ma' ather Housing Complex to benefit a large number of families.

On the contrary, the concern of a Saudi citizen is to have a house of his own which he enjoys with exclusive privacy. The experiment of living in a housing complex is new to Saudi society. And again, the society is not accustomed to living in a housing complex made up of multi-story high tower building.

In view of the foregoing, the study aimed at evaluating the experiment of Al-Ma' ather Housing Complex in Riyadh to determine the extent of Saudi citizen's contentment with living at Al-Ma' ather Housing Complex and the scope of his acquaintance with this development and also the effects of geographical dimension on the degree of housing satisfaction at this housing complex. This was obtained from a practical study in which multi-purpose questionnaire papers were used on random samples collected from apartments in which Saudis are living at

Al-Ma' ather Housing Complex.

The significant findings of the study showed that the youth with higher educational background are those who choose live at the Al-Ma' ather Housing Complex. Majority (97%) of those who live at this housing compound are those below the age of 30 years. Geographical location, ease of accessibility, location's link to other districts and its closeness to public installations are the main important factors in choosing to live at the Al-Ma' ather Housing Complex. Despite certain inconveniences complained by some inhabitants, such as maintenance and poor follow-ups, however, the view of large number of members of the inhabitants is that service provided at Al-Ma' ather Housing Complex are either satisfactory or moderate. This category of the inhabitants advises others to live in the Al-Ma' ather Housing Complex or in similar housing complexes.

The study presented some recommendations. These are: An extension in constructing housing complexes of this kind. Geographical location of the complex and ease of accessibility must be the main criteria of planning in constructing new housing complexes.