



SUPPLEMENT No. 2

TO

THE CYPRUS GAZETTE No. 3837 OF 9TH JULY, 1955.

LEGISLATION.

THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS

No. 24 of 1955.

A LAW TO MAKE PROVISION FOR AND TO FACILITATE THE HOUSING OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF THE COMMUNITY AND FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO.

R. P. ARMITAGE,]
Governor.

[9th July, 1955.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as follows:—

PART I.—PRELIMINARY.

1. This Law may be cited as the Housing Law, 1955.

Short title.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—
- “construct” includes alter, enlarge or adapt, and
- “construction” has a corresponding meaning;
- “Court” means a judicial officer of the District Court of competent jurisdiction of the District within which the immovable property concerned is situate;
- “Director” means the Director of Planning and Housing to the Government or in his absence such person as the Governor may appoint for the purposes of this Law;
- “house” means a building constructed or adapted for use for the purposes of dwelling and includes a kitchen and other usual appurtenances, outbuildings, yard, fences and permanent provision for lighting, water supply, drainage and sewerage, whether such building is, or is to be, constructed as a detached or semi-detached building or is to be contained in a block of buildings, together with the site for the house as herein defined;
- “immovable property” includes—
- (a) land
 - (b) buildings and other erections, structures or fixtures affixed to any land or to any building or other erection or structure;
 - (c) trees, vines, and any other thing whatsoever planted or growing upon any land and any produce thereof before severance;
 - (d) springs, wells, water and water rights whether held together with, or independently of, any land;
 - (e) easements, privileges and liberties over any immovable property and rights restrictive of the use of any immovable property which either lawfully subsist at the time of the acquisition or, though not subsisting at such time, are required to be created for any housing scheme;
 - (f) an undivided share in any property hereinbefore set out;
- “owner” in relation to any immovable property means the person registered or entitled to be registered in the books of the District Lands Office as the owner thereof;
- “scheme” means a housing scheme under this Law and, save as otherwise expressly provided in this Law, includes a scheme modifying or revoking an existing housing scheme;
- “street” includes any road, bridle-path, pathway, blind alley, passage, footway, pavement or public square.

PART II.—SCHEMES.

- 3.—(1) The Director may, after considering the housing conditions within a certain area in the Colony and the needs of that area with respect to the provision of housing accommodation for the working classes or such other class of the population as may be approved by the Governor-in-Council (hereinafter in this Law referred to as “the approved class”), prepare and submit to the Governor-in-Council a housing scheme under the provisions of this Part.

Preparation,
etc., and
contents of
housing
schemes.

(2) Any scheme shall contain proposals for all or any of the following matters—

- (a) the acquisition of immovable property for the erection thereon of houses for the working classes or the approved class ;
- (b) the erection of houses suitable for the working classes or the approved class and when necessary the laying out and construction of streets and open spaces on the land ;
- (c) the conversion of any buildings into houses for the working classes or the approved class ;
- (d) the acquisition of houses suitable for the purpose ;
- (e) the alteration, enlargement, repair or improvement of any houses or buildings which have, or a right or interest in which has, been acquired by the Director ;
- (f) the development of immovable property into a housing estate for the working classes or the approved class in accordance with plans prepared by the Director, including provision for the laying out, construction, maintenance and improvement of streets, open spaces, gardens, drains, electricity lines, water supply lines, shops, places of worship, places of recreation or other works or buildings for, or for the convenience of, persons belonging to the working classes or the approved class ;
- (g) any other matter necessary or incidental to the scheme.

4. Upon submission of the scheme under sub-section (1) of section 3 the Governor-in-Council may approve the scheme either absolutely or subject to such modifications or conditions as he may deem fit and his decision shall be final.

Approval and coming into force of the scheme.

5.—(1) A scheme approved by the Governor-in-Council under section 4 may, if it appears to the Director that it is desirable, having regard to all material considerations, that the scheme should be modified or revoked, be modified or revoked to such extent as it appears to be desirable as aforesaid.

Modification and revocation of the scheme.

(2) Any modification or revocation of a scheme under sub-section (1) shall not operate until approved by the Governor-in-Council.

PART III.—ACQUISITION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY.

6.—(1) Where any immovable property is needed for any scheme it shall be lawful for the Director and his servants and workmen and any person authorized by the Director in that behalf, to do all or any of the following things :—

Preliminary investigation.

- (a) to enter upon and survey and take levels of any such immovable property ;
- (b) to dig or bore into the subsoil ;
- (c) to do all other acts necessary to ascertain whether the immovable property is suitable for such purpose and the value of the immovable property and of any crops thereon ;