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An Ordinance for the improvement of the City of Freetown.

[1ST JANUARY, 1900.]

23 of 1899.
32 of 1908.
8 of 1926.
22 of 1940.
10 of 1941.
27 of 1941.
29 of 1942.
P.N. 165 of
1942.
Sec. 23 of
13 of 1912.
Sec. 29 of
12 of 1924.
30 of 1953.
Short title.

PART I.—PRELIMINARY.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Freetown Improvement Ordinance.

2. This Ordinance, except in cases where its application is expressly limited, applies to the whole of the city:

Provided nevertheless that this Ordinance shall not apply to any land or building belonging to or held in trust for the Imperial or Colonial Government.

Application.

3. This Ordinance is divided into eight parts as follows—

Division of
Ordinance.

- Part I.—Preliminary.
- Part II.—Sub-divisions of Wards.
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- Part IV.—Roofing of buildings.
- Part V.—Unfinished and dilapidated buildings.
- Part VI.—Fences.
- Part VII.—Streets.
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4. (1) In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpreta-
tion and
delegation.
30 of 1953.

“barbed wire” means any wire with spikes or jagged projections;

“builder” means the master builder or other person who is employed to execute or who actually executes any work upon any building;

“building” means any structure whatsoever, including a wall, except where such wall is used only as a fence;

“ dwelling house ” means any building used wholly or in part for human habitation;

“ owner ” includes any person in possession of any land or building, other than as a tenant from year to year or for any less term, or as a tenant at will, and also includes a person who is receiving or entitled to receive the rent of any land or building whether on his own account or on behalf of himself and others or as an agent or trustee, or who would so receive the rent or be entitled to receive it if the land or building were let to a tenant;

“ street ” includes any highway, road, avenue, alley, footpath, square, court or other thoroughfare or open space over which the public have a right of passage;

“ ward ” means a ward of the city;

any reference to “ this Ordinance ” shall be deemed to include a reference to any rules which may be made under the powers conferred by section 62.

(2) Any of the powers or duties conferred or imposed by this Ordinance on the Director of Public Works may, whenever the Director of Public Works so determines, be exercised by any other servant of the Government appointed by the Director of Public Works to act on his behalf, and all references to the Director of Public Works in this Ordinance shall be construed accordingly.

PART II.—SUB-DIVISION OF WARDS.

Sub-divisions
of wards into
sections.

5. For the purpose of this Ordinance the wards of the city are sub-divided into sections, each of which is named after the ward of which it forms a part.

Sections of
Central
Ward.

6. The Central Ward is sub-divided into, and consists of, six sections to be called—Central Ward—First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Section respectively. The said sections are as follows, that is to say—

(1) The Central Ward (First Section) comprises the area within a line which starts from a point on the bank of the Sierra Leone River, opposite Bathurst Street, and passes thence up Bathurst Street to its junction with Pademba Road, thence along Pademba Road to its junction with Pultney Street, thence across Government House grounds to the top of Garrison Street, thence down Garrison Street to the beach at Susan’s Bay, thence along the bank of the Sierra Leone River in a westerly direction till the said line reaches its starting point.

(2) The Central Ward (Second Section) comprises the area within a line which starts from a point on the bank of the Sierra Leone River, opposite Bathurst Street, and passes thence up Bathurst Street to its junction with Pademba Road, thence in a southerly direction along Pademba Road to its junction with Upper Brook Street, thence down Upper Brook Street to its junction with Westmoreland Street, thence along Sanders or Ede-oroko Brook to its junction with the Sierra Leone River, and thence in an easterly direction along the bank of the Sierra Leone River till the said line reaches its starting point.

(3) The Central Ward (Third Section) comprises the area within a line which starts from a point on the beach at Susan's Bay, opposite Garrison Street, and passes thence in an easterly direction along the said beach to Nicol Brook, thence up Nicol Brook, to where Frederick Street crosses the said brook, thence along Frederick Street to its junction with Circular Road, thence along Circular Road in a northerly direction to its junction with the top of Upper Howe Street, thence down Upper Howe Street to its junction with Garrison Street, thence down Garrison Street till the said line reaches its starting point.

(4) The Central Ward (Fourth Section) comprises the area within a line which starts at the junction of Pultney Street and Pademba Road, and passes thence in an easterly direction along the north ends of Soldier Street, Fort Street and Hill Street until it meets the boundary of the War Department property at Tower Hill, thence in a southerly direction along the said boundary till it meets Circular Road, thence along Circular Road in a westerly direction to its junction with Pademba Road, thence along West Street to the point where it meets Sanders Brook, thence along Sanders Brook to the point where Upper Brook Street meets Westmoreland Street, thence up Upper Brook Street to its junction with Pademba Road, thence along Pademba Road in a northerly direction till the said line reaches its starting point.

(5) The Central Ward (Fifth Section) comprises an area within a line which starts at the junction of Nicol Brook and the Western Boundary of War Department property at Mount Aureol; thence in a southerly direction along the War Department Boundary to the Freetown Water Works Reservation Boundary, thence in a westerly direction along the Freetown Water Works Reservation Boundary to its junction with Highbay Brook, thence in a northerly direction