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An Ordinance to provide for the regulation of the position of buildings and other obstructions with reference to roads.

[24TH JUNE, 1939.]

Short title
and
application.
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Cap. 7.

Cap. 65.

Interpreta-
tion.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Building Lines Ordinance, and shall apply to the Headquarters Judicial District, to the Police District of Freetown as defined by the Courts Ordinance, excluding that portion which lies within the limits of the City of Freetown as defined by the Freetown Municipality Ordinance, and to the Protectorate.

2. (1) In this Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires—

“road” means any thoroughfare used by the public and any beacons trace for a thoroughfare intended for the use of the public;

* This Ordinance has been called, hitherto, the Buildings Lines Regulation Ordinance.

“ permanent crops ” includes any tree valuable as food and trees having a trade value for their natural products but does not include any crop which requires to be sown and reaped within a period of twelve months;

“ structure of a permanent character ” means any structure whatsoever which once having been erected is of such a nature that it cannot be removed within twelve months after notice without damage thereto;

“ create an obstruction ” includes to erect any building or to plant any tree, or to plant any crop which is likely to cause an obstruction or which does cause an obstruction, or to erect any structure of a permanent or temporary nature;

“ Native Court ” means a Court of Native Chiefs as constituted by the Native Courts Ordinance. Cap. 8.

(2) For the purpose of this Ordinance the re-erecting of any building or any part of a building taken or fallen down or burned down to or below the top of the ground floor, or of any frame building taken or fallen or burned down so far as to leave only the framework of the lowest storey of the building or part of the building, or the conversion into a dwelling-house of any building not originally constructed for human habitation, and any structural addition to a building shall be considered the erection of a building and the roofing over of any open space between walls and buildings shall be deemed to be a structural addition.

3. The Governor in Council may by Order direct that this Ordinance shall apply to any road mentioned in such Order.

Roads to which Ordinance applies.

4. No person shall, otherwise than as may be allowed by an Order in Council under section 5 or by an Order under section 6, create an obstruction within fifty feet of the centre line of any road to which this Ordinance applies or plant any crop which requires to be sown and reaped within a period of twelve months upon any ground occupied by any such road or the drains adjacent thereto.

Space on both sides of centre line of roads to be clear of obstructions for fifty feet.

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(2) Save as provided in section 10, no person shall, save with the permission in writing of the Tribal Authority or the Chairman of the rural district council as the case may be, fell or cut or damage any tree, plant or shrub growing in any place outside

10 of 1954.

* This distance has been altered to thirty feet for all roads to which the Ordinance has been applied up to 1st January, 1959 (P.N. 101 of 1957).