

Housing and Development (Amendment) Ordinance

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Read the first time on 10th June 1964.

An Ordinance to amend the Housing and Development Ordinance, 1959 (*No. 11 of 1959*).

Be it enacted by the Yang di-Pertuan Negara with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Singapore, as follows: —

Short title and commencement

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Housing and Development (Amendment) Ordinance, 1964, and shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 11th day of February 1964.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Housing and Development Ordinance, 1959 (hereinafter in this Ordinance referred to as the “principal Ordinance”), is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the definition of “building” appearing in subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“ “building” includes any house, flat, hut, shed, roofed enclosure or other accommodation, whether used for the purpose of a human habitation or otherwise, and also any wall, fence, platform, staging gate, post, pillar, paling, frame hoarding, slip, dock, wharf, pier, jetty, landingstage or bridge, or any structure or foundation connected to the foregoing;”;

- (b) by inserting immediately after the definition of “Collector” appearing in subsection (1) thereof the following new definitions: —

“ “common property” means so much of the land and all parts of the building as are not comprised in the flats in a building;

“developed land” means any land of the Board upon which a building has been erected;

“flat” means a horizontal stratum of any building or part thereof, whether such stratum or part is on one or more levels or is partially or wholly below the surface of the ground;”;

- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following new section: —

“(2) References in this Ordinance to a flat, house or other living accommodation shall be construed to include references to the land appurtenant to such flat, house or other living accommodation.”; and

- (d) by renumbering the existing subsection (2) thereof as subsection (3).

New section 4A

3. The principal Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting immediately after section 4 thereof the following new section: —

“Rules as to the execution of documents

4A. The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make rules in regard to the execution of instruments of any description, the issue of any document and the signing of cheques and as to the proof of documents purporting to be executed, issued or signed by the Board or a member or officer thereof.”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 12 and new section 12A

4. Section 12 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“Duties and functions of the Board

12. Subject as hereinafter provided, it shall be the function and duty of the Board —

- (a) to prepare and execute the proposals, plans and projects for —
 - (i) the erection, conversion, improvement and extension of any building for sale, lease, rental or other purpose;
 - (ii) the clearance and redevelopment of slum and urban areas;
 - (iii) the development or redevelopment of areas designated by the Minister;
 - (iv) the development of rural or agricultural areas for the resettlement of persons displaced by operations of the Board or other resettlement projects approved by the Minister;
- (b) to manage all lands, houses and buildings or other property vested in

or belonging to the Board;

- (c) to carry out all investigations and the surveys necessary for the performance of the functions and duties of the Board;
- (d) to provide loans with the approval of the Minister, to enable persons to purchase any developed land or part thereof upon a mortgage of such developed land or part thereof at such interest as may be prescribed;
- (e) to do all such other matters and things as are necessary for the exercise or performance of all or any of the functions and duties of the Board.

Incorporated private companies may be formed

12A.—(1) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, cause to be formed, under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance (*Cap. 174*) an incorporated private company or companies (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Company”) limited by shares to be held by the Board and having as its or their object, any or all of the functions of the Board set out in section 12 of this Ordinance.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, there shall be registered with the memorandum of association of the Company articles of association prescribing regulations for the Company.

(3) Such articles of association of the Company shall contain, *inter alia*, such provisions relating to —

- (a) the capital and share structure of the Company;
- (b) the qualification, appointment, remuneration, powers and proceedings of Directors;
- (c) dividends and reserve funds; and
- (d) the winding up of the Company,

as may be directed by the Minister, and shall also provide that such employees of the Board as are transferred to the Company shall enjoy salaries and conditions of service as near as may be to those on which they were employed by the Board.”.

Amendment of section 17

5. Section 17 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “rules” appearing in the first and in the fifth lines thereof and substituting therefor the words “standing orders”; and
- (b) by deleting the word “rules” appearing in the second and in the fourth lines of the proviso thereto and substituting therefor the words “standing orders”.

Amendment of section 22

6. Section 22 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(2) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister (except in the case of leases from month to month), sell, surrender, lease or exchange any land or building belonging to the Board, either in block or parcels upon such terms and conditions as the Board may think fit.”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 24 and new section 24A

7. Section 24 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“Power to make rules

24.—(1) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make rules prescribing anything that is to be prescribed and generally for carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) All rules made under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be published in the *Gazette* and shall be presented to the Legislative Assembly as soon as may be after publication.

Power to make standing orders

24A. The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make standing orders providing for any matter in regard to which standing orders may be made under this Ordinance and in particular for the following: —

- (a) the method of entering into contracts by or on behalf of the Board;
- (b) the delegation of powers to officers of the Board;
- (c) the opening, keeping, closing and internal audit of accounts of the Board;
- (d) the conduct and discipline of officers of the Board;
- (e) loans and allowances or gratuities to officers of the Board;