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**TOWN COUNCILS ACT
(CHAPTER 329A)**

**TOWN COUNCIL OF POTONG PASIR
(COMMON PROPERTY AND OPEN SPACES)
BY-LAWS 2013**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 24 of the Town Councils Act, the Town Council for the Town of Potong Pasir hereby makes the following By-laws:

Citation and commencement

1. These By-laws may be cited as the Town Council of Potong Pasir (Common Property and Open Spaces) By-laws 2013 and shall come into operation on 27th March 2013.

Definitions

2.—(1) In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires —

“common property” and “open space” mean any common property and any open space, respectively, within the Town of Potong Pasir;

“housing estate” means a housing estate of the Board within the Town of Potong Pasir;

“park” means to bring a vehicle to a stationary position and cause it to remain for any purpose;

“parking place” has the same meaning as in the Parking Places Act (Cap. 214);

“revoked By-laws” means the Town Council of Potong Pasir (Common Property and Open Spaces) By-laws (By 2) revoked by these By-laws;

“sign” includes all signals, warning sign posts, direction posts, banners, notices and advertisements;

“vehicle” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not, intended or adapted for use on the road.

(2) Nothing in these By-laws shall prohibit officers or employees of the Town Council or any person authorised by the Town Council from doing any act that is reasonably necessary or expedient in the enforcement of these By-laws.

Dumping and renovation debris**3. No person shall —**

- (a) place, deposit, keep or leave, or cause or permit to be placed, deposited, kept or left, any object, material, article or thing on any common property or in any open space, except on such common property or in such open space designated by the Town Council for that purpose; or
- (b) transport any renovation debris or other building material in any lift in a building in any housing estate, or over any other common property or open space, except with the prior written permission of the Town Council.

Littering on common property and open spaces

4. No person shall throw or deposit, or cause or permit to be thrown or deposited, any dust, dirt, ash, refuse, rubbish or other matter or thing into or onto any common property or open space other than in a refuse chute or any other refuse or litter container or receptacle designated for that purpose.

Throwing objects, etc., from buildings and dangerously positioned objects

5.—(1) No person shall endanger the life of, or cause injury to, any person, or cause damage to any property within the Town by throwing, or allowing to fall, from his flat or any part of the building in a housing estate within the Town, any object, material, thing, article or substance.

(2) No person shall place any pot, plant, ornament, article, object or substance on or at any window-sill, corridor or other part of the common property within the Town in such manner which, in the opinion of the Town Council, is likely to —

- (a) endanger the life of any person;
- (b) cause injury to any person; or
- (c) cause damage to any common property within the Town or the property of any other person.

(3) The Town Council may, by notice in writing, direct any owner or occupier of a flat within the Town to remove, within 7 days after the date of such notice, any pot, plant, ornament, article, object or substance placed on or at any window-sill, corridor or other part of the common property outside the flat in contravention of paragraph (2).

(4) Where, in the opinion of the Town Council, any pot, plant, ornament, article, object or substance placed on or at any window-sill, corridor or other part of the common property within the Town in contravention of paragraph (2) is an imminent danger to life or person, the Town Council may remove and detain such pot, plant, ornament, article, object or substance without any notice under paragraph (3).

(5) Where the owner or occupier of a flat fails to comply with the notice of the Town Council under paragraph (3), the Town Council may remove and detain the pot, plant, ornament, article, object or substance, as the case may be.

(6) Any expenses incurred by the Town Council in removing and detaining any pot, plant, ornament, article, object or substance under paragraph (4) or (5) shall be recoverable from the owner or occupier of the flat.

(7) The Town Council shall immediately give written notice to the owner or occupier of the flat or other person having lawful possession of the pot, plant, ornament, article, object or substance removed and detained by the Town Council under paragraph (4) or (5) that he may, on payment of the expenses incurred by the Town Council in such removal and detention, claim possession of such pot, plant, ornament, article, object or substance from the Town Council within 30 days after such removal and detention.

(8) If the pot, plant, ornament, article, object or substance removed and detained by the Town Council under paragraph (4) or (5) is not claimed by the owner or occupier of the flat or other person having lawful possession thereof within 30 days after such removal and detention, the Town Council may —

(a) dispose of it by public auction or otherwise; and

- (b) apply the proceeds of the sale to the expenses incurred by the Town Council in its removal and detention, and the surplus, if any, shall be paid to such owner, occupier or other person.

Obstruction of common property

6.—(1) No person shall obstruct or cause or permit the obstruction of the lawful use of any common property with any object, fixture or thing.

(2) The Town Council may remove and detain any object, fixture or thing obstructing the lawful use of any common property.

(3) The Town Council shall immediately give written notice to the owner or person having lawful possession of the object, fixture or thing removed and detained by the Town Council that he may, on payment of the expenses incurred by the Town Council in the removal and detention, claim possession of it from the Town Council within 30 days after the date of such removal and detention.

(4) If the object, fixture or thing removed and detained by the Town Council is not claimed by the owner or person having lawful possession thereof within the period specified in paragraph (3), the Town Council may —

- (a) dispose of it by public auction or otherwise; and
- (b) apply the proceeds of the sale to the expenses incurred by the Town Council in its removal and detention, and the surplus, if any, shall be paid to such owner or person having lawful possession thereof when it was removed and detained.

Damage to common property

7.—(1) No person shall remove, destroy, damage or deface, or remove any earth or soil from, any common property.

(2) The costs and expenses (including administrative costs) incurred by the Town Council in restoring any damaged common property to its condition before such damage or destruction or in replacing earth, soil or any other property that has been removed shall constitute a debt due to the Town Council and shall be recoverable as such.