

**Town Councils Act  
(CHAPTER 329A)**

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## **TOWN COUNCILS ACT**

### **(CHAPTER 329A)**

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**REVISED EDITION 2000**

(1st July 2000)

An Act to provide for the incorporation of Town Councils to control, manage, maintain and improve the common property of housing estates of the Housing and Development Board, their constitution, functions and for matters incidental thereto.

[5th August 1988]

## PART I

### PRELIMINARY

#### **Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Town Councils Act.

#### **Interpretation**

- 2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“appointed member”, in relation to a Town Council, means a person who has been appointed to be a member of the Town Council under section 8 or 9(8);

“Board” means the Housing and Development Board established under the Housing and Development Act (Cap. 129);

“chairman”, in relation to a Town Council, means the chairman of the Town Council and includes an acting chairman of the Town Council;

“charges” means the conservancy and service charges levied by a Town Council under section 39;

“commercial property” means any building or premises vested in or belonging to the Board or any part of the building or premises which is permitted to be used pursuant to the Planning Act (Cap. 232) or any other written law wholly or partly as a shop, office, creche, public hall, a residential institution providing accommodation or care to persons in need of care, or an institution providing education or instruction or which is lawfully so used, and includes any market or food centre of the Board but does not include such property as may be prescribed;

“common property”, in relation to any residential or commercial property in a housing estate of the Board, means so much of the land and all parts of any building of the Board as are not being comprised in the flats in the building and includes —