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GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

ACT

No. 2 of 2019

Date of Assent: 11th April, 2019

An Act to provide for an integrated local government system; give effect to the decentralisation of functions, responsibilities and services at all levels of local government; ensure democratic participation in, and control of, decision making by the people at the local level; revise the functions of local authorities; provide for the review of tariffs, charges and fees within the area of a local authority; provide for the proceedings of the council and committees; provide for the role of traditional leadership in democratic governance; repeal and replace the Local Government Act, 1991; and provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing

[11th April, 2019

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

PART I
PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Government Act, 2019.

Short title

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation

“ area ” in relation to a council, means the district for which a council has been established under this Act;

“ authorised officer ” means a principal officer, a health inspector, police officer or any other officer for the time being discharging the functions of the chief executive officer of a local authority

“ bank account ” has the meaning assigned to the words in the Public Finance Management Act, 2018;

Act No. 1 of 2018

“ building ” includes any structure, whether of a permanent or temporary nature, and a part of a building or structure;