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BILL NO. 25 OF 1973

MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1973

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SCHEDULE

A BILL

Intituled

An Act to Amend the Municipal and District Councils Act 1969 and other laws

A.D. 1973 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title
and com-
mencement.
No. 24 of
1969.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Municipal and District Councils (Amendment) Act 1973, and amends the Municipal and District Councils Act 1969, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act.

(2) Sections 2, 3, 6, 14, and 18 to 21 (both inclusive) shall be deemed to have come into operation at the time of the commencement of the Principal Act.

(3) Section 7 and paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 10 shall come into operation on 1st January, 1974.

(4) Section 22 shall be deemed to have come into operation immediately after the commencement of the Principal Act.

Amendment
of section
2 of the
Principal
Act.

2. Section 2(1) of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by re-lettering paragraph (c) as paragraph (d) in the definition of the word "council" and the insertion therein of the following paragraph as paragraph (c) —

"(c) the council of a town established under section 33;"

- (b) by the addition of the following paragraph as paragraph (d) to the definition of the word "councillor" —

"(d) a councillor of a town council established under section 33;"

- (c) by the deletion of the definition of the word "Superintendent";

- (d) by the insertion of the following definition immediately after the definition of the word "Town" —

' "Town" means a town established under section 33;'

- (e) by the insertion of the following definition after the definition of the expression "Town Council" —

' "Town Council" means the municipal council in and for a town;'

- (f) by the insertion of the words "or of a town council" after the words "Town Council" in the definition of the expression "Town Clerk"; and

- (g) by the insertion of the words "or of a town established under section 33" after the word "Council" in the definition of the expression "town councillor".

Insertion of
section 33A
in the
Principal
Act.

3. The Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion therein of the following section as section 33A immediately after section 33 —

"Election of other town councillors and application of sections 9 to 22 to towns. No. 23 of 1969.

33A. (1) The town councillors of town councils constituted under section 33 shall be elected in accordance with the Local Authorities (Elections) Act 1969, at elections held every three years during the period commencing on 1st November and ending on 7th December, and every town council shall be a local authority to which that Act applies and a local authority within the meaning of that Act and the Town Clerk shall be the clerk of the local authority for the purposes of that Act.

(2) The number of registered voters for a town who may, under section 43 of

the Local Authorities (Elections) Act 1969, submit a list of candidates shall be not less than fifty and not more than sixty.

(3) Subject to this Act, the term of office of town councillors shall be three years commencing on the 1st January after the declaration, under section 101 of the Local Authorities (Elections) Act 1969, of the election results of the town.

(4) The provisions of sections 9 to 22 (both sections inclusive) shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor of a town and town councillors as they apply to the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor of the City of Georgetown and the City Councillors and those provisions shall have effect as if —

- (a) references to the City Council and to City Councillors were respectively references to the town council and the town councillors;
- (b) in section 22 there were substituted the words “the constitution order” for the words “Part I of Schedule 3”.

Amendment of sections 125, 126, 131 to 134 and 142 of the Principal Act.

4. (1) Section 125 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by renumbering the section as section 125 (1) and by adding the following subsection as subsection (2) thereof —

“(2) The Council of a town may, with the approval of the Minister, establish a town constabulary for the town.”.

(2) Section 126 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the deletion therefrom of the words “a Superintendent and”.

(3) Sections 131, 132 and 142 of the Principal Act are hereby amended by the substitution of the words “officer in charge of the town constabulary” for the word “Superintendent” wherever it appears therein.

(4) Sections 133 and 134 of the Principal Act are hereby amended by the substitution of the words “officer in charge of a town constabulary” for the word “Superintendent” where it appears therein.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 137 of the Principal Act.

5. Section 137 of the Principal Act is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor —

“Powers. 137. (1) Every member of a town constabulary shall, in relation to —

- (a) any offence committed against this Act or by-laws made by the council in whose service he is for the time being;
- (b) any offence committed in any place vested in, or under the control of, the council or in any public place in the council area,

have all the powers and be entitled to all the privileges and immunities conferred on a police constable by any law for the time being in force.

(2) Where a town constable lays an information or makes a complaint against any person in respect of any offence against the provisions of this Act or any by-laws made thereunder any member of a town constabulary not below the rank of corporal and serving in the same constabulary as the aforesaid town constable may appear before the magistrate exercising jurisdiction in the matter and shall have the same privileges as to addressing the magistrate and examining the witnesses adduced in the matter as the town constable who laid the information or made the complaint would have had.”.

6. Sections 155 and 156 of the Principal Act are hereby amended by the addition of the words “town council or a” immediately before the words “district council” wherever they appear in sections 155 and 156. Amendment of sections 155 and 156 of the Principal Act.

7. Section 160 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects Amendment of section 160 of the Principal Act.

- (a) by the substitution of the word “May” for the word “August” in subsection (1);
- (b) by the insertion of the words “town council and a” immediately before the word “district” in subsections (1) and (2).

8. Section 200 of the Principal Act is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor — Repeal and re-enactment of section 200 of the Principal Act.

“Rating area.

200 Each council area shall form one rating area.”.

Amendment of sections 202 and 204 of the Principal Act.

9. (1) Section 202 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the deletion of all the words following after the words “sufficient to” and the substitution therefor of the words “meet the expenditure estimated to be incurred by the council in carrying out its functions under this Act during the rating period”.

(2) Section 204 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by renumbering the section as section 204 (1);
- (b) by the deletion of the word “uniform”; and
- (c) by the addition of the following subsection as subsection (2) —

“(2) A council may make and levy —

- (a) a separate rate percentage on the value of land, and of any building or other erection thereon;
- (b) a different rate percentage on the value of property in different parts of the rating area if the council thinks it expedient to do so:

Provided that the exercise by a council (other than the City Council or the Town Council) of the power conferred upon it by this subsection shall be subject to the approval of the Minister.”.

Amendment of section 213 of the Principal Act.

10. Section 213 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the substitution of the words “February”, “April”, “July”, and “October” for the words “April”, “July”, “October”, and “January”, respectively, in subsection (1);
- (b) by the substitution of the words “July”, and “October”, for the words “October”, and “January”, respectively, in subsection (2);
- (c) by the addition thereto of the following subsection as subsection (6) —

“(6) Anything in subsections (1) and (2) to the contrary notwithstanding the Minister may for good and sufficient cause shown to him, by notice published in the Gazette and in a newspaper circulating in Guyana, prescribe other dates on which the instalments of a general or supplementary rate shall become due and payable.”.

11. Section 229 (2) of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution of the words “directions in writing” for the word “order”.

Amendment
of section
229 of the
Principal
Act.

12. Section 275 (3) of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution of the words “of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than” for the words “not exceeding”.

Amendment
of section
275 of the
Principal
Act.

13. Section 277 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution of the words “of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than” for the words “not exceeding” where they appear in subsections (2), (3) and (4).

Amendment
of section
277 of the
Principal
Act.

14. Section 282 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

Amendment
of section
282 of the
Principal
Act.

- (a) by the deletion of the word “district” wherever it appears before the word “council”;
- (b) by the substitution of the expression “council area” for the word “district” wherever it appears otherwise in subsection (1).

15. Section 302 of the Principal Act is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor —

Repeal and
re-enactment
of section
302 of the
Principal
Act.

“Powers of
town
councils
and
district
councils.

302. A town council or a district council shall have power to do such of the things set forth in section 301 as it may be authorised by the constitution order of its town or district to do; and references in section 301 to the City Council and the Town Council shall be construed as references to the town council or district council, as the case may be, references to the City and the Town as references to the town or district, as the case may be, and references to the Town Clerk as references to the chief executive officer.”.

16. Section 303 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respect —

Amendment
of section
303 of the
Principal
Act.

- (a) by the deletion of all the words appearing in subsection (2) after the word "offender"; and
- (b) by the re-numbering of subsection (3) as subsection (4) and by the insertion immediately before that subsection of the following subsection as subsection (3) —
 "(3) By-laws may provide for the recovery by the Council from any offender in addition to any penalty imposed under subsection (2) or from the proceeds of any sale by the council in consequence of a breach of such by-laws, of the expenses incurred by the council in consequence of a breach of any by-law and the exercise by the Council of its powers to ensure compliance with any such by-law."

Amendment
of section
314 of the
Principal
Act.

17. (1) Section 314 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following subsection as subsection (3) thereof —

Cap. 26
Cap. 184

"(3) The provisions of the Limitation Ordinance and the Title to Land (Prescription and Limitation) Ordinance shall not, in so far as they prescribe a period of limitation within which a sum of money may be recovered, apply to a claim by a council."

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall enable any action to be brought which was barred before the enactment of this section, except in so far as the cause of action or right of action may be revived by an acknowledgement or part payment made in accordance with the provisions of the Limitation Ordinance.

Amendment
of section
321 of the
Principal
Act.

18. Section 321(2) of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the addition to paragraph (a) immediately after the word "Ordinance" of the words "(including any extension thereof with such adaptations and modifications as may be necessary or expedient for the purpose)".

Amendment
of section
322 of the
Principal
Act.

19. Section 322 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the insertion of the words "a town or" after the words "establishment of" where they first appear;
- (b) by the insertion of the words "or the town" after the word "Town" wherever it appears in paragraph (a);
- (c) by the insertion of the words ", the town council" immediately after the words "Town

Council” in the proviso to paragraph (a), and in paragraph (b);

- (d) by the insertion of the words “the town or” immediately after the words “establishment of” in the proviso to paragraph (a).

20. Section 324 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

Amendment of section 324 of the Principal Act.

- (a) by the insertion of the words “town council or” between the words “constituted” and “district” in paragraph (a);
- (b) by the insertion of the words “the first Mayor and Deputy Mayor” between the words “of” and “the” in paragraph (b).

21. Section 324 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

Amendment of section 326 of the Principal Act.

- (a) by the substitution of the word “or” for the word “by” in subsection (2); and
- (b) by the insertion of the words “town or” immediately before the word “district” wherever it appears in subsection (1) and (3); and
- (c) by the insertion of the words “their repeal, or” immediately after the word “notwithstanding” in subsection (3).

22. The enactments specified in the schedule to this Act (being enactments amended in Schedule 9 to the Principal Act) are hereby further amended in the manner specified in the schedule to this Act.

Amendment of enactments in Schedule 9 to the Principal Act.

23. (1) The Local Government Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

Amendment of the Local Government Ordinance. Cap. 150.

- (a) by renumbering section 18 as section 18(1) and by adding the following subsection as subsection (2) thereof —

Cap. 26
Cap. 184

“(2) The provisions of the Limitation Ordinance and the Title to Land (Prescription and Limitation) Ordinance shall not, in so far as they prescribe a period of limitation

within which a sum of money may be recovered, apply to a claim by a local authority.”;

- (b) by the substitution of the words “a chairman and deputy chairman of the country authority from among them” for the words “one of them to be chairman of the country authority” in subsection (3) of section 72;
- (c) by the insertion of the following section as section 80A, immediately after section 80 —

“Remuneration of councillors of a local authority.

80A. A local authority may, in each year, with the approval of the Minister, appropriate out of the funds of the local authority a sum to be utilised for the remuneration of councillors (other than travelling and subsistence expenses incurred in the course of duty) and may, with such approval, determine the amount which shall be payable to each councillor and such additional remuneration, if any, payable to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman in respect of their offices as such.”;

- (d) by the substitution of the word “Minister” for the word “Secretary” in section 105(3);
- (e) by the addition of the following subsection as subsection (7) of section 105 —

“(7) It shall be lawful for the Minister or a local authority in the exercise of their powers under this section to fix a different rate in respect of different parts of the district if in the opinion of the Minister or the local authority, as the case may be, it is expedient to do so:

Provided that the exercise by a local authority of the power conferred upon it by this subsection shall be subject to the approval of the Minister.”;

- (f) by the substitution of the words “he may by a direction in writing,” for the words “it may by

an order, under the hand of the Secretary," in section 120;

- (g) by the substitution of the words "a public officer designated by the Minister" for the words "the Secretary" in section 185;
- (h) by the substitution of the words "public officer designated for the purpose by the Minister by notice published in the Gazette" for the word "Secretary" in section 199;
- (i) by the deletion of the words "or by the Minister" from section 216; and
- (j) by the deletion of the words "or by the Board" from section 216 and by the substitution of the word "Minister" for the words "Governor in Council" appearing therein.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) shall enable any action to be brought which was barred before the enactment of this section, except in so far as the cause of action or right of action may be revived by an acknowledgement or part payment made in accordance with the provisions of the Limitation Ordinance.

24 So long as sections 96 to 103 (both sections inclusive) of the Local Government Ordinance continue in force by virtue of section 3 of the Valuation for Rating Purposes (Amendment) Act 1971 —

- (a) the provisions of the second schedule to the Valuation for Rating Purposes Act 1969 shall apply for the purposes of any appraisal made after the enactment of this section in pursuance of those sections and, for that purpose, every reference therein —
 - (i) to the Chief Valuation Officer shall be construed as a reference to the appraisers appointed pursuant to the said section 96;
 - (ii) to the draft list and the valuation list shall be construed as a reference to the assessment book;
- (b) Every reference in sections 96, 97 and 98 to the

Application
of the Valuation
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1969 and
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of certain
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of Chapter
150, 8 of
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1971.
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1969.

requirement of posting up any notice or other information in a conspicuous place in a village or country district shall be construed and have effect as including the requirement to publish the said notice or other information on at least three occasions in a newspaper circulating in the district.

- (c) section 100(3) shall be construed and have effect as if the words "and in at least one newspaper circulating in the village or country district" had been included in that subsection after the word "Gazette".

Validation

25.(1) Any constabulary established by the council of a town established under section 33 of the Principal Act and in existence at the time of the coming into operation of section 125 of the Principal Act shall for all purposes be deemed to have been lawfully and validly established pursuant to section 125 of the Principal Act as amended by section 4.

(2) Anything done by a council before the enactment of this Act in purported exercise of the powers conferred by section 204 of the Principal Act as amended by section 9 shall be deemed to have been lawfully and validly done.

(3) Where prior to the enactment of this Act a local authority or the Local Government Board, or the Minister, as the case may be, fixed a different rate in respect of different parts of a district under the Local Government Ordinance, the fixing and levying of such a rate shall for all purposes be deemed to have been lawfully and validly done.

Repeal of the Georgetown (Valuation and Rating) Ordinance, Cap. 154.

26. The Georgetown (Valuation and Rating) Ordinance is hereby repealed:

Provided that the repeal of the said Ordinance shall not affect the application of section 46 (2) of the Valuation for Rating Purposes Act 1969 (which provides for the continuation in force of the existing valuation list for the City of Georgetown pending the coming into operation of a valuation list for the City prepared pursuant to the said Act).

Section 22		
SCHEDULE		
Chapter or Number	Short Title	Extent of amendment
Chapter 10	Criminal Law (Offences) Ordinance	In section 2 (1) in the definition of the word "town", insert the words "towns and local government districts established under section 33 of the Municipal and District Councils Act 1969," immediately after the word "Morawhanna,".
Chapter 11	Criminal Law (Procedure) Ordinance.	<p>(a) In section 23, substitute the following subsection for subsection (2) —</p> <p>"(2) Every mayor or chairman of a local authority and every chief executive officer (by whatever name called) of a local authority shall, on that application, furnish a list of all persons qualified as jurors within the area administered by the local authority as shown by the valuation list or other records relating to the properties within the said area."</p> <p>(b) In section 25(4), insert the words "the mayors and chief executive officers (by whatever name called) of other towns established under section 33 of the Municipal and District Councils Act 1969," immediately after the word "respectively,".</p>
Chapter 14	Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Ordinance	In section 2(1) in the definition of the word "town", insert the words "towns and local government districts established under section 33 of the Municipal and District Councils Act 1969," immediately after the word "Morawhanna,".

Chapter or Number	Short Title	Extent of amendment
Chapter 145	Public Health Ordinance	<p>(a) In section 2, the following definition shall be substituted for the definition of the expression “local authority” —</p> <p>“local authority” means a local authority constituted under the Municipal and District Councils Act 1969 or the Local Government Ordinance;”;</p> <p>(b) substitute a semi-colon for the full stop at the end of section 13(3) (b) and add the following paragraph thereto —</p> <p>“(c) the towns established under section 33 of the Municipal and District Councils Act 1969 and the local sanitary authorities thereof shall be the councils of those towns.”.</p>
Chapter 150	Local Government Ordinance	<p>(a) In section 22(1), insert the words “,other towns” immediately after the word “Amsterdam”;</p> <p>(b) In sections 24 and 25, insert the words “or any other town” immediately after the word “Amsterdam” wherever it appears therein.</p>
Chapter 181	Town and Country Planning Ordinance	<p>Insert the words “other town or of any” between the words “any” and “local” in the definition of the expression “Local Authority” in section 2(1).</p>
Chapter 182	Housing Ordinance	<p>Insert the words “other town or of any” between the words “any” and “local” in the definition of the expression “Local Authority” in section 2.</p>

Chapter or Number	Short Title	Extent of amendment
Chapter 191	Sea Defence Ordinance	In section 2, in the definition of the expression "local authority", insert the words "any town established under section 33 of the Municipal and District Councils Act 1969, or of" between the word "of" and "any".
Chapter 192	Drainage and Irrigation Ordinance	(a) In section 2 in the definition of the expression "local authority", insert the words "any town established under section 33 of the Municipal and District Councils Act 1969, or of" between the words "of" and "any". (b) In section 43(2), insert the words "of a town established under section 33 of the Municipal and District Council Act 1969 or" immediately after the word "council".
Chapter 236	East Demerara Water Conservancy Ordinance	(a) In section 2, in the definition of the words "local authority" insert the words "town or a" between the words "a" and "local"; (b) In section 18(2), insert the words "town or" between the words "each" and "local"; (c) In sections 27 and 30, insert the words "town or" between the word "any" and "local";
Chapter 237	Electric Lighting Ordinance	In section 2 in the definition of the expression "local authority", insert the words "town or" between the words "any" and "local".
Chapter 258	Animal Diseases Ordinance	In section 23, insert the words "town or" between the word "a" and "local".

Chapter or Number	Short Title	Extent of amendment
Chapter 298	Tax Ordinance	<p>(a) In subparagraph (xiii) of the exemptions to item (35) of section 9 insert the words "town or" between the words "a" and "local".</p> <p>(b) The following subsection shall be inserted as subsection (2A) of section 17 —</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(2A) The Mayor and Town Council of any other town shall take out an annual licence for each public market owned by them and shall pay for the same the sum of forty dollars.”.</p> <p>(c) In paragraph (b) of the proviso to section 23, insert the words "town council or" between the words "of" and "a" appearing before the word "district".</p>
Chapter 299	Income Tax Ordinance	In section 2, in the definition of the expression "local authority", insert the words "town or" between the words "any" and "local".
No. 7 of 1957	Fire Brigade Ordinance, 1957	<p>In section 2, in the definition of the expression "local authority" —</p> <p>(a) insert the words "town or" between the words "any" and "local";</p> <p>(b) substitute the word "under" for the word "be";</p> <p>(c) insert the words "town or" between the word "such" and "district".</p>
No. 14 of 1965	Statistics Ordinance, 1965	In section 2, in the definition of the expression "local authority", insert the words "town council or" between the words "a" and "district".

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to make amendments to the Municipal and District Councils Act 1969 which have become necessary as a result of the operation of the Act, particularly with respect to towns established under section 33 of the Act.

Clause 4 seeks to amend certain provisions of the Act to enable the municipalities to establish town constabularies the heads of which need not have the rank of Superintendent.

Clause 5 seeks to repeal and re-enact section 137 of the Act to confer on the member of a town constabulary the powers which a town constable enjoyed under the Georgetown Town Council Ordinance (Chapter 152), prior to the coming into force of the Municipal and District Councils Act 1969.

Clauses 7, 8, and 10 seek to amend sections 160, 200 and 213 respectively, of the Act to facilitate the work of local authorities with respect to the Act to facilitate the work of local authorities with respect to the preparation of supplementary estimates and the collection of rates.

Clause 9 seeks to amend sections 202 and 204 of the Act to enable local authorities to levy rates separately on lands and buildings and to levy a different rate percentage in different parts of a rating area.

Clause 11 seeks to simplify the procedure for the waiving of the requirement to invite tenders.

Clauses 12 and 13 seek to provide minimum penalties for contravention of the law in certain spheres of local government administration.

Clause 14 seeks to amend section 282 of the Act to include any council consequent upon the responsibilities of the Guyana Water Authority established in 1972.

Clause 15 seeks to amend the Act to make express provision relating to the conferring of powers on town councils and district councils.

Clause 17 seeks to amend section 314 of the Act to provide that periods of limitation shall not apply with respect to the recovery of debts due to local authorities.

Clause 18 seeks to enable the regulations, rules, by-laws and orders which applied in the City of Georgetown and the Town of New Amsterdam prior to the coming into force of the Municipal and District Councils Act 1969, to apply to the new areas now included in the City and the Town.

Clause 20 seeks to amend section 324 of the Act to include references to the councils of towns established under section 33 of the Act.

Clause 22 seeks to effect further amendments to the enactments amended in Schedule 9 to the Act.

Clause 23 seeks to amend the Local Government Ordinance (Chapter 150) to exclude the application of the Limitation Ordinance to claims by local authorities, to enable the Minister responsible for Local Government to appoint Deputy Chairmen of country authorities, and to make provision for differential rating in districts.

Clause 24 seeks to apply the provisions of the Valuation for Rating Purposes Act 1969, with adaptations, for the purpose of enabling appraisers to carry out valuations of properties in areas subject to the Local Government Ordinance, (Chapter 150) and to make certain modifications to that Ordinance.

Clause 25 seeks to validate the establishment of constabularies by any town established under section 33 of the Act and also to validate the acts of those councils which did not levy rates on properties at a uniform rate as required by section 204 of the Act.

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