

# SEWERAGE RATES

## No. 30 of 1968

### An Ordinance to provide for the Imposition of Sewerage Rates.

#### PART I.—PRELIMINARY.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Sewerage Rates Ordinance* 1968.\* Short title.
2. This Ordinance applies to and in relation to the rating year commencing on the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and each subsequent rating year. Application.
3. This Ordinance is divided into Parts, as follows:— Parts.
  - Part I.—Preliminary (Sections 1-6).
  - Part II.—Sewerage Rates (Sections 7-16).
  - Part III.—Miscellaneous (Sections 17-29).
- 4.—(1.) In this Ordinance, unless the contrary intention appears— Interpretation.

“building containing residential flats” means—

  - (a) a building erected on a parcel of land in pursuance of a provision in a lease from the Commonwealth in respect of the parcel of land requiring the erection of a building containing residential flats; or
  - (b) a building containing residential flats owned by the Commonwealth;

“flat” means a residential flat in a building containing residential flats;

“flushed sanitary fixture” means a sanitary fixture that is flushed by a flushing cistern or flush valve;

“inspector” means a person appointed to be an inspector for the purposes of this Ordinance;

“lease” includes an agreement for a lease but does not include a weekly tenancy or a fortnightly tenancy;

“rating year” means a period of twelve months commencing on a first day of January;

“sewerage rates” means sewerage rates imposed by this Ordinance;

“sewerage services” means services supplied by the sewerage system provided by, or under the authority or control of, the Minister;

“the authorized officer” means the person appointed to be the authorized officer for the purpose of this Ordinance.

\* Made on 13 December 1968; notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* and commenced on 19 December 1968.

(2.) For the purpose of this Ordinance, sewerage services shall be deemed to be supplied to a parcel of land from and including the day on which the appropriate officer of the Department of Works issues a certificate certifying that all work relating to the connexion to the sewerage system of the sanitary fixtures in a building erected on the land has been satisfactorily carried out.

(3.) Where a person becomes entitled to the grant of a lease of a parcel of land as from a specified date, that person shall, for the purposes of this Ordinance, be deemed to be the lessee of the parcel of land as from that date notwithstanding that the lease is not granted until a subsequent date.

(4.) For the purpose of this Ordinance, a sanitary fixture—

(a) consisting of two or more urinal stalls that are grouped as a single unit and each of which is for use by one person at a time but is not fitted with a separate flushing cistern or valve; or

(b) in the form of a continuous trough for use as a urinal, shall be deemed to be one sanitary fixture.

(5.) A reference in this Ordinance to a subsidiary building, in relation to another building, shall be read as a reference to a building that is used or is to be used only for purposes connected with the purpose for which the other building is being or is to be used.

**Rateable land.**

**5.—(1.)** For the purpose of this Ordinance, a parcel of land is a parcel of rateable land if sewerage services are supplied or are available for supply in respect of the land and—

(a) the parcel of land is held under a lease from the Commonwealth;

(b) the parcel of land is held under a weekly or fortnightly tenancy from the Commonwealth; or

(c) a building containing residential flats owned by the Commonwealth is erected on the parcel of land and at least one of those flats is held under a weekly or fortnightly tenancy from the Commonwealth.

(2.) The next two succeeding sub-sections apply to a parcel of land that is not a parcel of rateable land on the first day of a rating year.

(3.) Where, after the first day in a rating year—

(a) a person becomes entitled to the grant of a lease of a parcel of land to which this sub-section applies as from a specified day in the rating year;

(b) a person becomes entitled to a weekly or fortnightly tenancy of a parcel of land to which this sub-section applies from the Commonwealth as from a specified day in the rating year; or

(c) the first person to become entitled to a weekly or fortnightly tenancy of a flat in a building containing residential flats owned by the Commonwealth that is erected on a parcel of land to which this sub-section applies becomes so entitled on a specified day in the rating year,

the parcel becomes, subject to the next succeeding sub-section, a parcel of rateable land on that specified day.

(4.) Where a person becomes entitled to the grant of a lease of a parcel of land to which this sub-section applies as from a specified day but sewerage services are not supplied and are not available for supply in respect of the parcel on that day, the parcel of land becomes a parcel of rateable land on the day on which sewerage services become available for supply in respect of the parcel of land.

(5.) Sub-section (3.) of this section does not apply to a parcel of land if the person who becomes entitled to the grant of a lease of the parcel as from a specified day held the land, immediately before the specified day, as tenant of the Commonwealth upon a weekly or fortnightly tenancy.

**6. For the purposes of this Ordinance—**

Classes of  
rateable land.

(a) a parcel of rateable land shall be taken to be a Class 1 parcel of rateable land—

- (i) if a building, being a single residential unit, and no other building, is erected on the land and sewerage services are supplied to the building;
- (ii) if two or more buildings are erected on the land of which one building is a single residential unit and the other building is a subsidiary building or the other buildings are subsidiary buildings, and sewerage services are supplied to any of those buildings; or
- (iii) if, whether or not a building is erected on the land, sewerage services are not supplied in respect of the land,

but not otherwise;

(b) a parcel of rateable land shall be taken to be a Class 2 parcel of rateable land if the land is held under a lease from the Commonwealth, sewerage services are supplied to a building erected on the land and—

- (i) a building containing residential flats, but no other building, is erected on the land;
- (ii) two or more single residential units are erected on the land in pursuance of a provision in the lease of the land from the Commonwealth requiring the erection of two or more single residential units on the land; or
- (iii) the buildings erected on the land comprise either a building containing residential flats or two or more single residential units erected in pursuance of a covenant of a kind referred to in the last preceding sub-paragraph, as the case may be, and another building that is a subsidiary building or other buildings that are subsidiary buildings,

but not otherwise;

- (c) a parcel of rateable land shall be taken to be a Class 3 parcel of rateable land if a building containing residential flats owned by the Commonwealth is erected on the land and sewerage services are supplied to the building, but not otherwise;
- (d) a parcel of rateable land shall be taken to be a Class 4 parcel of rateable land—
  - (i) if a building, being a school, church, hospital, benevolent institution or charitable institution, but no other building, is erected on the land and sewerage services are supplied to the building; or
  - (ii) if two or more buildings are erected on the land of which one building is a building of a kind referred to in the last preceding paragraph and the other building is a subsidiary building or the other buildings are subsidiary buildings and sewerage services are supplied to any of the buildings, but not otherwise; and
- (e) a parcel of rateable land shall be taken to be a Class 5 parcel of rateable land if a building is erected on the land, sewerage services are supplied to the land and the parcel is not a parcel of rateable land of a kind referred to in a previous paragraph of this section.

#### PART II.—SEWERAGE RATES.

Imposition of sewerage rates.

7. Sewerage rates are imposed, in accordance with this Ordinance, in each rating year in respect of each parcel of rateable land.

Amount of rates imposed.

8.—(1.) Subject to this Ordinance, where a parcel of land is a parcel of rateable land on the first day of a rating year, the amount of sewerage rates imposed in the rating year in respect of the parcel is—

- (a) if the parcel is on that day a Class 1 parcel of rateable land—Ten dollars;
- (b) if the parcel is on that day a Class 2 parcel of rateable land—an amount calculated at the rate of Ten dollars—
  - (i) for each flat contained in a building containing residential flats that is erected on the land; or
  - (ii) for each single residential unit that is erected on the land,
 as the case may be;
- (c) if the parcel is on that day a Class 3 parcel of rateable land—an amount calculated at the rate of Ten dollars for each flat included in the building containing residential flats erected on the land that is on that day held under a weekly or fortnightly tenancy from the Commonwealth;

- (d) if the parcel is on that day a Class 4 parcel of rateable land—
- (i) in a case where the building erected on the land contains not more than two flushed sanitary fixtures—Ten dollars; or
  - (ii) in any other case—an amount equal to the sum of Ten dollars and an amount calculated at the rate of Five dollars for each flushed sanitary fixture contained in the building erected on the land in excess of two flushed sanitary fixtures; or
- (e) if the parcel is on that day a Class 5 parcel of rateable land—
- (i) in a case where the building erected on the land contains not more than two flushed sanitary fixtures—Ten dollars; or
  - (ii) in any other case—the sum of Ten dollars and an amount calculated at the rate of Ten dollars for each flushed sanitary fixture contained in the building erected on the land in excess of two flushed sanitary fixtures.

(2.) Of the amount of sewerage rates imposed in a rating year by this section in respect of a Class 3 parcel of rateable land, an amount of Ten dollars shall, for the purpose of this Ordinance, be deemed to be the amount of sewerage rates referable to each flat included in the building containing residential flats erected on the land that is, on the first day of the rating year, held under weekly or fortnightly tenancy from the Commonwealth.

9. Subject to this Ordinance, the sewerage rates imposed in a rating year in respect of a parcel of rateable land become due on the first day of the rating year.

When rates become due.

10.—(1.) Where a parcel of land is not a parcel of rateable land on the first day of a rating year but becomes a parcel of rateable land on a subsequent day in the rating year, the amount of sewerage rates imposed in the rating year in respect of the parcel is, subject to this Ordinance, the amount ascertained in accordance with the formula

Amount of rates for part of rating year.

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— where—

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- a is the amount of sewerage rates that would be imposed by section 8 of this Ordinance in a rating year in respect of the parcel of land if the day on which the parcel becomes a parcel of rateable land were the first day of the rating year; and
- b is the number of days in the period from and including the day on which it becomes such a parcel to and including the last day in the rating year.

(2.) Where the amount of sewerage rates payable in respect of a parcel of rateable land in a rating year is fixed by the last preceding sub-section, the sewerage rates become due on the day on which the parcel of land becomes a parcel of rateable land.

Increased  
sewerage  
rates—general.

11.—(1.) The amount of sewerage rates imposed in a rating year in respect of a parcel of rateable land that is held under lease from the Commonwealth is increased by an amount ascertained in accordance with the succeeding sub-sections of this section if, after the sewerage rates for the rating year have become due in respect of the parcel but before the commencement of the next following rating year—

- (a) a building containing more than two flushed sanitary fixtures is erected on the land and, upon the erection of the building, the parcel is a Class 4 parcel of rateable land or a Class 5 parcel of rateable land;
- (b) an additional building containing a flushed sanitary fixture is erected on the land and, upon the erection of the building—
  - (i) the number of flushed sanitary fixtures contained in the buildings erected on the land exceeds two; and
  - (ii) the parcel is a Class 4 parcel of rateable land or a Class 5 parcel of rateable land;
- (c) sewerage services commence to be supplied to the building or buildings erected on the land, that building or those buildings contain more than two flushed sanitary fixtures and the parcel is, upon that commencement, a Class 4 parcel of rateable land or a Class 5 parcel of rateable land;
- (d) alterations or additions are made to the building or buildings erected on the land and, upon the completion of those alterations or additions—
  - (i) the number of flushed sanitary fixtures contained in that building or those buildings is increased to a number in excess of two; and
  - (ii) the parcel is a Class 4 parcel of rateable land or a Class 5 parcel of rateable land;
- (e) a building containing residential flats is erected on the land;
- (f) an additional building containing residential flats is erected on the land;
- (g) a building containing residential flats that is erected on the land is so altered as to increase the number of flats contained in the building;
- (h) alterations or additions are made to a building that is erected on the land, a building containing residential flats was not erected on the land before the completion of those alterations or additions and, as a result of those alterations or additions, the building is converted into a building containing residential flats; or

- (i) an additional single residential unit is erected on a parcel of land the lease of which from the Commonwealth requires the erection of two or more single residential units on the land.

(2.) In the last preceding sub-section—

- (a) a reference to the erection of an additional building on land shall be read as a reference to the erection of a building on land on which a building containing a flushed sanitary fixture is erected immediately before the erection of that building; and
- (b) a reference to the erection of a building, other than an additional building, on land shall be read as a reference to the erection of a building on land on which either no building is erected or no building containing a flushed sanitary fixture is erected immediately before the erection of the building.

(3.) For the purpose of sub-section (1.) of this section, the amount

shall be ascertained in accordance with the formula  $\frac{(a-b)c}{365}$  where—

- a is the amount of sewerage rates that would have been imposed in a rating year in respect of the parcel of land if the relevant day had been the first day of the rating year;
- b is the amount of sewerage rates that would have been imposed in a rating year in respect of the parcel of land if the day immediately preceding the relevant day had been the first day of the rating year; and
- c is the number of days in the period from and including the relevant day to and including the last day in the rating year.

(4.) For the purpose of this section, the relevant day, in relation to a parcel of rateable land in respect of which the amount of sewerage rates imposed in a rating year is increased by sub-section (1.) of this section, is—

- (a) if the amount is increased in the circumstances specified in paragraph (a), (b), (e), (f) or (i) of that sub-section—the day on which the building or additional building is completed;
- (b) if the amount is increased in the circumstances specified in paragraph (c) of that sub-section—the day on which sewerage services commence to be supplied to the building or buildings erected on the land; or
- (c) if the amount is increased in the circumstances specified in paragraph (d), (g) or (h) of that sub-section—the day on which the alterations or additions are completed.

(5.) For the purpose of this section, the day on which a building shall be taken to have been erected or alterations or additions to a building shall be taken to have been completed is the day on which the

appropriate officer of the Department of Works issues a certificate certifying that all work relating to the connexion to the sewerage system of the sanitary fixtures to which the building or alterations or additions relate has been satisfactorily carried out.

(6.) Where the amount of sewerage rates imposed in a rating year in respect of a parcel of rateable land is increased by virtue of sub-section (1.) of this section, the amount by which the amount of those sewerage rates is increased becomes due on the relevant day.

Increased sewerage rates—residential flats owned by the Commonwealth.

12.—(1.) Where, after the day on which the sewerage rates for a rating year became due in respect of a Class 3 parcel of rateable land but before the commencement of the next following rating year, a flat in a building containing residential flats that is erected on the land, being a flat that was not held under a weekly or fortnightly tenancy from the Commonwealth on that day, becomes held under such a tenancy, the amount of sewerage rates imposed in the rating year in respect of the parcel is increased by an amount ascertained in accordance with the next succeeding sub-section.

(2.) The amount by which the amount of sewerage rates imposed in respect of the parcel is increased by the last preceding sub-section is the amount that bears the same proportion to Ten dollars as the number of days in the period from and including the day on which the flat becomes held under a weekly or fortnightly tenancy from the Commonwealth to and including the last day in the rating year bears to three hundred and sixty-five.

(3.) Where the amount of the sewerage rates imposed in respect of a Class 3 parcel of rateable land is increased by reason of the fact that a flat has become held under a weekly or fortnightly tenancy from the Commonwealth—

- (a) the amount by which the amount of the sewerage rates that were imposed is so increased shall, for the purpose of this Ordinance, be deemed to be the amount of sewerage rates referable to that flat; and
- (b) the amount by which the amount of those sewerage rates is increased becomes due on the day on which that flat becomes held under a weekly or fortnightly tenancy from the Commonwealth.

Refund of sewerage rates.

13.—(1.) Where—

- (a) a parcel of rateable land is held under lease from the Commonwealth;
- (b) a building erected on the parcel is demolished after the day in a rating year on which sewerage rates became due in respect of the parcel but before the commencement of the next following rating year; and
- (c) the amount of the sewerage rates imposed in the rating year in respect of the parcel exceeds the amount of the sewerage rates that would have been imposed in the rating year in respect of the parcel if the building had been demolished immediately before that day,

the next succeeding sub-section applies to and in relation to the parcel.



(2.) The Commonwealth is liable to refund to the person who is the lessee of a parcel of rateable land to which this section applies on the relevant day, on account of the sewerage rates imposed in respect of the parcel, an amount ascertained in accordance with the formula (a—b) c

where—

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- a is the amount of sewerage rates that would have been imposed in a rating year in respect of the parcel of land if the day immediately preceding the relevant day had been the first day of the rating year;
- b is the amount of sewerage rates that would have been imposed in a rating year in respect of the parcel of land if the relevant day had been the first day of the rating year; and
- c is the number of days in the period from and including the relevant day to and including the last day of the rating year.

(3.) A reference in the last preceding sub-section to the relevant day, in relation to a parcel of rateable land to which that sub-section applies, shall be read as a reference to the day on which the appropriate officer of the Department of Works issues a certificate certifying that the sewerage fixtures in the building that is being demolished have been disconnected from the sewerage system.

(4.) Where the lease of a parcel of rateable land, being land that is held under lease from the Commonwealth, is terminated on any day in a rating year except the last day of a rating year, the Commonwealth is liable to refund to the person who was the lessee of the land immediately before the termination of the lease, on account of the sewerage rates imposed in that rating year in respect of the land, an amount ascertained

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in accordance with the formula — where—

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- a is the amount of sewerage rates that would be imposed by section 8 of this Ordinance in a rating year in respect of the parcel of land if the day on which the lease is terminated were the first day of the rating year;
- b is the number of days in the period from and including the day next following the day on which the lease is terminated to and including the last day of the rating year.

14.—(1.) Subject to this section, the sewerage rates imposed in a rating year in respect of a parcel of rateable land are payable—

- (a) in the case of a parcel of land held under lease from the Commonwealth—by the lessee of the land on the day on which the sewerage rates become due; and
- (b) in the case of a parcel of land held under a weekly or fortnightly tenancy from the Commonwealth—by the tenant of the land on the day on which the sewerage rates become due.

Persons by whom sewerage rates are payable.

(2.) Where the amount of sewerage rates imposed in respect of a parcel of rateable land that is held under a lease from the Commonwealth is increased by virtue of a section of this Ordinance, the amount by which the sewerage rates are so increased is payable by the lessee of the land on the day on which the increased amount becomes due.

(3.) Where a building containing residential flats is erected on a parcel of rateable land that is not held under lease from the Commonwealth, the tenant of each flat contained in the building is liable to pay, on account of the sewerage rates payable in respect of the parcel in a rating year, so much of those sewerage rates as is referable to the flat of which he is the tenant.

Proportionate liability for rates where there is a change in tenancy.

15.—(1.) Where sewerage services are supplied to a parcel of rateable land, not being a parcel of rateable land on which a building containing residential flats is erected, that is held under a weekly or fortnightly tenancy from the Commonwealth and two or more persons hold the parcel of rateable land for different periods during a rating year—

- (a) sewerage rates are payable in respect of each of the different periods for which the parcel of rateable land was so held;
- (b) the sewerage rates in respect of each of those different periods are payable by the person who so held the parcel of rateable land for that period; and
- (c) the amount of the sewerage rates payable in respect of each of those different periods is the amount that bears the same proportion to the amount of the sewerage rates payable for the whole of the rating year as the number of days in that period bears to three hundred and sixty-five.

(2.) Where a person surrenders his tenancy from the Commonwealth or his tenancy terminates or is determined during a rating year—

- (a) sewerage rates are payable in respect of the period of the rating year during which the tenancy subsists; and
- (b) the amount of the sewerage rates payable in respect of that period is the amount that bears the same proportion to the amount of the sewerage rates payable for the whole of the rating year as the number of days in that period bears to three hundred and sixty-five.

(3.) Where a person liable to pay sewerage rates under this section has, by reason of the operation of this Ordinance, paid an amount of sewerage rates in excess of the amount of sewerage rates that he is liable to pay under this section, the amount of the excess, subject to the next succeeding sub-section, shall be refunded to him.

(4.) Sub-section (2.) of this section does not apply to a person who surrenders his tenancy from the Commonwealth or whose tenancy terminates or is determined during a rating year and who, on the day following the surrender, termination or determination of his tenancy, becomes a lessee of the parcel under a lease from the Commonwealth.

**16.—(1.)** Where sewerage services are supplied to a parcel of rateable land on which there is erected a building containing residential flats that are held under a weekly or fortnightly tenancy from the Commonwealth and two or more persons hold the same flat in that building for different periods during a rating year—

Proportionate liabilities for rates where flats held by different tenants of the Commonwealth.

- (a) sewerage rates are payable in respect of each of those periods;
- (b) sewerage rates in respect of each of those periods are payable by the person who holds the flat for that period; and
- (c) the amount of the sewerage rates payable in respect of each of those periods is the amount that bears the same proportion to Ten dollars as the number of days in that period bears to three hundred and sixty-five.

(2.) Where a person liable to pay sewerage rates under this section has, by reason of the operation of this Ordinance, paid an amount of sewerage rates in excess of the amount of sewerage rates that he is liable to pay under this section, the amount of the excess shall be refunded to him.

### PART III.—MISCELLANEOUS.

**17.—(1.)** The Minister may, by writing under his hand, appoint a person to be the authorized officer for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Authorized officer and inspectors.

(2.) The Minister may, by writing under his hand, appoint such persons as he thinks necessary to be inspectors for the purposes of this Ordinance.

(3.) The Minister shall issue to an inspector a certificate of appointment stating that he is an inspector.

**18.—(1.)** The Minister may determine that the sewerage rates provided for in the preceding provisions of this Ordinance do not apply in relation to sewerage services supplied or to be supplied to a parcel of rateable land in circumstances that the Minister considers to be unusual or to warrant special treatment and the Minister may, instead of those sewerage rates, fix special sewerage rates in respect of services supplied or to be supplied.

Special rates

(2.) The Minister may require the person liable to pay sewerage rates under this Ordinance in respect of the parcel of rateable land to pay in advance such amount of those special sewerage rates as the Minister determines before sewerage services are supplied to that parcel of rateable land.

**19.—(1.)** The authorized officer shall cause a notice in writing of the amount of sewerage rates that have become due in respect of a parcel of rateable land and the time within which the amount is to be paid to be served on each person liable to pay those sewerage rates under this Ordinance.

Accounts for rates.

(2.) The last preceding sub-section applies to and in relation to a tenant of a flat contained in a building containing residential flats that is owned by the Commonwealth as if—

- (a) the reference to the amount of sewerage rates that have become due in respect of a parcel of rateable land were read as a reference to the amount that the tenant of the flat is liable to pay on account of the sewerage rates due in respect of the parcel of land on which that building is erected; and
- (b) the reference to each person liable to pay those sewerage rates were read as a reference to each person liable to pay, on account of the sewerage rates payable in respect of the parcel on which the building is erected, the amount of sewerage rates referable to that flat.

(3.) Where, after a notice under sub-section (1.) of this section relating to the amount of sewerage rates that have become due in a rating year in respect of a parcel of rateable land has been served on each person liable to pay those sewerage rates, that amount is increased by virtue of this Ordinance, the authorized officer shall cause a notice in writing of the amount by which the sewerage rates so imposed is increased and the time within which that last-mentioned amount is to be paid to be served on each person liable to pay that last-mentioned amount under this Ordinance.

Recovery of rates.

**20.** Sewerage rates payable under this Ordinance are a debt due and payable to the Commonwealth and may be recovered by action in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Person by whom rates are payable when payment of rates is outstanding.

**21.—(1.)** The person who is the lessee for the time being of a parcel of rateable land that is held under a lease from the Commonwealth is liable to pay to the Commonwealth—

- (a) the whole or any part of the amount of sewerage rates imposed in respect of the parcel by section 8 or 10 of this Ordinance that has not been paid by the person who is liable under section 14 of this Ordinance to pay that amount; and
- (b) if the amount of sewerage rates imposed in respect of the parcel has been increased under section 11 of this Ordinance—the whole or any part of the amount by which the rates were so increased that has not been paid by the person who is liable under section 14 of this Ordinance to pay that amount.

(2.) Where, in pursuance of the last preceding sub-section, a person pays to the Commonwealth the whole or any part of the amount of sewerage rates that were originally payable by another person, the first-mentioned person may, subject to any agreement between him and that other person, recover the amount so paid as a debt due and payable by that other person.

**22.—(1.)** The Minister may in special circumstances exempt any parcel of rateable land or any parcel of rateable land included in a class of parcels of rateable land from payment of sewerage rates under this Ordinance or from payment of a portion of those sewerage rates. Exemption from rates.

(2.) An exemption under this section may be for a specified period and may be revoked or varied at any time.

(3.) A reference in sub-section (1.) of this section to a class of parcels of rateable land shall not be taken to be a reference only to a class of parcels of rateable land of a kind specified in section 6 of this Ordinance.

**23.** The Minister may refund or remit any sewerage rates or a portion of sewerage rates under this Ordinance if the Minister considers it just and equitable so to do. Refund of rates.

**24.—(1.)** The Secretary to the Department of the Interior, or an officer authorized by him in writing, may, by writing under his hand— Evidence.

(a) certify that—

- (i) a specified parcel of land was, during a specified period, a parcel of rateable land of a specified class;
- (ii) in respect of that period a specified amount of sewerage rates was imposed in respect of that parcel;
- (iii) a specified person is the person by whom the sewerage rates imposed in respect of that parcel are payable;
- (iv) on a specified date the authorized officer complied with the provisions of section 19 of this Ordinance, in its application to that parcel, in a specified manner; and
- (v) on the date of the certificate a specified amount is due and payable in respect of the sewerage rates imposed in respect of that parcel;

(b) certify that—

- (i) a specified flat is contained in a building containing residential flats owned by the Commonwealth that is erected on a specified parcel of land;
- (ii) that parcel was, during a specified period, a parcel of rateable land;
- (iii) in respect of that period, a specified amount of the sewerage rates imposed in respect of that parcel is referable to that flat;
- (iv) a specified person is the person by whom the amount of sewerage rates referable to that flat is payable;
- (v) on a specified date, the authorized officer complied with the provisions of section 19 of this Ordinance, in its application to that flat, in a specified manner; and
- (vi) on the date of the certificate a specified amount is due and payable in respect of the sewerage rates referable to that flat;

- (c) certify that sewerage services were supplied to a specified parcel of rateable land during a specified period;
- (d) certify that a building was erected, or alterations or additions to a building were completed, on a specified parcel of rateable land on a specified day; or
- (e) certify that the sewerage fixtures in a building, being a building that is being or has been demolished, erected on a specified parcel of rateable land were disconnected from the sewerage system on a specified date.

(2.) Unless the contrary is proved, a certificate purporting to have been given under this section is in all courts evidence of the facts stated in the certificate.

(3.) Unless the contrary is proved—

- (a) a certificate purporting to have been given under this section shall, in all courts, be deemed to have been given by the person purporting to have given the certificate; and
- (b) where such a certificate purports to be given by a person authorized in writing by the Secretary to the Department of the Interior, that person shall be deemed to have been so authorized.

Returns.

**25.**—(1.) The Minister may, by notice in writing served within one year after the commencement of this Ordinance on a lessee of a parcel of rateable land to which sewerage services are supplied, require the lessee to furnish to him, within the period of twenty-eight days from the service of the notice, such information with respect to the flushed sanitary services installed on the land as is specified in the notice.

(2.) A person shall not—

- (a) refuse or fail, without reasonable excuse, to comply with the requirement within the period of twenty-eight days; or
- (b) furnish information that to his knowledge is false or misleading in a material particular.

Penalty: One hundred dollars.

Service of notices.

**26.**—(1.) Service on a person of a notice under this Ordinance shall be deemed to have been duly effected if the notice is—

- (a) delivered to that person personally; or
- (b) posted in a prepaid letter addressed to the person at his last-known place of residence.

(2.) Where service of a notice on a person is effected under paragraph (b) of the last preceding sub-section, the notice shall, in the absence of proof to the contrary, be deemed to have been served on that person on the date on which in the ordinary course of post the letter containing it would have been delivered at the address to which it was posted.

**27.—**(1.) Joint lessees of a parcel of rateable land in respect of which sewerage rates are payable are jointly and severally liable for the whole of the amount of the sewerage rates due but, as between themselves, each of them is liable only for the part of the sewerage rates proportionate to the value of his interest in the parcel of rateable land. Joint lessees.

(2.) If such a person pays to the Commonwealth more than his proportionate part, he may recover the excess by way of contribution from the other joint lessee.

**28.—**(1.) An inspector may, at all reasonable times, enter upon land or into a building erected on a parcel of rateable land to which sewerage services are supplied for the purpose of verifying the number of flushed sanitary fixtures contained in the building. Entry of land by inspectors.

(2.) A person shall not hinder or obstruct an inspector in the execution of his duties or the performance of his powers under this Ordinance.

Penalty: Twenty-five dollars.

(3.) An inspector who enters upon any land or into a building in pursuance of this Ordinance is not authorized to remain on the land or in the building if, on the request of the occupier of the land or building for the production of the certificate of appointment issued to him by the Minister, the inspector does not produce the certificate.

**29.** The Minister may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Ordinance, prescribing all matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Ordinance. Regulations.