

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

GARBAGE REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 33 of 1974

The Garbage Regulations (No 22 of 1974) amend the existing Regulations made under the Building and Services Ordinance 1924-1968 to provide for the introduction of a new system of garbage collection for commercial premises (being premises other than those upon which a single dwelling house is erected).

The Regulations remove the requirement that the Minister provide a free garbage collection service to occupiers of commercial premises. Instead, the service may be provided at the request of the occupier of the commercial premises and upon payment of fees which are specified in a Schedule to the Regulations.

Occupiers of commercial premises who avail themselves of this service may have up to six domestic garbage bins removed twice-weekly, at a cost of 17 cents per bin. Clients requiring larger receptacles are supplied with steel containers of 0.765 cubic metres (1 cubic yard), 1.530 cubic metres (2 cubic yards), 2.295 cubic metres (3 cubic yards) or 3.600 cubic metres (4 cubic yards) capacity.

The present penalty of \$40 for failing to dispose of garbage in the proper manner has been changed to penalties of: –

\$50 for occupiers of domestic premises;

\$200 minimum, \$500 maximum for occupiers of commercial premises where the garbage contains putrescible matter directly or indirectly hazardous to human health; and

\$100 minimum, \$300 maximum in any other case.