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# Land Titles (Strata) Act

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[15th May 1968]

### PART I

### Preliminary

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Land Titles (Strata) Act. Short title.
- 2. Except as hereinafter provided, this Act applies only Application. to registered land.
  - 3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires Interpreta-"accessory lot" means a lot intended for separate  $\frac{\text{tion.}}{23/82}$ . proprietorship and use with any other specified lot or lots for any purpose;

- "assurance" includes any transfer, lease, charge, mortgage, transmission application or any other application for vesting made under this Act;
- "building" includes any building partially completed or, where applicable, any building to be erected within a stratum shown or specified in any strata subdivision plan submitted to the relevant authority for approval;
- "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Buildings appointed under section 3 of the Buildings and Cap. 30. Common Property (Maintenance and Management) Act;

"common property" —

(a) in relation to subdivided buildings in an approved plan bearing the title of "condominium" and issued by the relevant authority, means so much of the land for the time being not comprised in any lot shown in a strata title plan or in any parts of any building unit (partially erected or to be erected) intended to be included as lots in a strata title plan to be lodged with the Registrar after strata subdivision of the building unit has been approved by the relevant authority;

- (b) in relation to any subdivided building which is comprised in any plan approved by the relevant authority other than a plan bearing the title of "condominium", means so much of the land for the time being not comprised in any lot shown in a strata title plan; and
- (c) unless otherwise described specifically as comprised in any lot in a strata title plan and shown as capable of being comprised in such lot, includes —
  - (i) foundations, columns, beams, supports, walls, roofs, lobbies, corridors, stairs, stairways, fire escapes, entrances and exits of the building and windows installed in the external walls of the building;
  - (ii) car parks, recreational or community facilities, gardens, parking areas, roofs, storage spaces and rooms approved by the relevant authority for the use of a management corporation and its members;
  - (iii) central and appurtenant installations for services such as power, light, gas, hot and cold water, heating, refrigeration, air-conditioning and incinerators;
  - (iv) escalators, lifts, tanks, pumps, motors, fans, compressors, ducts, and in general all apparatus and installations existing for common use;

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- (v) water pipes, drainage pipes, sewer- 16/87. age pipes, gas pipes and electrical cables which serve two or more lots:
- (vi) all facilities described as common property in any plan approved by the relevant authority for a condominium development and all facilities which may be shown in a legend of a strata title plan as common property; and
- (vii) all other parts of the land not comprised in any lot necessary or convenient to the existence and maintenance for the and reasonable common and use safety of the common property;

"company" includes —

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- (a) any body of persons incorporated in or outside Singapore; or
- (b) an unincorporated society, association or other body which under the law of its place of origin may hold property in the name of the society, association or other body or in the name of its trustees. secretary or other officer duly appointed for that purpose;

"competent authority" means the competent authority appointed under section 3 of the Planning Act; Cap. 232.

- "council", in relation to a management corporation, 16/87. means the council of that management corporation;
- "flat" means a horizontal stratum of any building or part thereof, whether such stratum is on one or more levels or is partially or wholly below the surface of the ground, which is used or intended to be used as a complete and separate unit for the purpose of habitation or business or for any other purpose, and may be comprised in a lot, or in part of any subdivided building not shown in a registered strata title plan;

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"initial period", in relation to a management corporation, means the period of 24 months commencing on the day on which the management corporation is constituted or such other period as may be prescribed by regulations made under this Act in substitution for the said period of 24 months;

16/87. "land" means —

- (a) the surface of any defined parcel of the earth, all substances thereunder and so much of the column of airspace above the surface whether or not held apart from the surface as is reasonably necessary for the proprietor's use and enjoyment, and includes any estate or interest therein and all vegetation growing thereon and structures affixed thereto; or
- (b) any parcel of airspace or any subterranean space held apart from the surface of the earth and described with certainty by reference to a plan approved by the Chief Surveyor and filed in the Survey Department, and includes any estate or interest therein and all vegetation growing thereon and structures affixed thereto,

and where the context so permits, the proprietorship of land includes natural rights to air, light, water and support and the right of access to any highway on which the land abuts;

- "lot" means a stratum which is shown as a lot on a strata title plan, and includes a lot specified as an accessory lot on any such plan;
- "management corporation", in relation to any one or more subdivided buildings shown on a strata title plan, means the management corporation incorporated for those buildings pursuant to Part IV or pursuant to any corresponding previous written law;
- "managing agent" means a managing agent appointed by a management corporation under section 68;

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### "Minister" —

- (a) in relation to Part IV, means the Minister charged with the responsibility for Buildings and Cap. 30. administering the Common Property (Maintenance and Management) Act;
- (b) in relation to Parts I to III, and Parts V to VIII, means the Minister charged with the responsibility for administering this Act: and
- (c) in relation to Part IX, means either the Minister charged with the responsibility for administering the Buildings and Common Property (Maintenance and Management) Act or the Minister charged with the responsibility for administering this Act, as the case may be;
- "parcel" means the whole of the registered land having a Government survey lot number and comprised in a strata title plan;
- "proprietor", in relation to land comprised in a strata 16/87. title plan, means the person who was the proprietor of the land the subject of the strata title plan immediately before the registration of the strata title plan under section 9;
- "provisional lot" means a lot within which one or more buildings or parts of any building are to be erected or completed and is shown as a provisional lot in a strata title plan and in any other record maintained by the Registrar;
- "registered land" means land which has been brought under the provisions of the Land Titles Act, by Cap. 157. being included in a folio of the land-register, and held by the registered proprietor for an estate in fee simple or perpetuity, or for a leasehold estate comprised in a Crown or State lease or any other lease having an unexpired term of at least 21 years as at the date of the lodgment of a plan as a strata title plan under this Act;
- "registered lease" means a lease registered under the provisions of the Land Titles Act;

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- "registered lessee", in relation to any subdivided building not comprised in a strata title plan, means the registered proprietor of a leasehold estate in registered land comprising a flat which is shown in a plan annexed to a registered lease, having an unexpired term of not less than 21 years as at the date of the lodgment of an application by that registered proprietor for a subsidiary certificate of title;
- "Registrar" means the Registrar of Titles appointed under the Land Titles Act;
- "relevant authority" means any one or more Government or statutory authorities empowered to approve plans for development or subdivision of any land or plans relating to the construction of any building under the Planning Act or under any other written law and includes the competent authority;
- "share units", in respect of a lot, means the share units determined for that lot according to its share value and shown as such in the schedule endorsed on the strata title plan;
- "special resolution" means a resolution passed at a duly convened general meeting of a management corporation of which at least 21 days' notice specifying the proposed resolution has been given and against which not more than one-quarter in value, ascertained in accordance with paragraph 9 (2), (3) and (4) of the Third Schedule, of votes is cast;
- "strata roll", in relation to a subdivided building or buildings shown on a strata title plan, means the roll referred to in section 53 which relates to that plan;
- "strata subdivision" includes a subdivision of land to comprise one or more strata units whether or not any strata unit is on the same level as any other strata unit;
- "strata title plan" means a plan of registered land which
  - (a) is described in the title or heading thereto as a strata title plan;

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- (b) shows the whole or any part of the land comprised therein as being divided into two or more strata, whether or not any stratum is divided into two or more lots; and
- (c) contains the particulars prescribed by section 10,

and includes a plan of resubdivision of any lot in a strata title plan registered under this Act;

- "strata units" means the units allotted to any building or buildings approved for development by the relevant authority and shown in a schedule of strata units to be filed with the Commissioner;
- "stratum" means any part of land consisting of a space of any shape below, on or above the surface of the land, or partly below and partly above the surface of the land, the dimensions of which are delineated;
- "subdivided building" means any one or more buildings comprised in a strata subdivision plan approved by the relevant authority;
- "subsidiary certificate of title" means the subsidiary certificate of title issued under section 122;
- "subsidiary proprietor" means —

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- (a) the registered subsidiary proprietor for the time being of the entire estate in a lot including an estate for life, an estate in remainder or an estate in reversion; and
- (b) in relation to a lot where a lease has been granted, the registered subsidiary proprietor for the time being of a leasehold interest in a lot described in an instrument of lease whose unexpired term is not less than 21 years as from the date of lodgment of the instrument of lease for registration with the Registrar including such a lease registered prior to 1st \$ 309/87. December 1987;

"subsidiary strata certificate of title" means the subsidiary strata certificate of title issued under this Act;

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"unanimous resolution" means a resolution which is passed at a duly convened general meeting of a management corporation of which at least 21 days' notice specifying the proposed resolution has been given and against which no vote is cast.

Application of Land Titles Act. Cap. 157.

4. The Land Titles Act and the rules made thereunder, insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or of any rules made thereunder, apply in all respects to land registered in any folio of the subsidiary strata land-register.

### PART II

# SUBDIVISION AND SUBSIDIARY STRATA LAND-REGISTER

Approval of subdivision under Planning Act. Cap. 232.

5. The provisions relating to the subdivision of land contained in the Planning Act and any rules made thereunder apply to the subdivision of any building or any lot.

Dealings with subdivided building. 16/87. Cap. 269.

- 6.—(1) Subject to this section and except in the case where pursuant to section 16 of the Land Titles Act the Registrar has directed that any building may be dealt with in parts under the provisions of the Registration of Deeds Act, no assurance (except mortgages, charges, reconveyances or discharges of subsisting mortgages or charges, vesting orders issued by the High Court and any assurance made pursuant to a power of sale conferred by any written law) disposing of any part of a subdivided building shall be registered under the Land Titles Act or the Registration of Deeds Act and the Registrar or the Registrar of Deeds, as the case may be, shall have the power to refuse to register that assurance or, where the assurance has been registered in contravention of this subsection, cancel that registration upon the discovery thereof.
- (2) An assurance disposing of any part of a subdivided building may be lodged for registration under the provisions of this Act where
  - (a) a strata title plan duly certified in accordance with section 10 together with an application for the issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title has been lodged with the Registrar; and

- (b) the Registrar has registered the strata title plan and application lodged pursuant to paragraph (a) and has issued the subsidiary strata certificates of title applied for in the application.
- (3) This section shall not apply to any building or class of buildings specified by the Minister by notification in the Gazette.
- (4) Where a notification has been made under subsection (3), the Minister may at any time cancel the notification when the registered proprietor of the land on which the building is erected has, with the approval of the Minister, transferred all the estate and interest in such land to the lessees of the registered leasehold estate of the subdivided parts of the building as tenants in common in accordance with the terms and conditions of the leases granted in respect of the subdivided parts of the building.
- (5) Subject to sections 125, 126 and 127, this section shall not apply to any building where, on 15th April 1976, a flat forming part of that building has been disposed of by the proprietor thereof by a lease registered under the Land Cap. 157. Titles Act or the Registration of Deeds Act, and the Cap. 269. registered leasehold interest is vested in any person other than the proprietor.

### (6) In this section —

"assurance" includes any transaction to be registered under the Land Titles Act:

"charge" includes a charge referred to in section 19 of 16/87. Cap. 36. the Central Provident Fund Act:

"Registrar of Deeds" means the Registrar of Deeds appointed under the Registration of Deeds Act.

7.—(1) Where planning permission has been granted on Flats not to or after 15th April 1976 by the relevant authority in respect of any proposed development of land intended for strata strata units subdivision after the completion of any building thereon, the registered proprietor thereof shall not sell any flat in the by Commisdevelopment (whether erected or in the course of erection) sioner. unless a schedule of strata units showing the proposed share values to be allotted to all the flats in the development has been filed with and accepted by the Commissioner.

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- (2) A schedule of strata units filed by the registered proprietor of any land pursuant to subsection (1) shall not be accepted by the Commissioner for filing unless he is satisfied that the proposed share values allotted to all the flats set out in the schedule are allocated in a just and equitable manner.
- (3) Where a schedule of strata units has been filed under subsection (1), the Commissioner shall consult with the Registrar before accepting the schedule for filing under this section.
- (4) Where a schedule of strata units has been filed under subsection (1), the Commissioner shall within 6 weeks of the filing of the schedule
  - (a) notify the registered proprietor in writing of his acceptance of the schedule; or
  - (b) where he is not satisfied with the allocation of the share values in the schedule, notify the registered proprietor that the schedule has not been accepted and state his objections to the allocation of the share values in the schedule.
- (5) Where a schedule of strata units has been rejected by the Commissioner under subsection (4), the registered proprietor shall file an amended schedule with the Commissioner and subsection (4) shall apply to any amended schedule filed under this subsection.
- (6) The share value assigned to a flat in a development that has been sold by the proprietor of the development shall not be changed without the consent of the purchaser except that the purchaser's consent is not required for any minor adjustment to the share value which is necessitated by an increase or shortfall in the area of the flat after it has been surveyed on its completion.
- (7) Where a schedule of strata units has been filed under this section, the proprietor of the development may make changes to the areas of the flats that have not been sold: Provided that the aggregate share value of the development is not changed.
- (8) The proprietor of a development shall inform the Commissioner of any proposed changes and of any changes to the common property in the proposed subdivided

building and file with the Commissioner an amended schedule of strata units which shall take into account the proposed changes before making such changes.

- (9) For the purposes of this section, a developer is deemed to have sold a flat
  - (a) if, by an agreement in writing, he has agreed to convey, transfer, assign or otherwise dispose of his estate or interest in the flat to another person for valuable consideration or otherwise; or
  - (b) if, by any deed or instrument, he has conveyed, assigned or otherwise disposed of his estate or interest in the flat,

except that paragraphs (a) and (b) shall not apply to an agreement in writing or deed or instrument to grant or assign a leasehold term not exceeding 21 years without an option to renew or to purchase.

- (10) Every contract for the sale of a flat referred to in a schedule of strata units filed with the Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) shall be deemed to have included therein a term that the registered proprietor of the land has agreed to sell an undivided share in the land on which the building is erected with a value determined in accordance with the proposed share values assigned to each flat shown in the schedule of strata units filed with and accepted by the Commissioner at any time prior to the execution of the contract for sale.
- (11) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) or (8) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.
- (12) A schedule of strata units filed with and accepted by the Commissioner prior to 1st December 1987 shall be \$ 309/87. deemed to have been filed with and accepted by the Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1).
- (13) An amended schedule of strata units shall not be accepted by the Commissioner for filing purposes unless he is satisfied that the share values allotted to all the flats in a building referred to in the schedule are done so in a just and equitable manner.

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- 8.—(1) Where planning permission has been granted by the competent authority for the development of any land subject to the condition that 30% of the floor area of any building in the development must be owned by a single person for a period of 10 years from the date of the latest temporary occupation licence issued before the grant of the certificate of fitness in respect of the development, the competent authority shall notify the Registrar of such planning permission and file with the Registrar the plans delineating the specified flats in any building comprising the aforesaid 30% of the floor area.
- (2) Where the Registrar has received the notice and plans referred to in subsection (1) and the Registrar is satisfied that the plans adequately identify the flats comprised in the said 30% of the floor area of the development, the Registrar shall
  - (a) enter the appropriate notification on the relevant folio of the land-register or subsidiary strata land-register; and
  - (b) have the power to refuse to register any instrument disposing of any interest in any flat in contravention of the condition referred to in subsection (1) when the instrument is presented for registration.
- (3) Where the Registrar has discovered that any instrument has been lodged for registration or has been finally registered in contravention of the condition referred to in subsection (1), the Registrar shall serve a notice in writing on the person who appears in the records of the Registrar as the party claiming under the said instrument of the Registrar's intention to cancel the registration of the instrument and any instrument relating to the flats referred to in subsection (1) and any relating entries in the records maintained by the Registrar. On the expiration of the Registrar's notice, the Registrar shall without giving any further notice cancel the registration of the said instruments and all entries relating thereto.
- (4) The registered proprietor may lodge an application with the Registrar in the approved form for the cancellation of any notification made by the Registrar in the land-register or subsidiary strata land-register pursuant to this section and the Registrar shall cancel the notification if he is

satisfied that the condition referred to in subsection (1) has been fulfilled.

9.—(1) The strata title plan shall be deemed to be Registration registered under the provisions of this Act when the plan of strata title has been signed and sealed by the Registrar and has been marked with the serial number of the strata title plan register.

- (2) The Registrar shall prepare and maintain for the purposes of this Act a series of records to be called "the subsidiary strata land-register", and shall issue for each lot shown on the strata title plan a subsidiary strata certificate of title.
- (3) Upon registration of a strata title plan a subsidiary proprietor shall be deemed to be the proprietor of his lot and his share in the common property subject to the encumbrances, if any, registered or notified in the subsidiary strata land-register and on the strata title plan.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of this Act, any assurance or other dealing affecting a lot may be registered in the same manner and form and, upon registration, has the same effect as a similar assurance or dealing affecting part of registered land comprised in a subdivision plan approved by the competent authority, and registered pursuant to the provisions of the Land Titles Act.

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10.—(1) Every strata title plan shall include an index Strata title plan and a storey plan.

plan and other accompanying documents.

- (2) Each index plan shall
  - (a) delineate the external surface boundaries and boundary marks of the proposed parcel and the position of each subdivided building thereon fixed in relation to the surface boundaries:
  - (b) specify the Government survey lot number, Mukim or Town Subdivision of the parcel, the surveyed area thereof, and the certificate of title comprising the parcel;
  - (c) include a vertical section of the subdivided building showing —
    - (i) the floors and ceilings of each storey; and
    - (ii) the height of each storey; and

- (d) include a legend, as well as the vertical section and dimensions, of each building or parts thereof proposed to be erected within the parcel as a separate tenement or an extension of any completed subdivided building, in accordance with building plans and subdivision plans approved by the relevant authority.
- 23/82. (3) Each storey plan shall
  - (a) delineate, subject to subsections (5) and (6), one or more proposed lots and define the boundaries thereof by reference to floors and walls;
  - (b) show the number of every storey and every lot included in the plan;
  - (c) show the approximate floor area of each lot including any accessory lot and the total floor area of a lot which comprises separate parts as well as the lot number and floor number;
  - (d) delineate the external boundaries of each building or parts thereof proposed to be erected within the parcel as a separate tenement or an extension of any completed subdivided building or buildings in accordance with building plans (if any) and subdivision plans approved by the relevant authority; and
  - (e) be drawn to scale.
  - (4) Every strata title plan shall show a legend of
    - (a) all common property; and
    - (b) all accessory lots and specify therein the lots they are made appurtenant to, irrespective of whether the accessory lots are contiguous to these specified lots.
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- (5) Where an accessory lot consists of a building or parts thereof and is bounded by external walls, floors and ceilings, the boundaries of such accessory lot shall be shown in the strata title plan in accordance with the requirements of subsections (2) and (3).
- (6) Where an accessory lot does not consist of a building or parts thereof
  - (a) the external boundaries of the accessory lot shall be ascertained from the building plans and the

subdivision plans approved by the relevant authority, and the accessory lot shall be unlimited in its vertical dimensions except to the extent of any projection above, or encroachment below ground level by another part of the parcel; and

- (b) the strata title plan shall show a diagram of the accessory lot with similar dimensions as those shown on the approved plans mentioned in paragraph (a).
- (7) Every strata title plan shall —

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- (a) show the share values in whole numbers of each lot including a provisional lot and a number equal to the aggregate share value entitlement of all the lots including provisional lots and, where planning permission for the erection of the buildings comprising the lots was granted on or after 15th April 1976, the share values shown shall be those filed with and accepted by the Commissioner; and
- (b) contain such other particulars as may be prescribed by rules made under this Act.
- (8) Unless otherwise stipulated in the strata title plan, the common boundary on any lot with another lot or with the common property shall be the centre of the floor, wall or ceiling, as the case may be.
- (9) No plan lodged as a strata title plan shall be registered unless
  - (a) the plan has been endorsed with
    - (i) a certificate of a surveyor registered under the Land Surveyors Act that all Cap buildings and all lots shown in the strata title plan in relation to the external surface boundaries of the parcel are within the parcel and are in compliance with building plans (if any) and subdivision plans issued by the relevant authority; and
    - (ii) the certificate of the Chief Surveyor or any other officer duly appointed to approve strata title plans on his behalf

that such strata title plan has been approved by or on behalf of the Chief Surveyor and a copy thereof has been lodged in the Survey Department;

- (b) the plan is accompanied by a copy of the relevant strata subdivision plan approved by the relevant authority; and
- (c) the share value of each proposed lot has been entered in the plan in compliance with section 30.

(10) No share value shall be allotted to an accessory lot. [9]

Share value not to be changed. 16/87.

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- 11.—(1) Except as provided in this section and in sections 25 (3) (b) and 77 or where a transfer of a lot or part thereof is made pursuant to section 27 (1) (b), the share value of any lot shown in a strata title plan registered under this Act shall not be altered in any manner on or after the date of registration of the strata title plan.
- (2) The Registrar may correct any entry in a strata title plan in respect of the share value of a lot if he is satisfied that there is an error in the entry.
- (3) The court may order the share value of a lot shown in a strata title plan to be amended where the court is satisfied that the value was fraudulently assigned to the lot.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the alteration of the share value of a lot consequent upon the subdivision of that lot into two or more lots or the amalgamation of two or more lots.

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(5) Subsection (1) shall apply to every strata title plan registered under this Act before or after 1st December 1987. [10A

Plan of redevelopment. 16/87.

- 12.—(1) A subsidiary proprietor of a lot or of two or more lots who intends to subdivide his lot or amalgamate his lots may lodge a strata title plan for redevelopment for registration with the Registrar after he has obtained the approval of the relevant authority.
- (2) Where the subdivision of a lot or the amalgamation of two or more lots results in the creation of any additional or new common property, the subsidiary proprietor shall

obtain the approval of the management corporation before lodging the strata title plan for redevelopment with the Registrar.

- (3) Section 7 shall apply mutatis mutandis to a lot intended for strata subdivision.
- (4) The Registrar shall not be concerned to inquire whether a subsidiary proprietor has obtained the approval of the management corporation or the relevant authority under subsection (1) or (2).
  - (5) Every strata title plan of redevelopment shall 23/82.
    - (a) define the boundaries of the new proposed or enlarged lot or lots;
    - (b) specify each proposed new lot or enlarged lot by a new number;
    - (c) show the approximate floor area of each lot; and
    - (d) show a legend of all proposed new or enlarged lots, specifying which of the new lots are accessory lots, and apportioning thereon among the proposed new lots the value entitlement of the former lot or lots.
- (6) On registration of the strata title plan for redevelop- 23/82. ment, parts of any lot which are capable of forming the common property as provided under this Act shall form part of the common property in relation to all the lots comprised within the same parcel as described in the strata title plan first registered with the Registrar without the need for a resolution made pursuant to section 25 directing the management corporation concerned to accept a transfer of such parts of a lot to form part of the common property.
- (7) On registration of the strata title plan for redevelopment the Registrar shall make the appropriate amendment and entry on the relevant registered strata title plan and on the volume and folio of the subsidiary strata land-register comprising the lot or lots shown in the strata title plan for redevelopment in regard to the share value and lot numbers of the lot or lots affected.
- (8) Subject to subsections (1) and (5), section 10 other than subsections (1) and (2) of that section, as well as other provisions of this Act relating to a strata title plan and a lot, shall apply to the strata title plan for redevelopment when registered and any lot shown therein. [10]

Common property. 16/87.

- 13.—(1) On registration of the strata title plan the Registrar shall enter a memorial in the land-register on the volume and folio of the parcel to the effect that a subsidiary strata land-register has been created, and thereupon the common property shall be held by the subsidiary proprietors as tenants in common proportional to their respective share value and for the same term and tenure as their respective lots are held by them.
- (2) The Registrar on issuing a subsidiary strata certificate of title for a lot shall certify therein the subsidiary proprietor's share in the common property, but no subsidiary strata certificate of title shall be issued for the common property.
- (3) No share in the common property shall be disposed of except as appurtenant to the lot of the subsidiary proprietor and any assurance of a lot operates to assure the share in the common property appurtenant to that lot without any express mention in the assurance.
- (4) The duplicate certificate of title comprising the parcel shall be deposited with the Registrar after the issue of the relevant subsidiary strata certificates of title, and where subsidiary strata certificates of title were issued before 15th April 1976 the relevant duplicate certificates of title comprising parcels may be forwarded for deposit with the Registrar. [12]

Powers of mortgagees of flats brought under this Act. 16/87. S 309/87. Cap. 157. Cap. 269.

- 14. Where all the flats in a development have been brought under this Act pursuant to section 50, 51 or 52 which were in force immediately prior to 1st December 1987 or pursuant to section 125, 126 or 127 and subsidiary strata certificates of title have been issued for all the flats, the mortgage whose mortgage was registered in respect of such a flat either under the Land Titles Act or the Registration of Deeds Act prior to the issue of a subsidiary strata certificate of title for the flat, shall be deemed
  - (a) to be the donee of an irrevocable power of attorney granted by the mortgagor in respect of the mortgagor's estate in the undivided share in the common property appurtenant to the lot comprising the mortgaged flat upon the issue of the subsidiary strata certificate of title; and

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- (b) to have been vested with all rights and powers as if he is the registered proprietor of the estate in the share of the common property appurtenant to the flat mortgaged by the subsidiary proprietor as and when the mortgagee exercises his powers as mortgagee under the registered mortgage of the flat.
- 15.—(1) No accessory lot or any share or estate or Accessory interest therein shall be dealt with independently of the lot lot. to which such accessory lot has been made appurtenant as shown on the relevant registered strata title plan.

- (2) Any person who deals with any accessory lot or any share, estate or interest therein independently and not made as appurtenant to the lot which such accessory lot is shown on the relevant registered strata title plan as being appurtenant shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.
- (3) Any assurance made in contravention subsection (1) shall not be registered under this Act and any registration thereof shall be null and void and shall not pass any estate or interest in the accessory lot.
- (4) Where such assurance has been registered, the Registrar on discovery thereof shall cancel the registration, and no person affected by such cancellation shall be entitled to any compensation from the assurance fund.

### PART III

### RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF A Subsidiary Proprietor

16.—(1) In respect of each lot there shall be implied — Easement

of support.

- (a) in favour of the subsidiary proprietor of the lot and 16/87. as appurtenant thereto, an easement for the subjacent and lateral support thereof by the common property and by every lot capable of affording support; and
- (b) as against the subsidiary proprietor of each lot and to which the lot shall be subject, an easement for the subjacent and lateral support of the common property and of every other lot capable of enjoying support.

(2) The easement of support created by this section entitles the subsidiary proprietor of the dominant tenement to enter on the servient tenement to replace, renew or restore any support.

Easement of shelter. 16/87.

- 17.—(1) Every subsidiary proprietor is entitled to have his lot sheltered by all other parts of the subdivided building that are capable of affording shelter.
- (2) The right created by this section is an easement to which the aforesaid parts of the subdivided building are subject.
- (3) The easement of shelter created by this section entitles the subsidiary proprietor of the dominant tenement to enter on the servient tenement to replace, renew or restore any shelter. [15]

Easements for passage of water, drainage and other services.

- 18. In respect of each lot there shall be implied
  - (a) in favour of the subsidiary proprietor of the lot, and as appurtenant thereto, easements for the passage or provision of water, sewerage, drainage, gas, electricity, garbage, artificially heated or cooled air and other services (including telephone, radio and television services) through or by means of any pipes, wires, cables or ducts to the extent to which those sewers, pipes, wires, cables or ducts are capable of being used in connection with the enjoyment of the lot; and
  - (b) as against the subsidiary proprietor of the lot, and to which the lot shall be subject, easements for the passage or provision of water, sewerage, drainage, gas, electricity, garbage, artificially heated or cooled air and other services (including telephone, radio and television services) through or by means of any sewers, pipes, wires, cables or ducts, as appurtenant to the common property and also to every other lot capable of enjoying such easements. [16]

Easements for light over-hanging eaves and other erected projections. 16/87.

- 19.—(1) In respect of each lot and the common property, there shall be implied in favour of the subsidiary proprietor of the dominant tenement and against the subsidiary proprietor of the servient tenement
  - (a) easement for uninterrupted access and use of light to or for any windows, doors or other apertures

- existing and enjoyed at the date of registration of the relevant strata title plan; and
- (b) the right to maintain and use over-hanging eaves and other projections existing at the date of registration of the relevant strata title plan.
- (2) There shall be implied as appurtenant to the common property and subservient to any lot affected —
  - (a) an easement for the provision of any service through any installation in any lot; and
  - (b) an easement for support by any lot capable of providing support.
- (3) This section shall also extend to a lot for which a subsidiary strata certificate of title has been issued before 15th April 1976. [17
- 20. All ancillary rights and obligations reasonably Ancillary necessary to make easements effective shall be implied rights. whenever easements are created or implied by and under this Act.

21. The easements implied or created by this Act take waiver of effect and are enforceable without any memorial or registration notification on the folios of the subsidiary strata land- easements. register and section 86 (5) and (6) of the Land Titles Act Cap. 157. does not apply to such easements. [19

22.—(1) The subsidiary proprietors may, by unanimous Creation of resolution passed at a meeting of the management easements corporation, direct the corporation —

restrictions.

- (a) to execute on their behalf a grant of easement or a restrictive covenant burdening the parcel; and
- (b) to accept on their behalf a grant of easement or a restrictive covenant benefiting the parcel.
- (2) The management corporation, if it is satisfied that the resolution was duly passed, and that all persons having registered interests in the parcel have consented in writing to the manner of creating those interests in respect of the registered land comprised in the proposed disposition, shall execute the appropriate instrument and that instrument is valid and effective without any execution by any person having an interest in the parcel, and the receipt of the management corporation for any moneys payable to the

management corporation under the instrument is a sufficient discharge, and exonerates the person taking under the instrument from seeing to the application or being answerable for any loss or misapplication of the moneys expressed to have been so received.

- (3) Every instrument creating the easement or restrictive covenant lodged for registration shall be endorsed with or accompanied by a certificate in the prescribed form under the seal of the management corporation that the resolution was duly passed and that all necessary consents were given, and the certificate in favour of a purchaser and the Registrar shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated therein.
- (4) The Registrar shall register the instrument creating the easement or restrictive covenant by noting it on the registered strata title plan. [20]

Dispositions of common property. 16/87.

- 23.—(1) The subsidiary proprietors may, by unanimous resolution passed at a general meeting of the management corporation, direct the management corporation to dispose of or transfer any part of the common property, being a parcel of land or part thereof, a part of any building, or any immovable property affixed to the common property.
- (2) The management corporation, if it is satisfied that the resolution was duly passed, and that all persons (other than the subsidiary proprietors) having registered interests in the parcel have consented in writing to the release of those interests in respect of the registered land comprised in the proposed transfer, and that the relevant authority and the Registrar have consented in writing to the proposed transfer so far as it affects subdivision and amalgamation of the land comprised therein shall execute the appropriate instrument and such instrument shall be valid and effective without execution by any person having an interest in the common property, and the receipt of the management corporation for any moneys payable to the management corporation under the instrument is a sufficient discharge, and shall exonerate the purchaser from seeing to the application or being answerable for any loss or misapplication of the moneys expressed to have been so received.
- (3) Every instrument of such transfer lodged for registration shall be endorsed with or accompanied by a certificate in the approved form under the seal of the

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management corporation that the resolution was duly passed and that all necessary consents were given, and the certificate in favour of the purchaser and the Registrar shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated therein.

- (4) Upon registration of the transfer by the Registrar the part of the common property transferred shall be free from such subsisting easements created or implied under this Act and the Registrar shall —
  - (a) enter a memorial of the transfer on the folio of the land-register comprising the parcel;
  - (b) amend the registered strata title plan in such manner as the Registrar may think fit so as to show thereon the part of the common property which has been transferred; and
  - (c) issue to the transferee a certificate of title for the land transferred. [21
- 24.—(1) Where any part of land comprised in the vesting of common property of a parcel has been demarcated in any part of plan approved by the relevant authority before, on or after property in 15th April 1976 for roads, streets, road reserves, road Government widening and drainage reserves or for any other public use, streets, road that part of the common property as demarcated for any of reserves, the above purposes shall become vested in the Government drainage reserves or upon the lodgment of an instrument of vesting in the for any other approved form by the public authority for registration with public use the Registrar.
- (2) The Registrar, if satisfied that the instrument of vesting relates to part of the common property as shown in the plan approved by the relevant authority for any of the purposes mentioned in subsection (1) and that the instrument has been duly executed and certified by the public authority, shall, notwithstanding that any part of a building within one or more lots is erected on, over or under any part of such common property, register the instrument on the relevant folio of the land-register without production of the duplicate instrument, and upon registration thereof the estate or interest in the part of the common property comprised in the instrument of vesting shall vest in the Government for an estate in perpetuity freed and discharged from all encumbrances and from any subsisting easements.

for roads, as shown on plans approved by relevant authority.

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- (3) On registration of the instrument of vesting the Registrar shall cancel the registration of any mortgage, charge or lease thereby overreached and make the appropriate entries in the registered strata title plan comprising the common property.

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(4) The land thereby vested in the Government shall cease to be subject to the provisions of the Land Titles Act and the Registrar shall enter an appropriate notification to that effect on the relevant folio of the land-register, and create a new folio for the balance of the common property which remains vested in the subsidiary proprietors.

Addition to common property.

- 25.—(1) The subsidiary proprietors may by a special resolution at a meeting convened by the management corporation direct the management corporation to accept a transfer —
  - (a) of any land or part thereof, free from any encumbrances except those created by statute and subsisting easements so that such land or part thereof shall form part of the common property in favour of the subsidiary proprietors;
  - (b) of any lot, including the undivided share in the common property appurtenant to that lot, free from any encumbrances except those created by statute and subsisting easements so that such lot shall form part of the common property in favour of the subsidiary proprietors of the other lots shown in the same registered strata title plan:

Provided that the prior approval in writing of the relevant authority and the Registrar shall be obtained for the transfer of any lot for the above purpose.

- (2) The transfer lodged for registration shall contain a request to the Registrar that such land or part thereof, or the lot transferred, as the case may be, be included as part of the common property.
- (3) Upon registration of such transfer the Registrar shall —
  - (a) enter a memorial of the transfer on the folio of the land-register and the registered strata title plan comprising the parcel;

- (b) amend the registered strata title plan in such manner as the Registrar may think fit so as to show thereon the transferred land or part thereof or the lot transferred as forming part of the common property, and in the case where the lot is transferred, to delete the share value of that lot shown on the registered strata title plan and decrease the total number of share value equal to the aggregate share entitlement by amending such aggregate number shown on the registered strata title plan; and
- (c) upon such amendment being made the Registrar shall notify the Commissioner of the aggregate share entitlement and the consequent share entitlement of each subsidiary proprietor.
- (4) Upon registration of the transfer by the Registrar 23/82.
  - (a) the transferred land or the transferred lot, as the case may be, shall form part of the common property and the provisions of the Act applicable to common property as varied by this section shall apply to such transferred land or lot:
  - (b) the subsidiary proprietors shall hold the common property (including the transferred land or lot) as tenants in common in accordance with their respective share units as determined pursuant to subsection (3); and
  - (c) without any further assurance the subsidiary proprietors shall hold the common property in the following manner:
    - (i) where the tenure of the transferred land is similar to that of the common property held by the subsidiary proprietors prior to the date of the registration of the transfer of such land, the subsidiary proprietors shall hold the common property (including the transferred land) for the same term and tenure as tenants in common in the manner as provided in paragraph (b);
    - (ii) where the tenure of the transferred land is not similar to that of the common

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property held by the subsidiary proprietors prior to the date of the registration of the transfer of such land, the subsidiary proprietors shall hold the entire term and tenure transferred to and accepted by the management corporation on behalf of the subsidiary proprietors as tenants in common in the manner as provided in paragraph (b);

- (iii) where a lot is transferred, the term and tenure of that lot which comprises the additional common property shall be held for the same term and tenure as that of the lots held by the subsidiary proprietors prior to the date of the registration of the transfer; and
- (iv) if there is a subsisting registered mortgage, charge, lease or sub-lease or any other encumbrance on the lot of a subsidiary proprietor, the undivided share or shares in the transferred land or transferred lot forming the additional common property shall be held by the subsidiary proprietor of the said lot subject to the same mortgage, charge, lease or sub-lease or any other such subsisting encumbrance. [23]

Amalgamation of whole of common property comprised in two or more parcels.

**26.**—(1) Where there are two or more management corporations established upon the registration of separate strata title plans by the Registrar, the subsidiary proprietors being members of these management corporations (referred this section the transferor management as corporations) may by their respective special resolutions at the meetings convened by the transferor management corporations direct that for the purpose of amalgamating the common property within the parcels which are of the same tenure and held by them as tenants in common in undivided shares the relevant transferor management corporations shall execute an instrument of transfer of these parcels so that such parcels shall become vested as one parcel in all the subsidiary proprietors as tenants in common in so far as these parcels affect the common property, and

upon registration of the instrument of transfer such common property shall be amalgamated and held in the shares proportionate to their respective share units subject to the same covenants, conditions and encumbrances, and for the same term and tenure then held by the subsidiary proprietors in respect of their respective lots prior to the date of the registration of the transfer by the Registrar.

- (2) Such transfer shall show the undivided proportionate shares to be held by each subsidiary proprietor named therein and shall be executed by the relevant transferor management corporations.
- (3) The procedure laid down in section 23 (2), (3) and (4) shall apply mutatis mutandis to the transferor management corporations and the subsidiary proprietors of the parcels to be amalgamated under this section.
- (4) Upon the amalgamation of the common property pursuant to the registration of the transfer by the Registrar
  - (a) the transferor management corporations shall be amalgamated into a single management corporation (referred to in this section as the transferee management corporation) which shall be responsible for all matters relating to the management of the subdivided buildings and the common property relating thereto;
  - (b) all the members of the transferor management corporations shall be the members of the transferee management corporation;
  - (c) all the members of the management councils of the transferor management corporations shall, until a new management council is elected for the transferee management corporation, be deemed to be the members of the management council of the transferee management corporation;
  - (d) all the properties of the transferor management corporations shall be deemed to be transferred to and vest in, and all the liabilities of the transferor management corporations shall be transferred to and become the liabilities of, the transferee management corporation; and

- (e) all legal proceedings pending by or against the
- transferor management corporations may be continued by or against the transferee management corporation.
- (5) In this section —

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- "liabilities" includes duties; and
- "properties" includes rights and powers of every description. [24

Application made by subsidiary proprietor to court.

- 27.—(1) Notwithstanding sections 23, 25 and 26, a subsidiary proprietor may make an application to the court for an order to direct the management corporation or management corporations to
  - (a) transfer a part of the common property;
  - (b) accept a transfer of any land or part thereof or any lot so that the land or part thereof or lot shall form part of the common property; or
  - (c) amalgamate the common property of two or more management corporations.
- (2) When an application has been made to the court pursuant to subsection (1), the court, on being satisfied that it is impracticable to convene a meeting to pass a special resolution and that having regard to the rights and interests of the subsidiary proprietors and the persons having registered interests in the common property as a whole it is just and equitable that
  - (a) the transfer of the part of the common property should be made;
  - (b) any land or part thereof or lot should form part of the common property; or
  - (c) the common property of two or more management corporations should be amalgamated,

may make an order directing the management corporation or management corporations to transfer such part of the common property, accept the transfer of the land or part thereof or lot, or execute an instrument of transfer of two or more parcels so that such parcels shall become vested as one parcel in all the subsidiary proprietors as tenants in common insofar as these parcels affect the common property, as the case may be, and lodge the transfer with the Registrar.

- (3) Every instrument of such transfer or acceptance of a 23/82. transfer lodged for registration shall be accompanied by a certified true copy of the order of court directing such transfer or acceptance of a transfer and where the approval of the competent authority is required for any subdivision and amalgamation of any land or common property, a true copy of the approval given by the competent authority shall be lodged with such instrument.
- (4) Upon the registration of the transfer by the Registrar —
  - (a) in the case of a disposition of all or part of the common property, all subsidiary proprietors and other persons having registered interests in the common property shall be bound to accept the terms of the order of court and section 23 (4) shall apply mutatis mutandis to such transfer;
  - (b) in the case of an addition to the common property, section 25 (3) and (4) shall apply mutatis mutandis to such transfer; and
  - (c) in the case of the amalgamation of the common property of two or more management corporations, section 23 (4) and section 26 (2), (4) and (5) shall apply mutatis mutandis to such amalgamation.
- 28. No action shall be brought by any person claiming Limitation title by adverse possession to the common property of a Act not to parcel or to any accessory lot or any part thereof created common under this Act and the provisions of the Limitation Act property. relating to adverse possession shall not extend to such common property and accessory lot.

29. Unity of seisin in two or more lots does not destroy Unity of easements or restrictions implied or created by this Part, but seisin not on the cessation of such unity they continue in full force and easements, effect as if the seisin had never been united.

**30.**—(1) Each lot including a provisional lot (except an Share values. accessory lot where no share value shall be allotted) shown <sup>16/87</sup>. in every plan lodged for registration as a strata title plan shall have its share value determined as shown in the strata title plan, and in the case of any strata title plan where planning permission has been granted on or after 15th April

1976, the lot which is shown in the strata title plan shall have the share value accepted by the Commissioner pursuant to section 7 (1) prior to the registration of the strata title plan by the Registrar.

- (2) The share value of a lot shall determine
  - (a) the voting rights of the subsidiary proprietors;
  - (b) the quantum of the undivided share of each subsidiary proprietor in the common property; and
  - (c) the amount of contributions levied by a management corporation on the subsidiary proprietors of all the lots in a subdivided building. [28]

Provisional lots. 23/82.

- 31.—(1) No assurance of any provisional lot for which a subsidiary strata certificate of title is issued shall be registered under this Act and the Registrar shall enter an appropriate caution on the relevant subsidiary strata certificate of title prohibiting any assurance of the provisional lot comprised therein from being registered.
- (2) Where an assurance of any provisional lot has been registered, such registration shall not pass any title or interest in the said provisional lot, and the Registrar shall, on discovery of the registration, cancel the registration, and no person affected by such cancellation shall be entitled to any compensation from the assurance fund.
- (3) The subsidiary proprietor of a provisional lot shall be required to lodge the relevant duplicate subsidiary strata certificate of title and an application with the Registrar for the cancellation of the Registrar's caution referred to in subsection (1) immediately after the relevant authority has certified to the effect that all buildings within the provisional lot have been completed to the satisfaction of the relevant authority.
- (4) The Registrar, after receipt of the application lodged for cancellation of the Registrar's caution referred to in subsection (1) and being satisfied that all buildings within the provisional lot have been completed to the satisfaction of the relevant authority, shall cancel the caution endorsed on the subsidiary strata certificate of title and make the appropriate deletion of the word "provisional" wherever it appears as relating to that provisional lot in the records

maintained by the Registrar, and thereupon that provisional lot shall constitute a lot under this Act.

- (5) Where the word "provisional" has been deleted by the Registrar pursuant to subsection (4), any part of the lot which is capable of forming part of the common property comprised within the same parcel as shown in the strata title plan which was first registered with the Registrar shall form part of the common property in relation to all the lots comprised within the same parcel as described in the strata title plan registered with the Registrar without the need for a resolution made pursuant to section 25 directing the management corporation concerned to accept a transfer of such part of the lot to form part of the common property.
- (6) Except as provided in subsections (1), (2) and (3), the provisions of this Act relating to a lot shall apply in all respects to a provisional lot.
- (7) For the purposes of this section, "assurance" shall not 16/87. include any mortgage or charge or any application for vesting made under this Act.
- 32. Any term or condition contained in a lease granted Restrictions in respect of a lot (whether created before, on or after 15th on subsidiary April 1976) creating a leasehold interest of a term of not less rights. than 21 years computed as from the date of the lodgment of the lease with the Registrar, which seeks to deprive or deny the lessee under the lease of his rights to exercise the powers conferred upon him by this Act as the subsidiary proprietor of the lot relating to the management of the subdivided building and the common property shall have no effect whatsoever. [29A

### PART IV

### MANAGEMENT OF THE SUBDIVIDED BUILDING

Division 1 — Management Corporations

33.—(1) The subsidiary proprietors from time to time of Constitution the lots in a subdivided building comprised in a strata title of management plan shall, by virtue of this Act, upon registration of the corporations. strata title plan —

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(a) constitute a body corporate capable of suing and being sued and having perpetual succession and a common seal: and

- (b) be called "The Management Corporation Strata Title Plan No. \_\_\_\_" (the number to be specified being the registered number of the strata title plan).
- (2) The management corporation may
  - (a) sue and be sued on any contract made by it;
  - (b) sue and be sued in respect of any matter affecting the common property;
  - (c) sue in respect of any loss or damage suffered by a management corporation arising out of a contract or otherwise; and
  - (d) be sued in respect of any matter connected with the parcel for which the subsidiary proprietors are jointly liable.
- (3) In respect of any subdivided building or buildings comprised in a strata title plan, the management corporation concerned shall have the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on it by or under this Act, or by the by-laws and, subject to this Act, shall have the control, management and administration of the common property.
- (4) The Registrar may upon payment of the prescribed fee issue to a management corporation a certificate stating that the management corporation is a body corporate constituted under this Act on the day specified therein.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting a management corporation from adding the name of the subdivided building to its official name.
- (6) In this section, "subsidiary proprietors" includes the persons entitled to the land on which the subdivided building is erected pursuant to the termination of the strata subdivision scheme under section 78 or 81. [30]

Duties of proprietor. 16/87.

- 34. Upon the establishment of the management corporation, the proprietor shall
  - (a) forthwith open a bank account in the name of the management corporation and shall pay into the account any surplus moneys in the trust fund set up by the proprietor pursuant to section 9 of the Buildings and Common Property (Maintenance and Management) Act for the maintenance of the subdivided building and the common property prior to the establishment of the management corporation; and

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- (b) cause to be kept such accounting and other records as will sufficiently explain the transactions and financial position of the management corporation and enable true and fair profit and loss accounts and balance-sheets and any documents required to be attached thereto to be prepared for the period commencing from the date of registration of the strata title plan and ending on a date not earlier than 3 months before the first annual general meeting and shall cause those records to be kept in such manner as to enable be conveniently and audited. [31
- 35. Where the first annual general meeting of a manage- Contribument corporation has not yet been convened, the subsidiary tions payable by subsidiary proprietor of each of the lots in the subdivided building proprietors. concerned shall commencing from the date of the registra- 16/87. tion of the strata title plan pay to the management corporation any sum which has been approved by the Commissioner as the amount payable for the maintenance of the subdivided building and the common property and such sum shall be deemed to be the amount determined by the management corporation as the contributions payable by the subsidiary proprietors to the management fund of the management corporation. [32

36.—(1) The common seal of a management corporation Common seal shall be kept —

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- (a) where the management corporation is constituted corporation. by one subsidiary proprietor — by that subsidiary proprietor; or
- (b) where the management corporation is constituted by two or more subsidiary proprietors — by such subsidiary proprietor or member of the council as the management corporation determines or, in the absence of any such determination, by the secretary of the council.
- (2) The common seal of a management corporation shall only be affixed to an instrument or document in the presence of -
  - (a) where the management corporation is constituted by one or two subsidiary proprietors — that

- subsidiary proprietor or those subsidiary proprietors, as the case may be; or
- (b) where the management corporation is constituted by more than two subsidiary proprietors such two persons, being subsidiary proprietors or members of the council, as the management corporation determines or, in the absence of any such determination the secretary and any other member of the council,

who shall sign the instrument to which the seal is affixed. [33

Meetings of management corporation. 16/87.

- 37.—(1) Within one month of the expiry of the initial period or within 6 weeks of the receipt of a request in writing made by the subsidiary proprietors of not less than 10% of the total number of lots in the subdivided building concerned, whichever is the earlier, the proprietor, whether or not he is a subsidiary proprietor at the time he does so, shall convene a meeting of the management corporation within that month or the said period of 6 weeks, as the case may be.
- (2) The agenda for a meeting convened under subsection (1) shall consist of the following items:
  - (a) to decide whether insurances effected by the management corporation should be varied or extended;
  - (b) to determine the amount to be raised for the management fund and the sinking fund;
  - (c) where there are more than 3 subsidiary proprietors, to determine the number of members of the council and to elect the council;
  - (d) to decide what matters, if any, shall be determined only by the management corporation in general meeting;
  - (e) to appoint a managing agent, if the management corporation so desires, and to determine which powers, duties or functions of the management corporation should be delegated to him; and
  - (f) to receive and, if thought fit, to adopt the audited accounts of the management corporation for the period commencing from the date of registration of the strata title plan and ending on a date not earlier than 3 months before the meeting.

- (3) The meeting convened under subsection (1) shall be the first annual general meeting of the management corporation.
- (4) The proprietor of the land comprised in a strata title plan shall deliver to the management corporation at its first annual general meeting
  - (a) all plans, specifications, certificates (other than certificates of title for the lots), diagrams and other documents obtained or received by him and relating to the parcel or building; and
  - (b) if they are in his possession or under his control, any notices or other records relating to the subdivided building,

other than any such documents which exclusively evidence rights or obligations of the proprietor and which are not capable of being used for the benefit of the management corporation or any of the subsidiary proprietors, other than the proprietor.

- (5) If a meeting of the management corporation is not convened in accordance with subsection (1), the Commissioner may, pursuant to an application made by a subsidiary proprietor or a mortgagee of a lot, by order appoint a person to convene a meeting of the management corporation within such time as may be specified in the order and the meeting convened by that person shall for the purposes of subsection (3) be deemed to be the meeting convened under subsection (1).
- (6) An order made under subsection (5) may include such ancillary or consequential provisions as the Commissioner thinks fit.
- (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Third Schedule, where an order made under subsection (5) so provides
  - (a) the person appointed to convene a meeting of the management corporation by the order shall preside at the meeting and, while he so presides, shall be deemed to be the chairman of the management corporation; and
  - (b) notice of that meeting may be given in the manner specified in the order.

(8) Any person who fails to comply with subsection (1) or (4) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and to a further fine not exceeding \$100 for every day during which the offence continues after conviction. [34]

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- **38.**—(1) After the first annual general meeting has been held, a general meeting of a management corporation, to be called the annual general meeting, shall be held in each calendar year and not more than 15 months after the holding of the last preceding annual general meeting.
- (2) If default is made in holding an annual general meeting the management corporation and every member of the council who is in default shall be guilty of an offence. [35

Convening of extraordinary general meeting on requisition. 16/87.

- **39.**—(1) The council of a management corporation shall, on receipt by the secretary of the management corporation of a requisition for an extraordinary general meeting signed by —
  - (a) one or more persons entitled to vote in respect of one or more lots, the share value or the sum of the share value of which is at least 20% of the aggregate share value of all the lots in the subdivided building; or
  - (b) not less than 25% of the total number of subsidiary proprietors of the lots in the subdivided building,

forthwith proceed to convene an extraordinary general meeting of the management corporation to be held as soon as practicable but in any case not later than 6 weeks after the receipt by the secretary of the requisition.

- (2) The requisition shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the requisitionists and deposited at the registered address of the management corporation, and may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more requisitionists.
- (3) If the council does not within 14 days after the date of the deposit of the requisition proceed to convene a meeting, the requisitionists, or any one of them representing more than 50% of the total voting rights of all of them, may themselves, in the same manner as nearly as possible as that

in which meetings are to be convened by the council, convene a meeting, but any meeting so convened shall not be held after the expiration of 3 months from that date.

- (4) Any reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionists by reason of the failure of the council to convene a meeting shall be paid to the requisitionists by the management corporation. Ĭ36
- 40. The Third Schedule shall have effect with respect to Voting at general meetings of, and voting at the general meetings of, a general management corporation except that paragraph 2 (1)  $\frac{16/87}{16/87}$ . thereof shall not apply to the first annual general meeting.

41.—(1) Every subdivided building shown in a strata title By-laws for plan shall be regulated by by-laws which shall provide for regulation the control, management, administration, use and enjoy- subdivided ment of the lots and the common property.

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- (2) The by-laws shall include the by-laws set out in the First Schedule which shall not be amended or revoked by the management corporation.
- (3) A management corporation may, pursuant to a special resolution, make by-laws, not inconsistent with the by-laws set out in the First Schedule, for regulating the control, management, administration, use and enjoyment of the subdivided building and the common property.
- (4) Without limiting the operation of any other provision of this Act, the by-laws for the time being in force bind the management corporation and the subsidiary proprietors and any mortgagee in possession (whether by himself or any other person), or lessee or occupier, of a lot or part thereof to the same extent as if the by-laws had been contained in properly executed agreements on the part of —
  - (a) the management corporation with each subsidiary proprietor, mortgagee, lessee and occupier, respectively; and
  - (b) each subsidiary proprietor, mortgagee, lessee, occupier of a lot or part thereof with the subsidiary proprietor, mortgagee, lessee or occupier of the other lots in the same parcel,

to observe and comply with all the by-laws.

- (5) A lease of a lot or part thereof shall be deemed to contain an agreement by the lessee that he will comply with the by-laws for the time being in force.
  - (6) The management corporation shall
    - (a) keep a record of the by-laws in force from time to
    - (b) display a copy of the by-laws in the First Schedule and any other by-laws made by the management corporation on a notice-board maintained by the management corporation on the property;
    - (c) on receipt of an application in writing made by a subsidiary proprietor or by a person duly authorised to apply on behalf of a subsidiary proprietor for a copy of the by-laws which are in force, supply to such subsidiary proprietor or duly authorised person at a reasonable cost a copy of the by-laws; and
    - (d) on the application of any person who satisfies the management corporation that he has a proper interest in so applying, make the by-laws available for his inspection.
  - (7) No by-law shall be capable of operating
    - (a) to prohibit or restrict the devolution of a lot or a transfer, lease, mortgage or other dealing of a lot; or
    - (b) to destroy or modify any easement expressly or impliedly created by or under this Act.
- (8) Without limiting the generality of any other provision of this section, a management corporation may, with the consent in writing of the subsidiary proprietor of a lot, pursuant to a unanimous resolution, make a by-law in respect of that lot conferring on that subsidiary proprietor the exclusive use and enjoyment of, or special privileges in respect of, the common property or any part thereof upon such terms and conditions (including the proper maintaining and keeping in a state of good and serviceable repair of the common property or that part of the common property, as the case may be, and the payment of money by that subsidiary proprietor to the management corporation) as may be specified in the by-law and may, pursuant to a

unanimous resolution, make a by-law amending, adding to or revoking any by-law made under this subsection.

- (9) Any by-law referred to in subsection (8) shall, while it remains in force, take effect as appurtenant to, and for the benefit of, the lot in respect of which it was made.
- (10) The subsidiary proprietor for the time being of a lot in respect of which a by-law referred to in subsection (8) is in force
  - (a) shall, subject to section 54 (3), be liable to pay the management corporation any moneys referred to in the by-law in accordance with the by-law; and
  - (b) shall, unless excused by the by-law, be responsible for the performance of the duties of the management corporation under section 48 (1) in respect of the common property, or the part of the common property, to which the by-law relates.
- (11) Any moneys payable by a subsidiary proprietor to the management corporation under a by-law referred to in subsection (8) may be recovered, as a debt, by the management corporation in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- (12) A copy of every by-law made by the management corporation and every modification or amendment of any by-law for the time being in force, certified as a true copy under the seal of the management corporation, shall be lodged by the management corporation with the Commissioner within 30 days of the passing of the resolution by the management corporation approving the making of such by-law or any amendment or modification of any existing by-law.
- (13) Any by-law, and any modification or amendment of any existing by-law, made by the management corporation shall not come into force until a copy thereof has been lodged with the Commissioner.
- (14) The management corporation or the subsidiary proprietor, mortgagee in possession, lessee or occupier of a lot shall be entitled to apply to the court
  - (a) for an order to enforce the performance of or restrain the breach of any by-law by; or

(b) to recover damages for any loss or injury to person or property arising out of the breach of any by-law from,

any person bound to comply therewith, the management corporation or the managing agent, and the court may make such order against any such person, the management corporation or the members of its council, or the managing agent, as the court thinks fit.

- (15) Any person who commits a breach of any of the bylaws in Part II of the First Schedule or makes default in complying with any of those by-laws, and every subsidiary proprietor who is knowingly a party to the breach or default, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.
- (16) In this section, "lease" includes a tenancy agreement. [38]

Levies by management corporation. 16/87.

- 42.—(1) A management corporation may levy the contributions determined by it in accordance with section 48 (1) (m) and (n) and the contributions referred to in section 48 (1) (r) by serving on the subsidiary proprietors notice in writing of the contributions payable by them in respect of their respective lots.
- (2) Contributions levied by a management corporation shall be levied in respect of each lot and shall, subject to subsections (3), (4) and (5), be payable by the subsidiary proprietors in shares proportional to the share value of their respective lots.
- (3) Where a lot is shown on the strata title plan as a provisional lot, the contributions payable by the subsidiary proprietor of that lot shall, during the period when any building in that lot is being erected or is not yet completed, be reduced by 75%.

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(4) Where a lot has been subdivided into two or more lots at any time before or after 1st December 1987 and the management corporation will incur additional expenditure in maintaining the new facilities or common property arising from the subdivision of the first-mentioned lot, the management corporation may levy such additional contributions as may be approved by the Commissioner on the subsidiary proprietor or his successors in title in order to recover the additional expenditure.

(5) Where any change of use in respect of a lot has been approved by the competent authority at any time before or after 1st December 1987, the management corporation may s 309/87. levy such additional contributions as may be approved by the Commissioner on the subsidiary proprietor of that lot.

- (6) The Commissioner shall give a subsidiary proprietor an opportunity of being heard before giving his approval for any additional contributions to be levied under subsection (4) or (5).
- (7) In respect of any contribution levied under subsection (1), (4) or (5) and the interest thereon, a subsidiary proprietor of a lot shall, subject to section 54 (3), be liable jointly and severally with any person who was liable to pay that contribution and interest when the contribution became due and payable, to pay the contribution and interest to the management corporation:

Provided that a person who has ceased to be a subsidiary proprietor of the lot shall only be liable to pay the contribution which was unpaid at the time he ceased to be a subsidiary proprietor and the interest accruing on the unpaid contribution until such time as it is paid.

- (8) Without affecting the liability of the subsidiary proprietor of a lot in respect of any contribution levied under this section, where a mortgagee is in possession (whether by himself or any other person) of a lot, he shall be liable jointly and severally with the subsidiary proprietor of the lot which he is in possession for any contribution levied on that subsidiary proprietor in accordance with this Act but shall not be so liable in respect of any such contribution unless notice in writing of the levy of the contribution has been served on him.
  - (9) Any contribution levied under this section
    - (a) shall become due and payable to the management corporation without any deduction whatsoever in accordance with the decision of the management corporation to make the levy;
    - (b) if not paid within 30 days when it becomes due and payable, shall bear interest at the rate determined by the management corporation and such interest shall accrue from the expiry of 30 days after the date when the contribution becomes

due and payable unless the management corporation determines in general meeting (either generally or in a particular case) that any unpaid contribution shall bear no interest; and

(c) may be recovered, as a debt, by the management corporation any court of in jurisdiction,

and any interest so paid shall form part of the fund to which the contribution belongs.

- (10) Where any contribution and interest thereon levied under this section is not paid within 30 days when it becomes due and payable, the management corporation may serve a written demand on a subsidiary proprietor of the lot in respect of which the contribution is levied.
- (11) A subsidiary proprietor who fails to pay any contribution or interest due and owing to a management corporation within 14 days from the date of service of the written demand referred to in subsection (10) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and to a further fine not exceeding \$100 for every day during which the contribution or interest remains unpaid after conviction and the court before which such conviction is had may, in addition to such fine, order the subsidiary proprietor to pay to the management corporation the amount of any contribution together with any interest due thereon or any interest certified by the management corporation to be due from such person at the date of his conviction and such amount may be recovered according to any written law for the time being in force for the recovery of fines.
- (12) For the purposes of this section, "subsidiary proprietor" includes —
  - (a) a mortgagee in possession and the person for the time being receiving the rent of the lot, whether as agent or trustee or as receiver, or who would receive the rent if the lot were let to a tenant; and
  - (b) the person whose name is included in the Valuation List referred to in the Property Tax Act as the owner of the lot for the purposes of that Act.
- (13) For the purposes of subsection (3), a building in a provisional lot shall be deemed to be completed when a

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temporary occupation licence has been issued by the competent authority for any flat in the building.

(14) Any contribution levied by a management corporation under this section shall be deemed to be money payable under a contract for the provision of services and a management corporation may lodge a claim for the payment of such contribution with a Small Claims Tribunal in accordance with the provisions of the Small Claims Tribunals Act.

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Recovery of contribution

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## **43.**—(1) Where —

- (a) any contribution is levied under section 42; or
- (b) an amount is recoverable by the management of a lot. corporation from the subsidiary proprietor of a lot pursuant to section 45,

and such contribution or amount remains unpaid on the expiry of a period of 30 days after the management corporation has served a written demand for the contribution or amount, that contribution or amount including any interest thereon (if any) shall constitute a charge on the lot in favour of the management corporation upon lodgment of an instrument of charge by the management corporation with and the registration thereof by the Registrar.

- (2) Upon registration of the instrument of charge by the Registrar
  - (a) the management corporation shall, subject to subsection (3), have the power of sale and all other powers relating or incidental thereto as if such management corporation is a registered mortgagee; and
  - (b) the contribution or amount due (including interest thereon) shall be subject to all statutory charges of any public authority over the lot and to all encumbrances registered or notified prior to the date of lodgment of that instrument of charge except that in the case where a prior registered mortgagee or chargee has sold the lot in exercise of his power of sale, the registered charge of the estate or interest of the lot when transferred to a purchaser by the mortgagee or chargee shall not be over-reached by the exercise of the power of sale by the mortgagee or chargee of a prior registered mortgage or charge.

- (3) The management corporation shall not proceed under subsection (2) (a) to sell the lot unless
  - (a) a special resolution has been passed by the management corporation to have the lot sold;
  - (b) a notice of the intended sale has been published once in one or more daily newspapers, approved by the Registrar;
  - (c) during the period of 6 weeks after the date of such publication no payment has been received for the contribution or amount due including interest thereon and the cost of publication specified in paragraph (b) as well as any other necessary incidental charges; and
  - (d) there is no legal action pending in court to restrain the management corporation from proceeding with the sale.
- (4) Where a transfer of any lot has been made by the management corporation in the exercise of its power of sale as a chargee pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) and lodged with the Registrar for registration
  - (a) such transfer shall not be accepted for registration unless there has been lodged with the Registrar
    - (i) a certified true copy of the special resolution of the management corporation authorising the exercise of its power of sale with the seal of the management corporation affixed thereto in the presence of two members of the council of the management corporation;
    - (ii) a copy of every publication containing the notice referred to in subsection (3) (b); and
    - (iii) a statutory declaration made by the members of the council of the management corporation referred to in subparagraph (i) jointly stating that the contribution and interest due thereon including all necessary incidental charges owing to the management corporation as at the date of the contract for sale of the lot have not been paid

and that there is no legal action pending in court to restrain the management corporation from proceeding with the sale of the lot; and

- (b) neither the person who purchased the lot from the management corporation nor the Registrar shall be concerned to inquire into the regularity or validity of the sale or transfer.
- (5) Where the management corporation has wrongfully exercised its power of sale without having verified that the contributions and interest thereon subject to the statutory charge are still outstanding, every member of the council of the management corporation who voted in favour of the special resolution which was passed for the purpose of exercising the power of sale shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.
- (6) Where an instrument of charge has been registered against a lot under this section, the subsidiary proprietor of the lot shall, upon payment of the amount of the contribution or amount due including interest thereon and any necessary incidental charges to the management corporation before it has exercised its power of sale conferred by this section, be entitled to an instrument of discharge executed and acknowledged by the management corporation as to the receipt of such payment, and upon registration of the instrument of discharge or, in the event of the management corporation refusing to execute a discharge, an order of court declaring that the lot shall be discharged from the charge, the lot shall be freed from the charge constituted under this section.
- (7) For the purpose of registration of a charge, discharge or transfer under this section, the Registrar may dispense with the production of the relevant duplicate subsidiary strata certificate of title.
- (8) Notwithstanding section 74 of the Land Titles Act Cap. 157. and section 16 of the Registration of Deeds Act, where Cap. 269. further contributions and interest thereon are due to the management corporation after the registration of an instrument of charge under this section, the amount of contributions due (including interest thereon) shall rank in priority

to any other claims as if the contributions were due at the date of the registration of the charge.

- (9) A charge under subsection (2) shall continue in force until all the contributions (including interest thereon) secured by the charge have been paid.
- (10) This section shall not affect the rights and powers conferred on the management corporation by sections 42 (7) and 45 to recover the contribution or amount due and all interest thereon including any legal costs and incidental charges necessarily incurred for the recovery of the contribution or amount in respect of any lot as a debt from the subsidiary proprietor of, or his successor in title to, the lot.
- (11) In this section, "public authority" means the Government, the Collector of Land Revenue, the Comptroller of Property Tax, and any other person, corporation or body, authorised or empowered by any written law to attach, sell or acquire land compulsorily.
- (12) This section shall apply to all charges registered before or after 1st December 1987. [40]

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Liability of members for debts of management corporation. 16/87.

44. The payment of any expenditure lawfully incurred by the management corporation in the course of the exercise of any of its powers or functions or the carrying out of its duties or obligations shall, by virtue of this section, be guaranteed by the persons who, for the time being and from time to time, are the members of the management corporation, and the subsidiary proprietor of a lot shall be liable only to pay the amount which he would have to pay if contributions were levied by the management corporation pursuant to section 42 to raise the necessary sum for the payment of the expenditure. [41]

Power of management corporation to carry out work. 16/87.

- 45.—(1) Where a notice has been served on the subsidiary proprietor of a lot by a public authority requiring that subsidiary proprietor to carry out any work on or in relation to that lot and the notice is not complied with, the management corporation may carry out the work.
- (2) Where a subsidiary proprietor, mortgagee in possession, lessee or occupier of a lot fails or neglects to carry out any work
  - (a) required to be carried out by him under a term or condition of a by-law referred to in section 41 (8);

- (b) necessary to remedy a breach of the duty imposed on him by section 57 (a); or
- (c) to rectify any defect in any water pipe, sewer pipe within his lot or any cracks in the wall or floor within his lot,

the management corporation may carry out that work.

- (3) Where the management corporation carries out any work on or in relation to a lot or common property pursuant to subsection (1) or (2), it may recover the cost of so doing, as a debt
  - (a) from the subsidiary proprietor, mortgagee in possession, lessee or occupier referred to in subsection (1) or (2); or
  - (b) where the work is carried out pursuant to
    - (i) subsection (1) or (2) (b), from any person who, after the work is carried out, becomes the subsidiary proprietor of the lot on or in relation to which the work was carried out; or
    - (ii) subsection (2) (a), from any person who, after the work is carried out, becomes the subsidiary proprietor of the lot in respect of which the by-law referred to in subsection (2) (a) was made.

## (4) Where —

- (a) any part of a building comprised in a lot contains any structural defect which affects or is likely to affect the support or shelter provided by that lot for another lot in that building or the common property; or
- (b) any defect occurs in any pipes, wires, cables or ducts referred to in section 57 (a) (ii) within a lot,

the management corporation shall carry out such work as is necessary to rectify the defect and it may recover the cost of such work from any person who has a duty to remedy the defect as a debt in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(5) Where the management corporation incurs any expenditure or performs any repairs, works or acts that it is required or authorised by this Part or by any other written

law to perform (whether or not the expenditure was incurred or the repairs, works or acts were performed consequent upon the service on it by any Government or statutory authority of any notice or order) and the expenditure or the repairs, works or acts were rendered necessary by reason of any wilful or negligent act or omission on the part of, or breach of any provision of its by-laws by, any person or his tenant, lessee, licensee or invitee, the amount of that expenditure expended by it in performing the repairs, works or acts shall be recoverable by it from that person as a debt in an action in any court of competent jurisdiction. [42]

Change of management corporation's address. 16/87.

- **46.**—(1) A management corporation may, in general meeting, decide that the address, as shown on the records maintained by the Registrar, for the service of notices on the management corporation shall be changed.
- (2) Where a management corporation has, pursuant to subsection (1), decided that the address for the service of notices on it shall be changed, the management corporation shall forthwith notify the Registrar and the Commissioner of the change and the Registrar shall amend the registered strata title plan accordingly. [43]

Agreement for payment to a subsidiary proprietor of consideration on transfer or lease of common property. 16/87. 47. A management corporation may, pursuant to a unanimous resolution, make an agreement with a subsidiary proprietor with respect to the payment to him of the whole or any part of the consideration under any transaction proposed to be entered into by the management corporation under Part III or under a by-law referred to in section 41 (8).

Duties of management corporation. 16/87.

- **48.**—(1) A management corporation shall, for the purposes of the subdivided building concerned
  - (a) control, manage and administer the common property for the benefit of all the subsidiary proprietors;
  - (b) properly maintain and keep it in a state of good and serviceable repair
    - (i) the common property; and
    - (ii) any property vested in the management corporation;

- (c) where necessary, renew or replace any fixtures or fittings comprised in the common property and any property vested in the management corporation;
- (d) when so directed by a special resolution, install or provide additional facilities or make improvements to the common property for the benefit of the subsidiary proprietors;
- (e) effect insurance in accordance with this Act;
- (f) comply with any notice or order made by any competent, public or statutory authority requiring the abatement of any nuisance on the common property or ordering repairs or other work to be done in respect of the common property or any building or other improvement on the parcel;
- (g) comply with any such notice or order as is referred to in paragraph (f) given or made in respect of any of the lots, if the subsidiary proprietor fails to do so within a reasonable time;
- (h) pay the rent (if any) on the land on which the subdivided building is erected;
- (i) cause proper records to be kept of notices given to the management corporation under this Act or any written law or of any orders made by a court and served on the management corporation;
- (j) cause proper books of account to be kept in respect of moneys received or expended by the management corporation showing the items in respect of which the moneys were received or expended;
- (k) cause to be prepared, from the books referred to in paragraph (j), a proper statement of accounts of the management corporation in respect of each period commencing on the date of registration of the strata title plan or the date up to which the last previous such statement was prepared and ending on a date not earlier than 3 months before each annual general meeting;
- (1) convene annual general meetings in accordance with the Third Schedule;

- (m) from time to time determine in general meeting the amounts necessary in its opinion to be raised by way of contributions for the purpose of meeting its actual or expected liabilities
  - (i) incurred or to be incurred under paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d);
  - (ii) for the payment of insurance premiums; and
  - (iii) for any other expenditure of the management corporation;
- (n) from time to time determine in general meeting the amounts necessary in its opinion to be raised by way of contributions for the purpose of meeting its actual or expected liabilities
  - (i) for painting or repainting any part of the common property which is a building or other structure;
  - (ii) for the renewal or replacement of any electrical and mechanical installations existing for common use or purposes;
  - (iii) for major repairs and improvements to, and maintenance of, the common property and boundary walls; and
  - (iv) for any other expenditure approved by the management corporation in general meeting;
- (o) upon determining the amounts referred to in paragraph (m), establish a management fund into which shall be paid those amounts, the proceeds of the sale or disposal of any personal property of the management corporation and any income received by it and any amount paid to the management corporation by way of discharge of insurance claims;
- (p) upon determining the amounts referred to in paragraph (n), establish a sinking fund into which shall be paid those amounts and any amount paid to the management corporation by way of discharge of insurance claims unless the latter amount has been paid into the management fund;

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- (q) from time to time, levy, in accordance with section
   42, on each person liable therefor a contribution to raise the amounts referred to in paragraphs
   (m) and (n);
- (r) if the management corporation
  - (i) becomes liable to pay any moneys that it is unable to pay forthwith; and
  - (ii) is not required, under paragraph (q), to levy contributions to meet the liability, forthwith levy, in accordance with section 42, contributions to raise those moneys; and
- (s) implement the decisions of the management corporation.
- (2) A management corporation shall not disburse any moneys
  - (a) from its management fund, otherwise than for the purpose of meeting its liabilities referred to in subsection (1) (m) or (n);
  - (b) from its sinking fund, otherwise than for the purpose of meeting its liabilities referred to in subsection (1) (n); and
  - (c) from its management fund or sinking fund otherwise than for the purpose of carrying out its powers, duties and functions under this Act or the by-laws.
- (3) A determination made by a management corporation under subsection (1) (m) or (n) may specify that the amounts to be raised for the purposes referred to in those paragraphs shall be raised by such regular periodic contributions as may be specified in the determination. [45]

**49.**—(1) For the purpose of carrying out —

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(a) any work pursuant to section 45 (1), (2), (4) or (5);

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- (b) any work required to be carried out by a management corporation
  - (i) by a notice served on it by a public authority or statutory board; or
  - (ii) by an order of the Commissioner;
- (c) any work referred to in section 48 (1) (b), (c) or (d); or

(d) any work necessary to repair or renew any pipes, wires, cables or ducts referred to in section 57 (a) (ii),

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the management corporation may, by its employees or agents, enter upon any lot or part of the parcel for the purpose of carrying out the work, in the case of an emergency, at any time, or, in any other case, at any reasonable time after giving notice to any occupier of that lot or part of the parcel.

(2) A person who obstructs or hinders a management corporation in the exercise of its power under subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000. [46

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- **50.** A management corporation may
  - (a) subject to the regulations made under this Act, invest any moneys in its management fund and in its sinking fund in any manner permitted by law for the investment of trust funds;
  - (b) borrow moneys and secure the repayment thereof and of any interest in such manner as may be agreed upon by the management corporation and the lender, otherwise than by charging the repayment on the common property;
  - (c) enter into an agreement with a subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot for the provision of amenities or services by it to the lot or to the subsidiary proprietor or occupier thereof;
  - (d) purchase, hire or otherwise acquire personal property for use by the subsidiary proprietors in connection with their enjoyment of the common property; and
  - (e) do all things reasonably necessary for the performance of its duties under this Part and for the enforcement of the by-laws set out in the First Schedule. [47
- **51.**—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a management corporation shall not, during the initial period —
  - (a) amend, add to or revoke the by-laws in such a manner that a right is conferred or an obligation

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- is imposed on one or more, but not all, subsidiary proprietors or in respect of one or more, but not all, lots;
- (b) alter any common property forming part of the subdivided building or erect any structure on the common property;
- (c) grant an easement or a restrictive covenant burdening the parcel;
- (d) execute a transfer of any part of the common property pursuant to section 23 or confer on any person the exclusive right to use and enjoy the common property;
- (e) make any contract which confers upon any person the right to use, occupy, control or manage any part of the common property for a period extending beyond the expiration of the initial period;
- (f) borrow moneys or give securities; or
- (g) appoint a managing agent to hold office as such for a period extending beyond the expiration of the initial period,

unless the doing of that thing is authorised by an order made under section 52.

- (2) Any contract for the supply of services relating to the maintenance of a subdivided building made by a management corporation during the initial period shall be deemed to have contained a provision therein that the contract may be terminated forthwith by notice in writing given by the management corporation to the other party thereto without payment of any damages, fee or other compensation.
- (3) Without affecting any other remedy available against the proprietor, if a management corporation contravenes subsection (1)
  - (a) the proprietor shall be liable for any loss suffered by the management corporation or any subsidiary proprietor as a result of the contravention; and
  - (b) the management corporation or any subsidiary proprietor may recover from the proprietor, as damages for breach of statutory duty, any loss suffered by it or him,

unless —

- (i) the contravention occurred without the knowledge of the proprietor;
- (ii) the proprietor was not in a position to influence the conduct of the management corporation in relation to the contravention; and
- (iii) the proprietor, being in such a position, used all due diligence to prevent the contravention. [48]

Commissioner's power to authorise certain acts during initial period. 16/87.

- **52.**—(1) The Commissioner may, on an application made by a management corporation, make an order authorising the doing of anything referred to in section 51.
- (2) Notice of an application under subsection (1) shall be served, in accordance with the regulations made under this Act, on
  - (a) the subsidiary proprietor of every lot in the subdivided building concerned, unless he is the applicant;
  - (b) the registered mortgagee of every such lot; and
  - (c) such other persons as the Commissioner may direct.
- (3) The applicant and any person referred to in subsection (2) (whether or not he has been served with a notice of the application) shall be entitled to appear and be heard on the hearing of the application.
- (4) The Commissioner shall not make an order under this section unless he is satisfied that the order will serve the interests of the subsidiary proprietors or those persons having equitable interests in the lots. [49]

Strata roll.

- **53.**—(1) A management corporation shall prepare and maintain a roll in accordance with this section.
- (2) The roll shall be kept in the form of a book (either bound or loose-leaf) which shall contain one or more pages in respect of each lot in the subdivided building.
- (3) The management corporation shall record the following information on a page of the roll relating to the lot to which the information relates:
  - (a) the share value of the lot, as shown on the schedule of strata units filed with the Commissioner under section 7;

- (b) the name and address of the subsidiary proprietor, as shown on the folio of the subsidiary strata land-register comprising the lot upon registration of the strata title plan and the name of and address for the service of notices on the subsidiary proprietor of that lot as shown in notices given to the management corporation under section 59 (2) or (3);
- (c) the name of any mortgagee of the lot notice of whose mortgage has been given to the management corporation under section 59 (4), the address for the service of notices on him as shown in that notice and any other mortgages which are specified in that notice as having priority over his mortgage;
- (d) the name of the nominee of any company which is the subsidiary proprietor or mortgagee of the lot as shown in notices given to the management corporation for the purposes of section 59 (10);
- (e) the discharge, transfer, assignment or sub-mortgage of any mortgage, referred to in paragraph (c), as shown in a notice given to the management corporation under section 59 (5) or (6) and, except in the case of a discharge, the address for the service of notices on the transferee, assignee or sub-mortgagee as shown in that notice;
- (f) the entry into possession of the lot by a mortgagee as shown in a notice given to the management corporation under section 59 (7); and
- (g) the address for the service of notices on any person as shown in a notice given to the management corporation under section 59 (1).
- (4) The management corporation shall record and maintain in the roll a copy of the by-laws for the time being in force with respect to the subdivided building.
- **54.**—(1) A management corporation shall, upon application made to it in writing in respect of a lot the subject of the subdivided building concerned by a subsidiary proprietor or ficates by mortgagee or prospective purchaser or mortgagee of that lot management or by a person authorised in writing by such a subsidiary  $\frac{\text{corpo}}{16/87}$ .

Supply of information and certicorporation. proprietor or mortgagee and on payment of the prescribed fee, do any one or more of the following things as are required of it in the application:

- (a) inform the applicant of the name and address of the chairman, secretary and treasurer of the management corporation and of any person who has been appointed under section 68 as managing agent;
- (b) make available for inspection by the applicant or his agent
  - (i) the strata roll;
  - (ii) the notices and orders referred to in section 48 (1) (i);
  - (iii) the plans, specifications, certificates, diagrams and other documents delivered under section 37 (4);
  - (iv) the minutes of general meetings of the management corporation and of the council;
  - (v) the books of account of the management corporation;
  - (vi) a copy of the statement of accounts of the management corporation last prepared by the management corporation in accordance with section 48 (1) (k);
  - (vii) every current policy of insurance effected by the management corporation and the receipt for the premium last paid in respect of each such policy; and
  - (viii) any other record or document in the custody or under the control of the management corporation,

at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the applicant or his agent and the management corporation and, failing agreement, at the subdivided building at a time and on a date fixed by the management corporation under subsection (2);

- (c) certify, as at the date of the certificate, in respect of the lot in respect of which the application is made
  - (i) the amount of any regular periodic contributions determined by the management corporation under section 48 (1) (m) and (n) and the periods in respect of which those contributions are payable;
  - (ii) whether there is any amount unpaid of any contribution determined under section 48 (1) (m) and (n) and, if so, the amount thereof and the date on which any such contribution was levied;
  - (iii) whether there is any amount unpaid of any contribution levied under section 42 and, if so, the amount thereof and the date on which it was levied;
  - (iv) whether there is any amount recoverable from the subsidiary proprietor of that lot under section 45 and, if so, the amount thereof; and
  - (v) any interest payable under section 42 (9) (b) in respect of any unpaid contribution referred to in that subsection.
- (2) Where an applicant and a management corporation fail to reach an agreement referred to in subsection (1) (b) within 7 days after the receipt of the application by the management corporation, the management corporation shall forthwith send by post to the applicant a notice fixing a time, specified in the notice, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on a date so specified, being a date not later than 21 days after the receipt of the application by the management corporation for the making of the inspection referred to in that subsection.
- (3) In favour of a donee of, or a person taking for valuable consideration, an estate or interest in any lot, a certificate given under subsection (1) (c) by a management corporation in respect of that lot shall be conclusive evidence, as at the date of the certificate, of the matters stated therein.
- (4) A management corporation which fails to provide the information referred to in subsection (1) (a) and a certificate

referred to in subsection (1) (c) within 14 days after receipt by it of the application for the information or the certificate shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.

(5) A person entitled to inspect a document made available under subsection (1) (b) may take extracts from, or make a copy of, the document but may not, without the consent of the management corporation, remove the document from the custody of the management corporation for the purpose of inspecting the document, taking extracts therefrom or making a copy thereof. [51]

Management corporation to display notice, etc. 16/87.

- 55. The management corporation shall
  - (a) display at a conspicuous place within the common property a notice showing the name of the management corporation and its address for service of notices; and
  - (b) cause to be constructed and maintained at or near the street alignment of the parcel a receptacle suitable for the receipt of mail or other documents with the name of the management corporation clearly shown thereon. [52]

Accounts of management corporation to be audited. 16/87.

- **56.**—(1) At least once in each year the accounts of a management corporation shall be examined by an auditor who shall state in his report whether the accounts are in his opinion properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the income and expenditure of the management corporation and of the management corporation's affairs.
- (2) The auditor shall be appointed at each annual general meeting of the management corporation and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the management corporation.
- (3) At any time before the first annual general meeting of a management corporation, the council of the management corporation shall appoint the auditor of the management corporation and any auditor so appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the first annual general meeting.
- (4) No person shall be appointed as an auditor of a management corporation unless he is an approved company auditor under the Companies Act.

- (5) A management corporation shall permit the Commissioner or any person authorised by him to act on his behalf at all reasonable times full and free access to its accounting and other records and permit the Commissioner or such person to make copies of or make extracts from any such accounting or other records.
- (6) The Commissioner may exempt any management corporation of a subdivided building which has not more than 10 lots from the requirements of this section on such terms and conditions as the Commissioner may determine.
- (7) This section shall not apply to a management corporation —
  - (a) of a subdivided building with not more than 4 lots;
  - (b) in respect of a financial year if during the entire duration of that financial year there are not more than 4 subsidiary proprietors. [53

## Division 2 — Subsidiary Proprietors and other Occupiers of Lots

57. A subsidiary proprietor, mortgagee in possession Duties of (whether by himself or any other person), lessee or occupier subsidiary of a lot shall not —

proprietors and other occupiers

- (a) do anything or permit anything to be done on or in occupied of lots. relation to that lot so that -
  - (i) any support or shelter provided by that lot for another lot or common property is interfered with; or
  - (ii) the passage or provision of water, sewerage, drainage, gas, electricity, garbage, artificially cooled air and other services (including telephone, radio and television services) through or by means of any pipes, wires, cables or ducts for the time being in the lot is interfered with:
- (b) use or enjoy that lot, or permit that lot to be used or enjoyed, in such a manner or for such a purpose as to cause a nuisance or hazard to the occupier of any other lot (whether that person is a subsidiary proprietor or not); or

(c) use or enjoy the common property in such a manner or for such a purpose as to interfere unreasonably with the use or enjoyment of the common property by the occupier of any other lot (whether that person is a subsidiary proprietor or not) or by any other person entitled to the use and enjoyment of the common property. [54]

Power for individuals to act for companies who are subsidiary proprietors and mortgagees of lots. 16/87.

- 58.—(1) A company may, and shall be deemed always to have been able to, authorise an individual to exercise or perform on its behalf any power, duty or function conferred by this Act on the company as subsidiary proprietor or mortgagee of a lot and may revoke the authority of any individual so authorised.
- (2) Where an individual exercises or performs a power, duty or function that he is, by a subsidiary proprietor or mortgagee of a lot, authorised pursuant to subsection (1) to exercise or perform, the power, duty or function shall be deemed to be exercised or performed by the subsidiary proprietor or mortgagee, as the case may be, of the lot.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) or (2) shall affect any liability or obligation imposed under this Act on a corporation which is a subsidiary proprietor or mortgagee of a lot.
- (4) A document under the seal of a subsidiary proprietor which is a body corporate purporting to be an authorisation under subsection (1) or to be a revocation of such an authorisation is admissible in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be such an authorisation or revocation, as the case may be. [55]

Notices to be given by subsidiary proprietors and mortgagees. 16/87.

- **59.**—(1) A subsidiary proprietor or any person who, under this section, has given to the management corporation notice of an address for the service of notices on him shall give notice in writing to the management corporation of any change of address for the service of notices on him.
- (2) Upon the delivery of a transfer of an estate or interest in a lot pursuant to completion of a sale of that lot by its registered subsidiary proprietor to the purchaser or his nominee, or by way of gift to a donee, the registered

subsidiary proprietor shall within 10 days thereof give to the management corporation written notice of the transfer which shall identify the lot and —

- (a) specify the name of the transferee in full and an address within Singapore for the service of notices on the transferee and the date of delivery of the transfer; and
- (b) bear a certification by the transferee or his solicitor of the accuracy of the information contained in the notice.
- (3) Where the subsidiary proprietor of a lot fails to comply with a notice given by the management corporation under subsection (8) requiring him to give a notice under subsection (2), the transferee under the transfer may give to the management corporation written notice of the transfer which shall identify the lot and specify the name of the transferee in full and an address within Singapore for the service of notices on the transferee and the date upon which the transfer was executed.
- (4) After the delivery to a mortgagee of an executed mortgage of a lot, the mortgagee may give to the management corporation written notice of the mortgage which shall identify the lot and
  - (a) specify the name of the mortgagee in full and an address within Singapore for the service of notices on the mortgagee and the date on which the mortgage was so delivered;
  - (b) specify any mortgages of the lot which have priority over the mortgage referred to in the notice; and
  - (c) bear written confirmation by the mortgagor of the accuracy of the information contained in the notice.
- (5) After the delivery to a mortgagor of a discharge of a mortgage of a lot or a discharge of a sub-mortgage of a mortgage of a lot, the mortgagor may give to the management corporation written notice of the discharge which shall identify the lot and the mortgage that has been discharged and
  - (a) specify the date on which the discharge was so delivered; and

- (b) bear written confirmation by the mortgagee of the discharge of the mortgage.
- (6) After the delivery by a mortgagee of a dealing, being a transfer or sub-mortgage of a lot, the transferee or sub-mortgagee may give to the management corporation written notice of the dealing which shall identify the lot and
  - (a) specify the name of the transferee or submortgagee in full and an address within Singapore for the service of notices on the transferee or sub-mortgagee and the date on which the transfer or sub-mortgage was so delivered; and
  - (b) bear written confirmation by the transferor or submortgagor of the information contained in the notice.
- (7) After the entry into possession of a lot by a mortgagee, the mortgagee shall give to the management corporation written notice which shall identify the lot and specify the date on which he entered into possession.
- (8) Where a management corporation has reason to believe that a person is required under this section to give a notice to it and the management corporation has not received that notice, the management corporation may serve a notice on that person specifying the capacity in which it believes he is obliged to give the notice and requiring him
  - (a) to state within 14 days whether or not he is a person obliged to give a notice in that capacity; and
  - (b) if he is such a person, to give that notice.
- (9) Where a management corporation has served a notice under subsection (8) on a person whom it believes to be a person entitled to give a notice to the management corporation under this section and that person has not complied with the first-mentioned notice, that person shall not be entitled to cast a vote at any general meeting of the management corporation until he has complied with the first-mentioned notice.
- (10) A vote cast at a general meeting of a management corporation by or on behalf of a subsidiary proprietor who is a company shall have no effect unless the management corporation has received a notice in writing specifying the representative of that subsidiary proprietor.

(11) A notice referred to in subsection (10) may be included in any other notice that the subsidiary proprietor to which it relates or any other person is entitled under this section to give to the management corporation.

## Division 3 — Councils

60.—(1) Subject to this section, every management cor- Council of a poration shall have a council which shall consist of such management corporation. number of members as may be determined by the management corporation in general meeting but the total number of members shall not exceed 14.

- (2) The members of the council shall be elected at each annual general meeting.
  - (3) Where
    - (a) the first annual general meeting has not yet been held; or
    - (b) there are not more than 3 subsidiary proprietors,

the council shall consist of each subsidiary proprietor, if any, who is an individual and the nominee of each subsidiary proprietor, if any, who is a company.

- (4) The members of the council shall retire from office at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the management corporation and a retiring member of the council shall be eligible for re-election.
- (5) A person shall not be eligible for election as a member of the council unless he is —
  - (a) an individual who is a subsidiary proprietor;
  - (b) an individual who is nominated for election by a subsidiary proprietor who is a company; or
  - (c) a member of the immediate family of a subsidiary proprietor who is nominated for election by that subsidiary proprietor who is not a candidate for election.
- (6) A person who is a co-subsidiary proprietor of a lot may not be a candidate for election as a member of the council if another co-subsidiary proprietor of that lot is a candidate or has nominated another person for election.

- (7) A subsidiary proprietor who owns two or more lots in a subdivided building and is a candidate or has nominated an individual as a candidate for election as a member of a council shall not be entitled to nominate any other individual for election as a member of a council.
- (8) Where there is no council of a management corporation, the subdivided building shall be administered by the management corporation but nothing in this subsection shall prevent a managing agent appointed under this Act from exercising or performing any powers, duties or functions conferred or imposed upon him.
- (9) The Second Schedule shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the council. [57]

Vacation of office of member of council. 16/87.

- **61.**—(1) A person who is a member of a council shall vacate his office as such a member
  - (a) if, where he was a subsidiary proprietor at the time of his appointment or election, he ceases to be a subsidiary proprietor;
  - (b) if, where he was the nominee of a subsidiary proprietor, the subsidiary proprietor who nominated him
    - (i) ceases to be a subsidiary proprietor; or
    - (ii) notifies the management corporation in writing that his office as a member of the council is vacated;
  - (c) if he fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings of the council;
  - (d) upon the receipt by the management corporation from him of notice in writing of his resignation as a member of the council;
  - (e) upon the election of the members of the council at the annual general meeting next following his election as a member of the council;
  - (f) where he is a member pursuant to section 60 (3), upon the election of the members of the council at a general meeting; or
  - (g) if the management corporation by ordinary resolution removes him from his office.
- (2) Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of a member of a council, otherwise than by reason of subsection

- (1) (e) or (f), the council may appoint a subsidiary proprietor or the nominee of a subsidiary proprietor who is a company as a member of the council to fill the vacancy, and any person so appointed shall hold office for the balance of his predecessor's term of office.
- 62.—(1) Where the chairman, the secretary and the Chairman, treasurer of the council have not been appointed by the secretary and treasurer of management corporation at its annual general meeting, the council. members of the council shall, at the first meeting of the 16/87. council after they assume office as such members, appoint the chairman, secretary and treasurer of the council.

- (2) A person
  - (a) shall not be appointed to an office referred to in subsection (1) unless he is a member of the council: and
  - (b) may be appointed to one or more of those offices.
- (3) A person appointed to an office referred to in subsection (1) shall hold office until —
  - (a) he ceases to be a member of the council;
  - (b) the receipt by the management corporation from him of a notice in writing of his resignation from that office; or
  - (c) another person is appointed by the council or by the management corporation in general meeting to hold that office.

whichever first happens.

- (4) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, a person appointed to an office referred to in subsection (1) shall not resign or vacate his office until another person is appointed by the council or by the management corporation in general meeting to hold that office and any purported resignation or vacation of office in breach of this subsection shall be deemed to be invalid.
- (5) Subsection (4) shall not apply where a member of the council is required to resign or vacate his office —
  - (a) if, where he was a subsidiary proprietor at the time of his appointment or election, he ceases to be a subsidiary proprietor;

- (b) if, where he was the nominee of a subsidiary proprietor who is a company, the subsidiary proprietor who nominated him ceases to be a subsidiary proprietor.
- (6) A person shall not exercise or perform any of the powers, duties or functions of the management corporation or the treasurer of the management corporation, being powers, duties or functions relating to the receipt or expenditure of, or accounting for, moneys, or the keeping of the books of account, of the management corporation, unless he is
  - (a) a member of the management corporation or of the council and is the treasurer of the management corporation or of the council;
  - (b) a managing agent who is empowered to exercise or perform those powers, duties or functions; or
  - (c) a person with whom the treasurer of the management corporation is required by an order of the council to exercise or perform jointly those powers, duties or functions, and who is enabling the treasurer to comply with the order.
- (7) The treasurer of a management corporation may delegate the exercise or performance of any of his powers (other than this power of delegation), duties or functions as treasurer, the delegation of which is specifically approved by the council of the management corporation, to another member of the council so approved, subject to such limitations as to time or otherwise as are so approved and, while a delegate is acting in accordance with the terms of a delegation under this subsection, he shall be deemed to be the treasurer of the management corporation.
- (8) The council of a management corporation may, by a notice in writing served on the treasurer of the management corporation, order that he shall not exercise or perform any of his powers, duties or functions that are specified in the notice, unless he does so jointly with another person so specified.
- (9) Any person who contravenes subsection (6) or fails to comply with the notice of a council issued pursuant to subsection (8) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and to a further

fine not exceeding \$100 for every day during which the offence continues after conviction.

- 63.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the deci- Council's sion of a council on any matter, other than a restricted decisions matter, shall be the decision of the management corpora- decisions of tion.
  - management corporation.
- (2) Notwithstanding that a council holds office, the management corporation may in general meeting continue to exercise or perform all or any of the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on the management corporation by this Act or the by-laws.
- (3) A council shall not make a decision on any matter if, before the decision is made, notice in writing has been given to the secretary of the council by subsidiary proprietors who altogether own not less than one-third of the lots in the subdivided building concerned that the making of the decision is opposed by those subsidiary proprietors, and any decision, if made by the council, shall have no force or effect.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (1), "restricted matter", in relation to a council, means —
  - (a) any matter a decision on which may, in accordance with any provision of this Act or the by-laws, only be made by the management corporation pursuant to a unanimous resolution or a special resolution in general meeting of the management corporation; and
  - (b) any matter referred to in section 64 and specified in a resolution of that management corporation passed for the purposes of that section.
- 64. A management corporation may in general meeting Restrictions decide what matters or class of matters, if any, shall be imposed on determined only by the management corporation in general meeting.

council by management corporation. 16/87.

- **65.**—(1) A person who has possession or control of
  - (a) any records, books of account or keys belonging to management a management corporation;

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- (b) the strata roll kept by a management corporation;
- (c) any other property of a management corporation, shall, within 7 days after service on him of notice of a resolution of the council requiring him to do so, deliver those records, books of account and keys and that strata roll and other property to a member of the council specified in the notice.
- (2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000. [62]

Disclosure of interests in contracts, property, officers, etc. 16/87.

- 66.—(1) Subject to this section, every member of a council who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or proposed contract with the management corporation shall as soon as practicable after the relevant facts have come to his knowledge declare the nature of his interest at a meeting of the council.
- (2) The requirements of subsection (1) shall not apply in any case where the interest of the member of a council consists only of being a member or creditor of a company which is interested in a contract or proposed contract with the management corporation if the interest of the member may properly be regarded as not being a material interest.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), a general notice given to the members of a council by a member to the effect that he is an officer or member of a specified company or a member of a specified firm and is to be regarded as interested in any contract which may, after the date of the notice, be made with that company or firm shall be deemed to be a sufficient declaration of interest in relation to any contract so made if it specifies the nature and extent of his interest in the specified company or firm and his interest is not different in nature or greater in extent than the nature and extent so specified in the general notice at the time any contract is so made, but no such notice shall be of effect unless either it is given at a meeting of the council or the member takes reasonable steps to ensure that it is brought up and read at the next meeting of the council after it is given.
- (4) Every member of a council who holds any office or possesses any property whereby, whether directly or

indirectly, duties or interests might be created in conflict with his duties or interests as a member of the council shall declare at a meeting of the council the fact and the nature, character and extent of the conflict.

- (5) The declaration shall be made at the first meeting of the council held —
  - (a) after he becomes a member of the council; or
  - (b) (if already a member of the council) after he commenced to hold the office or to possess the property,

as the case requires.

- (6) The secretary of the council shall record every declaration under this section in the minutes of the meeting at which it was made.
- (7) For the purposes of this section, an interest of a family member of a member of the council shall be treated as an interest of the member.
- (8) Except as provided in subsection (3), this section shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the operation of any rule of law restricting a member of a council from having any interest in contracts with the management corporation or from holding offices or possessing properties involving duties or interests in conflict with his duties or interests as a member of a council.
- (9) Any member of a council who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year. [63
- 67.—(1) A member of a council shall at all times act Duty and honestly and use reasonable diligence in the discharge of the liability of duties of his office.
- (2) A member of a council, or an officer or agent or a 16/87. managing agent, of a management corporation shall not use his position as a member of the council or as an officer, agent or managing agent of the management corporation to gain, directly or indirectly, an advantage for himself or for any other person or to cause detriment to the management corporation.

members and officers.

- (3) Any person who commits a breach of any of the provisions of this section shall
  - (a) be liable to the management corporation for any profit made by him or for any damage suffered by the management corporation as a result of the breach of any of those provisions; and
  - (b) be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.
- (4) This section is in addition to and not in derogation of any other written law or rule of law relating to the duty or liability of members of a council.
  - (5) In this section
    - "officer" includes a person who at any time has been an officer of a management corporation;
    - "agent" includes a banker, solicitor or auditor of the management corporation and any person who at any time has been a banker, solicitor or auditor of the management corporation. [64]

# Division 4 — Managing Agents

Managing agent. 16/87.

- **68.**—(1) Subject to subsection (4), a management corporation may, by a resolution passed at a general meeting, appoint a managing agent and may, by instrument in writing, delegate to him
  - (a) all of its powers, duties and functions;
  - (b) any one or more of its powers, duties and functions specified in the instrument; or
  - (c) all of its powers, duties and functions except those specified in the instrument,

and any managing agent so appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting:

Provided that a managing agent who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, related to a subsidiary proprietor of a lot in the subdivided building concerned shall, prior to his appointment, declare the nature of his relationship at the annual general meeting.

(2) A managing agent who retires from office shall be eligible for reappointment.

- (3) Any managing agent appointed by a management corporation may at any time be removed from office by a resolution of the management corporation passed at a general meeting of which notice has been given for that purpose.
- (4) A management corporation shall not under subsection (1) delegate to a managing agent its power to make
  - (a) a delegation under that subsection; or
  - (b) a decision on a matter which may be determined only by the management corporation in general meeting.
- (5) A power, duty or function the exercise or performance of which has been delegated under subsection (1) may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time in accordance with the delegation.
- (6) A delegation under subsection (1) may be made subject to such conditions or such limitations as to the exercise or performance of all or any of the powers, duties or functions, or as to time or circumstances, as may be specified in the instrument of delegation.
- (7) Notwithstanding any delegation made under subsection (1), a management corporation may continue to exercise or perform all or any of the delegated powers, duties or functions.
- (8) Any act or thing done or suffered by a managing agent while acting in the exercise of a delegation under subsection (1) shall have the same force and effect as if it had been done or suffered by the management corporation and shall be deemed to have been done or suffered by the management corporation.
- (9) Where a resolution of the management corporation so provides, a managing agent shall have and may exercise and perform all the powers, duties and functions of the chairman, secretary or treasurer of the management corporation and the council or such of those powers, duties and functions as may be specified in the resolution.
- (10) The fees and expenses of a managing agent shall be fixed by the management corporation in a general meeting or, if so authorised by the subsidiary proprietors at the last

preceding general meeting, by the council of the management corporation. [65]

Delegated duty-liability of managing agent. 16/87.

### **69.** Where —

- (a) a contravention by a management corporation of a provision of this Act that imposes a duty on the management corporation is an offence under this Act; and
- (b) the performance of the duty has been delegated to a managing agent,

the provision shall, while the delegation remains in force, be construed as if a reference therein to the management corporation were a reference to the managing agent. [66]

### Division 5 — Insurance

Interpretation. 16/87.

### **70.** In this Division —

"damage policy", in relation to a subdivided building, means a contract of insurance providing, in the event of the subdivided building being destroyed or damaged by fire, lightning, explosion or any other occurrence specified in the policy —

# (a) for —

- (i) the rebuilding of the subdivided building or its replacement by a similar building in the event of its destruction; and
- (ii) the repair of damage to, or the restoration of the damaged portion of, the subdivided building in the event of its being damaged but not destroyed,

so that, in the case of destruction, every part of the rebuilt building or the replacement building and, in the case of damage, the repaired or restored portion, is in a condition no worse nor less extensive than that part or portion or its condition when that part or portion was new; and

(b) for the payment of expenses incurred in the removal of debris and the remuneration of architects and other persons whose

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services are necessary as an incident to the rebuilding, replacement, repair or restoration;

# "subdivided building" includes —

- (a) subsidiary proprietors' improvements and subsidiary proprietors' fixtures forming part of the subdivided building other than paint, wallpaper and temporary wall, floor and ceiling coverings;
- (b) a building consisting entirely of common property; and
- (c) anything prescribed as forming part of a building for the purposes of this definition.

### but does not include —

- (d) fixtures removable by a lessee at the expiration of a tenancy; or
- (e) anything prescribed as not forming part of a subdivided building for the purposes of this definition. [67
- 71.—(1) Unless otherwise directed by a resolution which Insurance of has been approved in writing by all the subsidiary proprietors entitled to vote at a general meeting of a manage- 16/87. ment corporation, the management corporation shall insure the subdivided building and keep the building insured under a damage policy.

- (2) A damage policy may provide that, instead of the work and the payments specified in the definition of "damage policy" in section 70 being carried out or made upon the occurrence of any of the events specified in that definition, the liability of the insurer shall, upon the occurrence of any such event, be limited to an amount specified in the policy that is not less than an amount calculated in the prescribed manner. [68
- 72.—(1) In addition to insurance effected by a manage- Further ment corporation pursuant to section 71, the management insurance by corporation shall effect insurance —
  - (a) in respect of any occurrence against which it is required by law to insure, including any

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- insurance required to be effected by reason of the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act;
- (b) in respect of damage to property, death or bodily injury occurring upon the common property for which the management corporation could become liable in damages; and
- (c) against the possibility of the subsidiary proprietors becoming jointly liable by reason of a claim arising in respect of any other occurrence against which the management corporation pursuant to a special resolution decides to insure.
- (2) Insurance effected pursuant to subsection (1) (b) shall be for a cover of such amount as the management corporation determines that is not less than an amount prescribed by the regulations.
- (3) A management corporation may insure any property which it is not required to insure pursuant to this Act and in which it has an insurable interest.
- (4) For the purposes of a policy of insurance effected pursuant to subsection (1) (b), the common property shall be deemed to be vested in the management corporation.
- (5) Regulations made under this Act may vary the amount of minimum cover required by subsection (2) for insurance effected under subsection (1) (b).
- (6) A subsidiary proprietor may bring against the management corporation of which the subsidiary proprietor is a member any action that the subsidiary proprietor may have brought against the management corporation if the subsidiary proprietor had not been a member of the management corporation.
- (7) Where an insurer of a management corporation admits a claim by the management corporation based on an act or omission by a subsidiary proprietor who is a member of the management corporation, the insurer shall not have a right of subrogation in relation to the subsidiary proprietor based on that act or omission unless it was proved that the act or omission is wilful. [69]
- 73.—(1) Nothing in this Part shall limit or affect any right of a subsidiary proprietor to effect insurance.

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- (2) Insurance effected by a subsidiary proprietor shall not affect, and shall not be taken into consideration in determining, the amount payable to a management corporation under a contract of insurance entered into between it and an insurer pursuant to this Part, notwithstanding anything in that contract of insurance. [70]
- 74.—(1) A contract of insurance may be entered into by Insurance of a subsidiary proprietor in respect of damage to his lot in a mortgaged sum equal to the amount secured at the date of the contract 16/87. by mortgages of and charges affecting his lot and where such a contract is in force —

- (a) subject to the terms and conditions of the contract -
  - (i) any payment to be made under that contract by the insurer in respect of damage shall be made to the mortgagees and chargees whose interests are noted thereon in order of their respective priorities; and
  - (ii) the amount of the payment shall be the amount stated in the contract, the amount of the loss, or an amount sufficient at the date of the loss, to discharge mortgages of and charges affecting the lot, whichever is the least amount:
- (b) where the amount so paid by the insurer equals the amount necessary to discharge a mortgage of the lot, the insurer shall be entitled to an assignment of the mortgage; and
- (c) where the amount so paid by the insurer is less than the amount necessary to discharge a mortgage of the lot, the insurer shall be entitled to a submortgage of that mortgage to secure the amount so paid on terms and conditions agreed upon as provided in subsection (2) or, failing agreement, on the same terms and conditions as those contained in the mortgage.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) (c), any insurer and mortgagee may at any time, whether before or after a contract of insurance referred to in subsection (1) has been

entered into by a subsidiary proprietor, agree upon the terms and conditions of the sub-mortgage.

- (3) A contract of insurance entered into as referred to in subsection (1) shall not be liable to be brought into contribution with any other such contract of insurance except another such contract of insurance which -
  - (a) is in respect of damage to the same lot; and
  - (b) relates to the same debt,

as that referred to in the contract of insurance firstmentioned in this subsection. [71

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75. Subject to any order made under section 77 or 78, where a management corporation receives payment of moneys from an insurer in respect of destruction of or damage to a subdivided building, those moneys shall forthwith be applied by the management corporation in rebuilding, replacing, repairing or restoring the subdivided building, as the case may require. [72]

Insurable interest of management corporation. 16/87.

**76.** A management corporation shall be deemed to have an insurable interest in the subject-matter of any contract of insurance entered into by it pursuant to this Act.

#### PART V

# VARIATION OR TERMINATION OF STRATA SUBDIVISION SCHEME

Variation of strata subdivision scheme consequent upon damage to or destruction of subdivided building. 16/87.

- 77.—(1) Where a subdivided building is damaged or destroyed —
  - (a) any subsidiary proprietor of a lot in the subdivided building;
  - (b) where such a lot is subject to a mortgage or charge — the mortgagee or chargee; or
  - (c) the management corporation,

may make an application to the court for an order under subsection (4).

- (2) Notice of an application under subsection (1) shall be served, in accordance with the Rules of Court, on -
  - (a) every person referred to in subsection (1), other than the applicant;
  - (b) the Commissioner;

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- (c) the Registrar;
- (d) any person having a reversionary estate or interest in a lot in the subdivided building concerned; and
- (e) such other persons as the court may direct.
- (3) The applicant and any person referred to in subsection (2) (whether or not he has been served with a notice of the application) shall be entitled to appear and be heard on the hearing of the application.
- (4) The court may, on an application made under subsection (1), make an order to settle a scheme for the reinstatement or continued use of the subdivided building in whole or in part.
- (5) An order made under subsection (4) shall take effect on such day as may be specified in the order.
- (6) Without limiting the generality of subsection (4), an order made under that subsection may include directions for or with respect to any one or more of the following matters:
  - (a) the substitution for the existing schedule of strata units of a new schedule of strata units;
  - (b) the reinstatement in whole or in part of the building;
  - (c) the transfer or vesting of the interests of subsidiary proprietors of lots which have been wholly or partly destroyed to or in the management corporation free from mortgages and charges;
  - (d) the application of any insurance moneys received by the management corporation in respect of the damage to or destruction of the subdivided building;
  - (e) the payment of moneys to or by the management corporation or the subsidiary proprietors or any one or more of them; and
  - (f) any matter in respect of which it is, in the opinion of the court, just and equitable, in the circumstances of the case, to make provision in the order.
- (7) An order made under subsection (4) shall have effect according to its tenor.

- (8) Where the court is of the opinion that an order should not be made under subsection (4), it may, upon application made by any person entitled to appear and be heard on the hearing of the application made under subsection (1) or of its own motion, direct that the application be treated as an application for an order under section 78; and where it makes such a direction
  - (a) the application, the subject of the direction, shall be deemed to be made under that section by a person entitled to make the application; and
  - (b) the applicant under subsection (1), as well as any other person entitled to appear and be heard under that section, is entitled to appear and be heard on the hearing of the application.
- (9) The court may, from time to time, vary any order made under subsection (4) on the application of any person entitled to appear and be heard on the hearing of the application for that order. [74]

Termination of strata subdivision scheme by court. 16/87.

- **78.**—(1) An application to the court for an order for the termination of the strata subdivision of a subdivided building and the cancellation of the strata title plan registered under this Act may be made by
  - (a) any subsidiary proprietor of a lot in the subdivided building;
  - (b) where such a lot is subject to a mortgage or a charge the mortgagee or chargee; or
- (c) the management corporation, and the court on being satisfied that it is just and equitable that the strata subdivision of a subdivided building be terminated may make an order to that effect after having
  - (i) the scheme and intent of this Act;

considered —

- (ii) the probability of unfairness to one or more subsidiary proprietors if termination of subdivision is not ordered; and
- (iii) the rights and interests of the subsidiary proprietors as a whole.
- (2) Notice of an application under subsection (1) shall be served, in accordance with the Rules of Court, on
  - (a) every person referred to in subsection (1), other than the applicant;

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- (b) the Commissioner;
- (c) the Registrar;
- (d) any person having a reversionary estate or interest in a lot in the subdivided building; and
- (e) such other persons (including creditors of the management corporation) as the court may direct.
- (3) The applicant and any person referred to in subsection (2) (whether or not he has been served with a notice of the application) shall be entitled to appear and be heard on the hearing of the application.
- (4) An order made under subsection (1) shall take effect on such day as may be specified in the order.
- (5) An order made under subsection (1) shall include directions for or with respect to the following matters:
  - (a) the sale or disposition of any property of the management corporation;
  - (b) the discharge of the liabilities of the management corporation;
  - (c) the persons liable to contribute moneys required for the discharge of the liabilities of the management corporation and the proportionate liability of each such person;
  - (d) the distribution of the assets of the management corporation and the proportionate entitlement of each person under that distribution;
  - (e) the administration, powers, duties and functions of the management corporation;
  - (f) the voting power at meetings of the management corporation of persons referred to in paragraph(c) or (d);
  - (g) any matter in respect of which it is, in the opinion of the court, just and equitable, in the circumstances of the case, to make provision in the order; and
  - (h) the winding up of the management corporation (including the appointment, powers, duties and functions of any person to carry out the winding up).

- (6) Upon an order under this section taking effect
  - (a) the persons, who immediately before the order took effect, were subsidiary proprietors of the lots the subject of the strata title plan concerned shall cease to be subsidiary proprietors of those lots and shall be entitled to the parcel as tenants-in-common in the shares proportional to their respective share values and for the same term and tenure as their respective lots were held by them prior to the date the order took effect;
  - (b) any subsisting encumbrance registered against any of the lots referred to in paragraph (a) shall be an encumbrance on the share of the subsidiary proprietor concerned in the registered land comprising the parcel, and a memorial or notification of the encumbrance entered in the volume and folio of the land comprising the registered land shall bear the same date as the date of registration of that encumbrance against the lot;
  - (c) all statutory easements implied under this Act shall cease to affect the registered land comprising the parcel or any part thereof; and
  - (d) the former subsidiary proprietors shall have the power to transfer their interests and estates in the parcel or any part thereof.
- (7) The provisions of an order made under this section shall have effect notwithstanding any provision of this Act, other than this section.
- (8) An order made under subsection (1) shall have effect according to its tenor.
- (9) Where the court is of the opinion that an order should not be made under subsection (1), it may, upon application made by any person entitled to appear and be heard on the hearing of the application made under subsection (1) or of its own motion, direct that the application be treated as an application for an order under section 77; and where it makes such a direction
  - (a) the application the subject of the direction shall be deemed to be an application made under that section by a person entitled to make the application; and

(b) the applicant under subsection (1), as well as any other person entitled to appear and be heard under that section, is entitled to appear and be heard on the hearing of the application.

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- (10) The court may, from time to time, vary any order made under subsection (1) on the application of any person who was entitled to appear and be heard on the hearing of the application for that order. [75
- 79. Any notice served under section 77 or 78 shall, where Interchangeit relates to an application which is required to be treated as ability of notices. an application under another of those sections, be deemed 16/87. to be a notice served under that other section.

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80.—(1) Upon receipt of a certified or office copy of the conminute of an order made under section 77 or 78, the sequences Registrar shall make appropriate entries in the subsidiary an order strata land-register of the effect of the order.

under section 77 or 78.

- (2) Where, pursuant to the receipt of a certified or office 16/87. copy of the minute of an order made under section 78, the Registrar has made entries in accordance with subsection (1), the Registrar shall, as soon as practicable after making the entries, cancel each folio of the subsidiary strata landregister which evidences title to a lot the subject of the strata title plan. [77
- 81.—(1) A management corporation of a subdivided Termination building shown on a strata title plan may by a resolution of strata which has been voted in favour by all the persons entitled to scheme by vote at a general meeting of a management corporation management resolve that the strata subdivision of the building be 16/87. terminated.

- (2) A management corporation shall
  - (a) within 14 days after the passing of a resolution referred to in subsection (1), lodge a certified copy of the resolution with the Registrar; and
  - (b) within 30 days after the passing of the resolution, give notice of the resolution in one or more newspapers circulating in Singapore.
- (3) If a management corporation fails to comply with subsection (2), the management corporation and every officer of the management corporation who is in default

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

- (4) On receipt of a resolution referred to in subsection (1), the Registrar shall enter a notification of the cancellation of the strata subdivision of the building and a memorial of the vesting of the parcel in the subsidiary proprietors as tenants-in-common in the registered strata title plan and in the volume and folio of the land-register comprising the parcel.
  - (5) Upon the entry of that memorial
    - (a) each subsidiary proprietor shall cease to be a subsidiary proprietor of the lot, and shall be entitled to the parcel as a tenant-in-common with the other subsidiary proprietors in the shares proportional to his share value and for the same term and tenure held by him in respect of his lot;
    - (b) any subsisting encumbrance registered against a lot shall be an encumbrance on the share of the subsidiary proprietor concerned in the registered land comprising the parcel, and a memorial or notification of the encumbrance entered in the volume and folio of the land-register comprising that registered land shall bear the same date as the date of registration of that encumbrance against his lot; and
    - (c) all statutory easements implied under this Act shall cease to affect the registered land comprising the parcel or any part thereof.
- (6) The former subsidiary proprietors may by unanimous resolution direct the management corporation to transfer the parcel or any part thereof.
- (7) The management corporation, if it is satisfied that the resolution was duly passed and that all persons having registered interests in the parcel have consented in writing to the release of their respective interests in the registered land comprising the parcel or any part thereof, intended to be transferred, shall execute the appropriate transfer, and the transfer shall be valid and effective without execution by any person having a registered interest in the parcel, and the receipt of the management corporation for any moneys

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payable to the management corporation under the transfer shall be a sufficient discharge, and shall exonerate the person taking under the transfer from seeing to the application, or being answerable for any loss or misapplication, of the moneys expressed to have been so received.

- (8) A transfer executed by the management corporation pursuant to subsection (7) shall not be accepted for registration unless accompanied by a certificate in the prescribed form under the seal of the management corporation that the resolution was duly passed and that all necessary consents were given, in favour of a purchaser of the parcel and in favour of the Registrar, and such a certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated therein.
- (9) When registered land or any part thereof is transferred by a former subsidiary proprietor or the management corporation after a notice of a resolution referred to in subsection (1) has been lodged with the Registrar
  - (a) the former subsidiary proprietor, if he is the transferor, shall surrender to the Registrar his duplicate subsidiary strata certificate of title relating to his lot;
  - (b) the management corporation, if it is transferring the land on behalf of all the former subsidiary proprietors, shall surrender to the Registrar on behalf of all the former subsidiary proprietors their duplicate subsidiary strata certificates of title; and
  - (c) the Registrar, on receipt of the duplicate subsidiary strata certificate or certificates of title comprising the lot or lots, as the case may be, shall cancel the relevant folios of the subsidiary strata land-register, and registration of the transfer shall be effected by the Registrar issuing a certificate of title for the undivided share in the registered land or for the whole of the registered land transferred to the transferee, as the case may be.
- (10) Notwithstanding the termination of a strata subdivision under this section, the relevant record of the subsidiary strata land-register may be used in evidence as a record of matters relating to the subdivision before its

termination so long as the management corporation continues in existence.

- (11) Where a transfer of the parcel made pursuant to subsection (7) has been lodged with and registered by the Registrar, the management corporation shall continue in existence for the purpose of winding up its affairs.
- (12) Until a liquidator has been appointed by the management corporation for the purpose of carrying out the winding up of the management corporation, the council of the management corporation shall continue to perform the management corporation's business for the purpose of winding up its affairs.
  - (13) On a management corporation being wound up
    - (a) every former subsidiary proprietor shall be liable to contribute to the assets of the management corporation to an amount sufficient for the payment of its debts and liabilities and the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up; and
    - (b) the assets of the management corporation, if any, shall be distributed among the former subsidiary proprietors,

in the same proportion as the proportion of contributions which such former subsidiary proprietors would have been liable for in accordance with section 42 (2). [78]

Liquidators. 16/87.

- 82.—(1) Where a management corporation resolves that the strata subdivision of a building be terminated, it shall forthwith in general meeting appoint one or more liquidators for the purpose of winding up the affairs and distributing the assets of the management corporation and may fix the remuneration to be paid to him or them.
- (2) Where a liquidator has not been appointed for a management corporation pursuant to this section, the court may, on the application of a former subsidiary proprietor, a former mortgagee or a creditor of the management corporation appoint a liquidator for the management corporation.
- (3) On the appointment of a liquidator all the powers of the council of the management corporation shall cease and the liquidator shall have the power to carry on the management corporation's business for the purpose of winding up its affairs.

- (4) The management corporation may in general meeting convened by any former subsidiary proprietor by special resolution of which special notice has been given to all the former subsidiary proprietors, former mortgagees, the creditors and the liquidators, remove any liquidator but no such resolution shall be effective to remove a liquidator if the Court on the application of the liquidator or a creditor or a former mortgagee has ordered that the liquidator be not removed.
- (5) If a vacancy occurs by death, resignation, removal or otherwise in the office of a liquidator the management corporation in general meeting shall forthwith fill the vacancy by the appointment of a liquidator and fix the remuneration to be paid to him, and for that purpose a general meeting may be convened by any former subsidiary proprietor, or if there were more liquidators than one by the continuing liquidators.
- (6) The meeting shall be held in the manner provided by this Act or in such manner as is on application by any former subsidiary proprietor or by the continuing liquidators determined by the Court.
- (7) The court may, on the application of a former subsidiary proprietor, a former mortgagee or the liquidator and on being satisfied that the affairs of the management corporation have been wound up, make an order that the liquidator be released and that the management corporation be dissolved and on the expiry of 3 months of the lodging of such order with the Registrar and the Commissioner, the management corporation shall be dissolved.
- (8) Notwithstanding subsection (7), the court may, on the application of the liquidator or of any other person who appears to the court to be interested, make an order deferring the date at which the dissolution of the management corporation is to take effect for such time as the court thinks fit.
- (9) The person on whose application an order of the court under this section is made shall, within 21 days after the making of the order, lodge with the Registrar and with the Commissioner an office copy of the order, and if he fails to do so he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

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83. No person shall be appointed as a liquidator of a management corporation unless he is an approved company auditor under the Companies Act. [80]

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- 84. For the purposes of sections 81 and 82
  - "former mortgagee" means a person who, or a body which, immediately before the subdivision of a subdivided building is terminated under this Part, was the registered mortgagee of a lot, forming part of the subdivided building;
  - "former subsidiary proprietor" means a person who, or a body which, immediately before the subdivision of a subdivided building is terminated under this Part, was the subsidiary proprietor of a lot, forming part of the subdivided building. [81]

## PART VI

### STRATA TITLES BOARDS

Interpretation. 16/87.

- 85. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires "Board" means a Strata Titles Board constituted under
  - this Part;
  - "President" means the President or the Deputy President of the Boards and includes an acting President or acting Deputy President. [82]

Strata Titles Boards. 16/87.

- **86.**—(1) There shall be one or more Strata Titles Boards to be presided over by a President or Deputy President to be appointed by the Minister.
- (2) Except where otherwise provided by this Act, a Board shall, in relation to a dispute of which the Board has cognizance or any other matter with respect to which the Board has jurisdiction under this Act, be constituted by the President or the Deputy President and two members selected by the President for the purposes of the dispute or matter from the panel constituted in accordance with this Part.
- (3) No person shall be appointed as the President or the Deputy President of the Board unless he is a qualified person within the meaning of the Legal Profession Act.

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87.—(1) For the purpose of enabling the Boards to be Panel. constituted in accordance with this Part a panel consisting of 16/87. 20 persons shall be appointed by the Minister and their names shall be notified in the Gazette.

(2) A person shall, subject to subsection (3), be appointed as a member of the panel for a term of two years but shall be eligible for reappointment:

Provided that a member of the panel who resigns or whose appointment expires during the course of any proceedings of a Board shall for the purpose of such proceedings and until their determination be deemed to remain a member of the Board.

(3) The Minister may at any time remove from office a member of the panel and fill any vacancy in its membership. [84

88. Where a Board has been constituted in relation to a Continuation dispute or matter and before a dispute or matter has been of hearing. determined, the President or a member constituting the Board is unable to hear or continue to hear or to determine the dispute or matter or has ceased to be the President or a member of the Board, as the case may be, whether by death or otherwise, the Board shall be reconstituted in accordance with section 86 and the Board as reconstituted shall hear and determine the dispute or matter or so much of the dispute or matter as has not been determined and in so hearing may have regard to the evidence given, the arguments adduced and any interim order made during the previous hearing. [85

89. A member of a Board shall in the performance of his Protection of functions and duties under this Part have the same protec-members of a tion and immunity as a District Judge.

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90. A member of a panel who is a member of a Board for Allowances. the purposes of hearing a dispute or matter may, in respect of each day on which the Board is engaged in the hearing and determining of the dispute or matter, be paid such allowances as may be prescribed by regulations made under this Act. [87

Board to carry out its work expeditiously. 16/87.

91. A Board shall carry out its work expeditiously and shall make a finding or determination within 6 months from the date it is constituted or within such extension of time as may be granted by the Minister. [88]

Officers of Boards. 16/87.

- 92.—(1) The Minister may appoint such officers and employees of the Board as the Minister may determine.
- (2) The remuneration of officers and employees appointed under subsection (1) and such other expenses of the Boards as the Minister may determine shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament. [89]

Proceedings of Board. 16/87.

93.—(1) The proceedings of a Board shall be open to the public and minutes of a Board including a note of any oral evidence given before the Board shall be kept by the President of the Board.

(2) The proceedings of a Board shall be deemed to be judicial proceedings and the members of the Board to be public servants within the meaning of the Penal Code.

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Order to convene general meeting. 16/87.

94. Where a default is made by a management corporation in holding a general meeting, a Board may, on the application of any person entitled to vote at a meeting of the management corporation, order the management corporation to convene a general meeting. [91]

Order revoking amendment of by-law. 16/87.

- 95.—(1) Where, pursuant to an application by any person entitled to vote at a meeting of the management corporation (including both a first mortgagee and a mortgagor of a lot), a Board considers that, having regard to the interest of all subsidiary proprietors in the use and enjoyment of their lots or the common property, an amendment or revocation of a by-law or addition of a new by-law should not have been made or effected, the Board may order that the amendment be revoked, that the revoked by-law be revived or that the additional by-law be revoked.
- (2) When making an order under subsection (1) in respect of a by-law referred to in section 41 (3), a Board may direct the payment by the management corporation of compensation to the subsidiary proprietor of the lot referred to in the by-law.

- (3) A payment ordered to be made pursuant to subsection (2) is recoverable by the subsidiary proprietor as a debt in a court of competent jurisdiction. [92
- 96. Where, pursuant to an application by a person Order entitled to vote at a meeting of the management corporation (including both a first mortgagee and a mortgagor of a lot), by-law. a Board considers that a management corporation did not have the power to make a by-law purporting to have been made by it, the Board may make an order declaring the bylaw to be invalid. **[93**

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97.—(1) Where, pursuant to an application by a sub- Power of sidiary proprietor or first mortgagee of a lot, a Board Board to considers that the provisions of this Act have not been proceedings. complied with in relation to a meeting of the management 16/87. corporation, the Board may, by order —

- (a) invalidate any resolution of, or election held by, the persons present at the meeting; or
- (b) refuse to invalidate any such resolution or election.
- (2) A Board shall not make an order under subsection (1) refusing to invalidate a resolution or election unless it considers —
  - (a) that the failure to comply with the provisions of this Act did not prejudicially affect any person; and
  - (b) that compliance with the provisions of this Act would not have resulted in a failure to pass the resolution, or have affected the result of the [94 election, as the case may be.
- 98. Where, pursuant to an application by a subsidiary Order proprietor or a mortgagee in possession, a Board considers that the management corporation for the subdivided of interest. building to which the application relates has determined an <sup>16/87</sup>. unreasonable rate as the rate of interest chargeable for the late payment of a contribution levied under section 42, the Board may, in respect of such contributions as are specified in the order, order that no interest be so chargeable or that the rate so chargeable be a rate specified by the Board in the order instead of the rate so determined.

Order for variation of contributions levied or manner of payment thereof 16/87.

- **99.**—(1) Where, pursuant to an application by a management corporation, a subsidiary proprietor or a mortgagee in possession (whether by himself or another person), a Board considers that any amount levied or proposed to be levied by way of contributions under section 42 in respect of —
  - (a) a lot in a subdivided building where planning approval was granted prior to 15th April 1976; or
  - (b) a lot which has been subdivided from another lot or has been derived from the amalgamation of two or more lots.

is inadequate, excessive or unreasonable, the Board may order the subsidiary proprietor of the lot concerned to pay a different amount from such date as the Board determines.

- (2) Where an order of a Board under subsection (1) takes effect in relation to a contribution levied by a management corporation that has been wholly or partly paid in respect of a lot, the management corporation shall be deemed to have imposed a levy of the amount determined by the Board with effect from such date as the Board determines.
- (3) Notwithstanding section 42 (2), an order may be made by a Board under subsection (1) for the payment of any amount which the Board thinks is fair and adequate.

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Order where voting rights denied or due of business not given. 16/87.

- **100.**—(1) Where, pursuant to an application by a person under this section, a Board is satisfied that a particular notice of item resolution would not have been passed at a general meeting of a management corporation but for the fact that the applicant —
  - (a) was improperly denied a vote on the motion for the resolution: or
  - (b) was not given due notice of the item of business pursuant to which the resolution was passed,

the Board may order that the resolution be treated as a nullity on and from the date of the order.

(2) An application for an order under subsection (1) may not be made after 21 days after the date of the meeting at which the resolution was passed.

- (3) Where
  - (a) an order under subsection (1) is made in respect of a resolution making a by-law amending, adding to or revoking another by-law; and
  - (b) the by-law made pursuant to that resolution is in force.

the by-law shall, subject to its having been or being amended, added to or revoked under section 41, have force and effect on and from the date the order is so made to the same extent as it would have had if the resolution had not been passed. [97

101. Where, pursuant to an application by a subsidiary Order proprietor or the mortgagee of a lot, a Board considers that varying the amount for which the management corporation for the insurance to subdivided building concerned has insured under section 71 be provided. is not reasonable, the Board may order the management corporation specified to vary that amount to a amount. **198** 

102.—(1) Where, pursuant to an application made by a Order subsidiary proprietor, the mortgagee of a lot or a judgment appointing creditor of a management corporation, a Board is satisfied agent to that it is in the interests of the subsidiary proprietors of all exercise or the lots in the subdivided building concerned or the certain creditors of the management corporation to appoint a powers, etc. managing agent for the management corporation, the Board may order the management corporation to appoint a managing agent to perform the duties specified in the order.

- (2) Where a Board makes an order under subsection (1), it may also order that the managing agent shall have and may exercise and perform —
  - (a) all the powers, duties and functions of the management corporation for the subdivided building to which the order relates or of the chairman, secretary or treasurer of that management corporation or the council of that management corporation;
  - (b) any one or more of those powers, duties or functions specified in the order; or
  - (c) all of those powers, duties and functions except those specified in the order. [99

Board may settle disputes on costs of repairs, etc. 16/87. 103. A Board may, pursuant to an application of a management corporation, a subsidiary proprietor or a mortgagee in possession of a lot or the developer of a subdivided building, make an order for the settlement of a dispute, or the rectification of a complaint, with respect to any defects in a lot, a subdivided building and its common property or the liability of a subsidiary proprietor or a developer to bear the costs of or any part thereof for any work carried out by a management corporation in the exercise or performance of its powers, duties or functions conferred or imposed by this Act and the by-laws in connection with the subdivided building. [100]

Order with respect to certain consents affecting common property. 16/87.

104. Where, pursuant to an application by a subsidiary proprietor, a Board considers that the management corporation for the subdivided building to which the application relates has unreasonably refused to consent to a proposal by that subsidiary proprietor to effect alterations to the common property, the Board may make an order that the management corporation consents to the proposal. [101]

Order to make or pursue insurance claim. 16/87. 105. Where, pursuant to an application by a subsidiary proprietor, a Board considers that the management corporation for the subdivided building to which the application relates has unreasonably refused to make or pursue an insurance claim in respect of damage to the building or any other property insured by the management corporation under Division 5 of Part IV, the Board may order the management corporation to make or pursue the claim.

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Order to supply information or documents. 16/87.

- 106. Where, pursuant to an application by any person, a Board considers that the management corporation for the subdivided building to which the application relates, or a managing agent for that building or the chairman, secretary or treasurer of that management corporation has wrongfully
  - (a) withheld from the applicant any information to which the applicant is entitled under this Act; or
  - (b) failed to make available for inspection by the applicant or his agent any record or document that, under this Act, he is entitled to inspect,

the Board may order that management corporation, managing agent, chairman, secretary or treasurer to supply

or make available the information or to make so available the record or document, as the case may require, to the applicant. [103]

107. Any person who is aggrieved by a decision of the Appeal Commissioner under section 52 may appeal to a Board against against the decision of the Commissioner and the Board Commismay by order affirm, vary or revoke the decision against or sioner under substitute its own decision for the decision appealed against 16/87. or dismiss the appeal.

- **108.**—(1) No appeal shall lie to the High Court against an Appeal to order made by a Board except on a point of law.
- (2) Where an appeal is made to the High Court, the question of law. Court may confirm, vary or set aside the order or remit the 16/87. order to the Board for reconsideration together with such directions as the Court thinks fit.
- (3) The filing of a notice of appeal shall not operate as a stay of execution of an order or suspend the effect of an order unless the Board or the High Court, as the case may be, otherwise orders and any stay or suspension of an order may be subject to such conditions as the Board or High Court thinks fit. [105]
- 109.—(1) An order made by a Board may include such General ancillary or consequential provisions as the Board thinks fit provisions including costs to be paid by the applicant, a management orders under corporation or any person against whom the order is made this Part. or costs to be paid by a party for making a frivolous application to the Board.

- (2) For the purpose of securing compliance with an order under this Part, a Board may order a management corporation, the chairman, secretary or treasurer of a management corporation or its council, a managing agent or a proprietor or other person having an estate or interest in a lot or an occupier of a lot to do or refrain from doing a specified act with respect to a subdivided building and the common property. [106]
- 110.—(1) An applicant for an order under this Part may Representaappear before a Board or may be represented by counsel tion before who may examine witnesses and address the Board on 16/87. behalf of the applicant.

(2) A management corporation appearing before a Board may be represented by counsel or a member of the council of the management corporation. [107]

Witness may be summoned before Board. 16/87.

- 111.—(1) A Board may summon any person to attend before the Board at the time and place specified in the summons and then and there to give evidence and to produce books, documents or writings in his custody or control which he is required by the summons to produce.
- (2) A person served with a summons under subsection (1) who, without reasonable excuse, disobeys the summons shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years.
- (3) A person shall not be bound to produce any books, documents or writings not specified or otherwise sufficiently described in the summons or which he would not be bound to produce upon a subpoena for production in a court.

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Board may administer oath. 16/87.

- 112.—(1) A Board may administer an oath or affirmation to a person appearing as a witness before the Board, whether or not he has appeared in answer to a summons, and may examine the witness upon oath or affirmation.
  - (2) A person appearing as a witness before a Board
    - (a) shall not refuse to be sworn or to make an affirmation;
    - (b) shall not refuse to answer any question relevant to any proceedings before the Board put to him by the Board or by any person entitled to appear before the Board in those proceedings; and
    - (c) shall not knowingly give false testimony in any evidence given by him to the Board.
  - (3) A witness before a Board shall have
    - (a) the same protection; and
    - (b) in addition to the penalties provided by this Act, the same liabilities.

as he would have had if he had been a witness before a court instead of the Board. [109]

113.—(1) A person who contravenes an order made by a Penalty for Board to do or refrain from doing a specified act shall be contravenguilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine certain not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not orders. exceeding 5 years or to both.

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- (2) A document purporting to be a copy of an order made by a Board shall be admissible in evidence and shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be an order made by the Board. [110]
- 114. Except where provision is otherwise made by this Time when Act or to the extent a Board specifies in an order, an order order takes effect. of a Board shall take effect when a copy of the order, 16/87. certified by the Board to be a true copy, is served —

- (a) except as provided in paragraph (b), on the management corporation for the subdivided building to which the order relates; or
- (b) where the order requires a person to do or refrain from doing a specified act, on that person.

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## PART VII

### GENERAL

115. Nothing in this Act shall affect or take away any Other rights rights or remedies that a subsidiary proprietor or mortgagee and remedies of a lot or a management corporation may have in relation by this Act. to any lot or the common property apart from this Act.

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116.—(1) Where all or some of the subsidiary proprietors Management of the lots in a subdivided building are jointly entitled to corporation take proceedings against any person or are liable to have represent proceedings taken against them jointly (any such proceedings being proceedings for or with respect to common property), the proceedings may be taken by or against the proceedings. management corporation as if it were the subsidiary proprietors of the lots concerned and any judgment or order given or made in favour of or against the management corporation in any such proceedings shall have effect as if it were a judgment or order given or made in favour of or against the subsidiary proprietors.

subsidiary proprietors (2) Where a subsidiary proprietor is liable to make a contribution to another subsidiary proprietor in respect of a judgment debt arising under a judgment referred to in subsection (1), the amount of that contribution shall bear to the judgment debt the same proportion as the share value of the lot of the first-mentioned subsidiary proprietor bears to the aggregate share value. [113]

Management corporation's power to take proceedings as agent for subsidiary proprietor in case of structural defects. 16/87.

### 117. Where —

- (a) the condition of any lot in a parcel affects or is likely to affect the support or shelter provided by that lot for another lot in the same building or the common property; and
- (b) the subsidiary proprietor of the lot in that condition has neglected or refused within a reasonable time to take any proceedings for the purpose of exercising any right or enforcing any remedy available to him to have that condition rectified,

the management corporation may, as agent for the subsidiary proprietor of the lot in that condition but at its own expense, take any of the proceedings referred to in paragraph (b). [114

Costs in proceedings by subsidiary proprietors against management corporation. 16/87.

- 118.—(1) In any proceedings brought by one or more subsidiary proprietors against the management corporation, the court may order that any moneys (including costs) payable by the management corporation pursuant to an order of the court made in those proceedings shall be paid, only in respect of such lots as are specified in the order and in such proportions as may be so specified, by the management corporation out of contributions levied for the purpose.
- (2) Where a court makes an order under subsection (1), the management corporation shall, for the purpose of paying the moneys ordered to be paid by it, levy contributions in accordance with the terms of the order and shall pay the moneys out of the contributions paid pursuant to that levy, and section 42 (subsection (2) excepted) shall apply to and in respect of contributions levied under this subsection in the same way as it applies to contributions levied under that section. [115]

119.—(1) A summons or other legal process may be Service of served on a management corporation by leaving it with the documents chairman or secretary of the management corporation or of management the council or with any member of the council.

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- (2) A document other than a document referred to in proprietors and others. subsection (1) may be served on a management corpora- 16/87. tion -
  - (a) by leaving it with any person referred to in subsection (1) or in the receptacle provided by the management corporation pursuant to section 55; or
  - (b) by sending it, by registered post, to the management corporation at its address recorded on the folio of the Register comprising the common property.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a notice or other document required or authorised by this Act or the by-laws to be served by the Commissioner, a management corporation, a council or the secretary of a council on a proprietor, subsidiary proprietor, lessee, mortgagee or occupier of a lot may be served —
  - (a) by leaving it
    - (i) where the person to be served is an occupier of the lot, at the address of the lot: or
    - (ii) where an address for the service of notices on the person to be served is recorded in the strata roll, at the address so recorded:
  - (b) by sending it, by registered post, to the person to be served, where an address for the service of notices on that person is recorded in the strata roll, at the address so recorded and, if that notice or document is not returned through the post office as undelivered, that service shall be deemed to have been made at the time at which the registered letter would in the ordinary course be delivered; or
  - (c) in the case of a subsidiary proprietor, by affixing the notice on the front door of his lot.

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- (4) Section 55 (3) of the Land Titles Act shall apply to the service of documents on a management corporation and a subsidiary proprietor.
- (5) This section shall not apply to notices served in proceedings in the court. [116

Breaches of provisions of Part IV. 16/87.

- 120.—(1) If a management corporation commits a breach of any of the provisions of Part IV, or makes default in complying with any requirement of, or duty imposed on it by, any of the provisions of Part IV, the management corporation and every member of its council, or every subsidiary proprietor, who is knowingly a party to the breach or default, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to the penalty expressly prescribed for such breach or default, or, if no penalty is so prescribed, to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.
- (2) Where a requirement or duty is imposed on a management corporation by Part IV, any person for whose benefit, or for the benefit of whose lot that requirement or duty is imposed on the management corporation may apply to the court for an order compelling the management corporation to carry out the requirement or perform the duty, as the case may be, and, on such an application being made, the court may make such order as it thinks proper.

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Legal proceedings. 16/87.

- **121.**—(1) Every application to the court under this Act shall be by originating summons.
- (2) Where this Act provides for any sum to be recovered by any person or authority from any other person or authority, the sum may be recovered by an action for a debt in any court of competent jurisdiction. [118]

### PART VIII

Issue of Subsidiary Strata Certificates of Title to Registered Lessees and for Flats under Other Schemes

Issue of subsidiary strata certificate of title to registered lessee. 16/87.

122.—(1) A registered lessee may by an application in the prescribed form apply to the Registrar for the issue of a subsidiary strata certificate of title in respect of the registered leasehold estate to his flat.

- (2) The registered lessee shall at the time of making his application surrender his duplicate lease to the Registrar.
- (3) Upon the issue of a subsidiary strata certificate of title, the Registrar shall enter a memorial in the volume and folio of the land-register of the registered land on or over which the flat is erected to the effect that a subsidiary strata certificate of title has been issued to the registered lessee for his registered leasehold estate.
- (4) The subsidiary strata certificate of title shall be in the prescribed form and upon its issue any assurance or other dealing affecting the leasehold estate comprised therein shall be subject to the Land Titles Act.

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123.—(1) The restriction imposed by section 6 (1) on an Flats sold assurance disposing of any part of a subdivided building shall not apply to any assurance disposing of any interest in Development any flat in a subdivided building erected on registered land where the interest in the flat is held under a lease from the Housing and Development Board constituted under the Housing and Development Act.

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- (2) Where a strata title plan and an application for the issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title are lodged by the Housing and Development Board with and duly registered by the Registrar, the provisions of this Act relating to a strata title plan and a subsidiary proprietor and Parts IV to VII shall apply to each and every subdivided building comprised in the registered strata title plan.
- **124.**—(1) The restriction imposed by section 6 (1) on an Flats sold assurance disposing of any part of a subdivided building shall not apply to any assurance disposing of any interest in Corporation. any flat in any subdivided building erected on registered land where the interest in the flat is held under a lease from the Jurong Town Corporation constituted under the Jurong Town Corporation Act.

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(2) Where a strata title plan and an application for the issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title are lodged by the Jurong Town Corporation with and duly registered by the Registrar, the provisions of this Act relating to a registered strata title plan and a subsidiary proprietor and Parts IV to VII shall apply to each and every subdivided building comprised in the registered strata title plan.

Subsidiary strata certificates of title registered leases under Registration of Deeds Act. 16/87. Cap. 269. Cap. 157.

- 125.—(1) Where there are 3 or more flats in a building and subsisting leases for those flats have been registered for flats with under the Registration of Deeds Act, the proprietor of the land together with the proprietors of those flats who altogether own not less than 25% of the total number of flats in the building may lodge with the Registrar an application —
  - (a) to have the land brought under the Land Titles Act; and
  - (b) for the issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title for all those flats.
  - (2) An application submitted to the Registrar pursuant to subsection (1) shall be accompanied by —
    - (a) a transfer of the proprietor's estate and interest in the land to the proprietors of all the flats in that building as tenants in common in the shares according to the ratio of one share to each flat except where the flats are of different sizes, the share in the land allotted to the proprietor of each flat shall have the value determined by the Registrar; and
    - (b) a strata title plan (as approved by the Chief Surveyor) prepared for the purpose of the issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title for those flats.
  - (3) The Registrar may, upon acceptance of the application, dispense with the production of the leases of the flats.
  - (4) Before issuing subsidiary strata certificates of title in favour of the proprietors of the flats as shown in the records of the Registry of Deeds, the Registrar shall —
    - (a) require a notice in the form approved by him to be inserted once in one or more daily newspapers to the effect that the Registrar will issue the subsidiary strata certificates of title pursuant to this section to the proprietors of the flats as shown in the records maintained at the Registry of Deeds after the expiration of 6 weeks from the date of publication of the notice if no valid objection is received by the Land Titles Registry; and

- (b) send by registered post a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) to the proprietors of all the flats at the addresses shown in the transfer referred to in subsection (2).
- (5) Notwithstanding subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4), the Registrar may, in order to relieve any case of extreme hardship, in his discretion, issue any subsidiary strata certificate of title in favour of a purchaser of a flat whose assignment of the leasehold estate of the flat has been duly stamped and lodged with the Registrar of Deeds, notwithstanding that the name of the purchaser was not shown in the transfer lodged pursuant to subsection (2).
- (6) Where the proprietors of the flats who altogether own not less than 25% of the total number of the flats as shown in the records of the Registry of Deeds as at the date of transfer mentioned in subsection (2) have agreed in writing to accept the transfer of the estate and interest of the proprietor of the land, all the proprietors of the flats within the same development and all the respective successors-intitle or assigns shall be deemed to have accepted the transfer of the proprietor's estate and interest in the land and to have given consent to the application for the issue of the subsidiary strata certificates of title by the Registrar and the acceptance of the transfer of the proprietor's estate and interest in the land.
- (7) The proprietor of the land shall deposit with the Registrar the title deeds in his possession relating to the land and the Registrar may, after inspection of the title deeds, create a folio of the land-register by issuing a certificate of title for the land on which the flats are erected.
- (8) Where the Registrar is satisfied with the evidence of title and that all the necessary documents are in order, the Registrar may issue subsidiary strata certificates of title for the flats after the publication of the notice referred to in subsection (4).
- (9) The Registrar may, pursuant to subsections (7) and (8), issue the certificate of title and the subsidiary strata certificates of title qualified as to their title or their boundaries and dimensions, and sections 19 and 148 of the Land Titles Act shall apply mutatis mutandis to such Cap. 157. certificate of title and subsidiary strata certificates of title.

(10) Upon the registration of the strata title plan, the management corporation of the parcel of land shall reimburse the person or persons who incurred any expenditure for the purpose of —

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- (a) bringing the land under the Land Titles Act;
- (b) applying for the issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title for all those flats comprised in a building or buildings erected on the parcel;
- (c) lodging the transfer pursuant to subsection (2);
- (d) the preparation of the strata title plan for the parcel;
- (e) the publication of the notices referred to in subsection (4) (a); and
- (f) issuing notices to the proprietors of the flats pursuant to subsection (4) (b).
- (11) It shall be the duty of the management corporation to determine the amount of contributions payable by the subsidiary proprietors of the lots in the subdivided building concerned to its management fund to meet the expenditure referred to in subsection (10) and any contributions so levied by the management corporation shall be deemed to be contributions levied under section 48 (1) (r).
- (12) For the purposes of this section, where the registered proprietor of the land on which the building is erected has granted leases for some but not all of the flats in the building, he shall be deemed a proprietor of the flats which are still owned by him. [122]

Issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title for flats with subsisting leases registered under Land Titles Act. 16/87. Cap. 157.

**126.**—(1) Where there are subsisting leases of flats registered under the Land Titles Act, the registered proprietors of the flats who altogether own not less than 25% of the total number of flats comprised in the building erected on the same parcel of land together with the registered proprietor of the land on which the said flats are erected may lodge with the Registrar a transfer of the estate and interest of the registered proprietor of the land to all the registered proprietors of the flats as tenants-in-common in the shares according to the ratio of one share to each flat together with an application for the issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title for the flats.

- (2) Where the flats in the building are of different sizes, the shares in the land to be allotted to the registered proprietor of each flat shall have the values determined by the Registrar.
- (3) An application submitted pursuant to subsection (1) shall be accompanied by a strata title plan (as approved by the Chief Surveyor) prepared for the purpose of the issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title for the flats.
- (4) The Registrar may, upon acceptance of the instruments and strata title plan and being satisfied that the instruments and strata title plan are in order, register all the registered proprietors of the flats as the proprietors of the registered land as tenants in common and issue the subsidiary strata certificates of title according to the strata title application and the strata title plan lodged and dispense with the production of the duplicate leases of the flats.
- (5) Where the registered proprietors of the flats who altogether own not less than 25% of the total number of flats comprised in the building erected on the parcel of land have agreed in writing to accept the transfer of all the estate and interest of the registered proprietor in the land, all the remaining registered proprietors of the flats in the same building shall be deemed to have accepted the transfer and deemed to have applied for the issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title for the flats.
- (6) Before issuing subsidiary strata certificates of title in favour of the registered proprietors of the flats as shown in the records of the Land Titles Registry, the Registrar shall
  - (a) require a notice in the form approved by him to be inserted once in one or more daily newspapers to the effect that the Registrar will issue the subsidiary strata certificates of title pursuant to this section to the registered proprietors of the flats as shown in the records maintained at the Land Titles Registry after the expiration of 6 weeks from the date of publication of the notice if no valid objection is received by the Registrar; and
  - (b) send by registered post a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) to the registered proprietors of all the flats at the addresses

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shown in the records of the Land Titles Registry or in the transfer lodged under subsection (1) where the addresses differ from that shown in the records of the Land Titles Registry.

- (7) Notwithstanding subsections (1), (2) and (3), the Registrar may, in order to relieve any case of extreme hardship, in his discretion, issue any subsidiary strata certificate of title in favour of a purchaser of a flat whose transfer of the leasehold estate of the flats has been duly stamped and lodged with him, notwithstanding that the name of the purchaser was not shown in the transfer lodged pursuant to subsection (1).
- (8) The Registrar may, pursuant to subsection (4), issue the subsidiary strata certificates of title qualified as to their title or their boundaries and dimensions, and sections 19 and 148 of the Land Titles Act shall apply mutatis mutandis to such subsidiary strata certificates of title.
- (9) Upon the registration of the strata title plan, the management corporation of the parcel of land shall reimburse the person or persons who incurred any expenditure for the purpose of —
  - (a) applying for the issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title for all those flats comprised in a building or buildings erected on the parcel;
  - (b) lodging the transfer pursuant to subsection (1);
  - (c) the preparation of the strata title plan for the parcel;
  - (d) the publication of the notices referred to in subsection (6) (a); and
  - (e) issuing notices to the proprietors of the flats pursuant to subsection (6) (b).
- (10) It shall be the duty of the management corporation to determine the amount of contributions payable by the subsidiary proprietors of the lots in the subdivided building concerned to its management fund to meet the expenditure referred to in subsection (9) and any contributions so levied by the management corporation shall be deemed to be contributions levied under section 48 (1) (r).
- (11) For the purposes of this section, where the registered proprietor of the land on which the building is

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erected has granted leases for some of but not all the flats in the building, he shall be deemed the registered proprietor of the flats which are still owned by him.

- 127.—(1) Where there are subsisting leases of flats Issue of registered under the provisions of the Registration of Deeds Act and the registered estate or interest in the land on which the flats are erected is vested, subject to the provisions of of title for the Land Titles Act, in the lessees of the flats as tenants in common in the shares shown in the land-register, the registered lessees of those flats who altogether own not less than 25% of the total number of those flats may lodge Registration with the Registrar an application for the issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title for all those flats.
- (2) An application submitted to the Registrar pursuant to owners as subsection (1) shall be accompanied by a strata title plan (as approved by the Chief Surveyor) prepared for the purpose 16/87. of the issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title for those Cap. 269. flats.
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- (3) The Registrar may, upon acceptance of the application, dispense with the production of the leases of the flats.
- (4) Before issuing subsidiary strata certificates of title in favour of the registered lessees of the flats as shown in the records of the Registry of Deeds, the Registrar shall —
  - (a) require a notice in the form approved by him to be inserted once in one or more daily newspapers to the effect that the Registrar will issue the subsidiary strata certificates of title pursuant to this section to the registered lessees of the flats as shown in the records maintained at the Registry of Deeds after the expiration of 6 weeks from the date of publication of the notice if no valid objection is received by the Land Titles Registry; and
  - (b) send by registered post a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) to the registered lessees of all the flats at the addresses shown in the records of the Registry of Deeds.
- (5) Where the Registrar is satisfied that all the necessary documents are in order, the Registrar may issue subsidiary strata certificates of title for the flats after the publication of the notice referred to in subsection (4).

- (6) Any subsidiary strata certificates of title issued by the Registrar pursuant to subsection (5) may be qualified as to their title or their boundaries and dimensions, and sections 19 and 148 of the Land Titles Act shall apply mutatis mutandis to such subsidiary strata certificates of title.
- (7) Upon the registration of the strata title plan, the management corporation of the parcel of land shall reimburse the person or persons who incurred any expenditure for the purpose of
  - (a) applying for the issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title for all those flats comprised in a building or buildings erected on the parcel;
  - (b) the preparation of the strata title plan for the parcel;
  - (c) the publication of the notices referred to in subsection (4) (a); and
  - (d) issuing notices to the subsidiary lessees of the flats pursuant to subsection (4) (b).
- (8) It shall be the duty of the management corporation to determine the amount of contributions payable by the subsidiary proprietors of the lots in the subdivided building concerned to its management fund to meet the expenditure referred to in subsection (7) and any contributions so levied by the management corporation shall be deemed to be contributions levied under section 48 (1) (r). [124]

Effect of issue of qualified certificate of title and of subsidiary strata certificates of title. 16/87. Cap. 157.

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- 128.—(1) Upon the issue of a qualified certificate of title for the land pursuant to section 125, the provisions of the Land Titles Act relating to a qualified certificate of title, except section 15 (1), (2) and (6) of that Act, shall apply to the land comprised therein.
- (2) Upon the issue of the subsidiary strata certificates of title for the flats pursuant to section 125, 126 or 127, all the provisions of the leases of the flats registered under the provisions of the Registration of Deeds Act and the Land Titles Act shall cease to apply to the flats except in respect of any terms, covenants and conditions which were subsisting prior to the date of the issue of the subsidiary strata certificates of title in so far as they relate to any obligations which have yet to be fulfilled or any cause of action which had arisen as between the registered proprietors of the flats themselves and as between the registered proprietors of the

flats and the registered proprietors of the land on which the flats are erected.

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129. A transfer lodged pursuant to section 125 or 126 Exemption shall be exempted from the payment of stamp duty.

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# PART IX

130.—(1) The Minister may make regulations not Regulations. inconsistent with this Act for giving effect to the provisions 16/87. of this Act.

- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Minister may make regulations with respect to —
  - (a) the fees to be paid to a management corporation for anything to be done under this Act;
  - (b) the nomination and election of members of a council of a management corporation;
  - (c) the minimum amount of contributions payable by subsidiary proprietors towards the sinking fund of a management corporation;
  - (d) the investment of moneys belonging to the sinking funds of management corporations;
  - (e) the provision of parking places for the exclusive use of residents of lots in subdivided buildings used for both residential and commercial purposes;
  - (f) the preparation of plans and documents for the purposes of this Act;
  - (g) the lodgment and registration of plans under this Act;
  - (h) the fees to be paid in respect of lodgment and registration of plans and documents under this Act:
  - (i) the practice and procedure of the Board; and
  - any matter which by this Act is required or permitted to be prescribed or is necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to any provision of this Act. [127]

131.\*—(1) The transitional and savings provisions in the Transitional Fourth Schedule to this Act shall have effect.

(2) Except as provided in the Fourth Schedule, nothing in that Schedule shall affect any saving provided by the Interpretation Act.

and savings provisions.

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<sup>\*</sup>Section 19 of the Land Titles (Strata) (Amendment) Act 1987 (No. 16 of 1987).

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Sections 41 (2), (3), (6) and (15) and 50 (e) 16/87.

## **BY-LAWS**

## PART I

Chairman, treasurer of management corporation.

1. The chairman, secretary and treasurer of the council shall also secretary and be respectively the chairman, secretary and treasurer of the management corporation.

Council may employ agents and employees.

2. A council may employ for and on behalf of the management corporation such agents and employees as it thinks fit in connection with the exercise and performance of the powers, duties and functions of the management corporation.

Noticeboard.

3. A council shall cause a notice-board to be affixed to some part of the common property.

Powers and duties of secretary of management corporation.

- 4. The powers and duties of a secretary of a management corporation shall include -
  - (a) the preparation and distribution of minutes of meetings of the management corporation;
  - (b) the giving on behalf of the management corporation of the notices required to be given under this Act;
  - (c) the maintenance of the strata roll;
  - (d) the supply of information on behalf of the management corporation in accordance with section 54 (1) (a) and (b);
  - (e) the answering of communications addressed to the management corporation; and
  - (f) the calling of nominations of candidates for election as members of the council.

Powers and duties of treasurer of management corporation.

- 5. The powers and duties of a treasurer of a management corporation shall include -
  - (a) the notifying of subsidiary proprietors of any contributions levied pursuant to this Act;
  - (b) the receipt, acknowledgment and banking of and the accounting for any money paid to the management corporation;
  - (c) the preparation of any certificate applied for under section 54 (1) (c); and
  - (d) the keeping of the books of account referred to in section 48 (1) (j) and the preparation of the statement of accounts referred to in section 48 (1) (k).

# PART II

Duty to furnish information.

6. Any member of the council shall furnish the Commissioner or any person authorised by him to act on his behalf such information as the member possesses which the Commissioner or any such duly

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authorised person considers necessary for the purposes of discharging the functions of the Commissioner under this Act or the Buildings and Cap. 30. Common Property (Maintenance and Management) Act.

7. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot shall not upon the Noise. parcel create any noise likely to interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of the subsidiary proprietor or occupier of another lot or of any person lawfully using the common property.

8. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot shall not park or Vehicles. leave any motor vehicle or other vehicle upon the common property except with the approval of the management corporation.

9. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot shall not obstruct Obstruction the lawful use of the common property by any person.

of common property.

- 10. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot shall not
  - (a) damage any lawn, garden, trees, shrub, plant or flower being part of, or situated upon, the common property; or

Damage to lawns, etc., on common property.

- (b) use for his own purposes as a garden any portion of the common property.
- 11. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot shall not mark, Damage to paint, drive nails or screws or the like into, or otherwise damage or common deface, any structure that forms part of the common property without property the approval in writing of the management corporation, but this by-law shall not prevent a subsidiary proprietor or person authorised by him from installing —

- (a) any locking or other safety device for the protection of his lot against intruders; or
- (b) any screen or other device to prevent entry of animals or insects upon his lot.
- 12. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier shall not make any altera- Permission tion to the windows installed in the external walls of the subdivided to carry out building without having obtained the approval in writing of the management corporation.

alterations.

13. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot shall not make any Balconies. alterations or additions to any balcony of his lot without the written approval of the management corporation.

14. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot when upon the Behaviour common property shall be adequately clothed and shall not use of subsidiary language or behave in a manner likely to cause offence or embarrass- proprietors ment to the subsidiary proprietor or occupier of another lot or to any occupiers. person lawfully using the common property.

- 15. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot shall take all Children reasonable steps to ensure that any child, of whom he has control when playing on playing upon the common property, shall not —
  - (a) cause any damage to the common property; and

common property in building.

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(b) create any noise likely to interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of the subsidiary proprietor or occupier of another lot.

Behaviour of invitees.

16. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that his invitees do not behave in a manner likely to interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of the subsidiary proprietor or occupier of another lot or of any person lawfully using the common property.

Depositing rubbish, etc., on common property.

17. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot shall not deposit or throw upon the common property any rubbish, dirt, dust or other material likely to interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of the subsidiary proprietor or occupier of another lot or of any person lawfully using the common property.

Drying of laundry items.

18. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot shall not, except with the consent in writing of the management corporation, hang any washing, towel, bedding, clothing or other article on any part of the parcel in such a way as to be visible from outside the subdivided building, other than on any lines provided for the purpose and there only for a reasonable period.

Floor coverings.

19. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot who carries out any pounding of chillies or other substances for cooking purposes shall ensure that the part of the floor on which the activity is carried out is covered to an extent sufficient to prevent the transmission therefrom of noise likely to disturb the peaceful enjoyment of the subsidiary proprietor or occupier of another lot.

Storage of flammable liquids, etc.

20.—(1) A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot shall not use or store upon his lot or upon the common property any flammable chemical, liquid, gas or other flammable material, other than chemicals, liquids, gases or other material used or intended to be used for domestic purposes, or any such chemical, liquid, gas or other material in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle or internal combustion engine.

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(2) This by-law shall not apply to any lot where the subsidiary proprietor or occupier thereof has obtained a licence issued under section 14 of the Building Control Act authorising the use of a lot for a trade or other purpose specified in that section.

Refuse disposal.

- 21.—(1) A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot in a multistoreyed subdivided building provided with chutes for the disposal of refuse shall —
  - (a) ensure that before any refuse is thrown into the chutes it is securely wrapped in plastic bags or other similar materials; and
  - (b) not dispose of any large objects into the chutes which may obstruct the free fall of refuse in the chutes.

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- (2) A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot which is not provided with any chute for the disposal of refuse —
  - (a) shall maintain within his lot, or on such part of the common property as may be authorised by the management corporation, in clean and dry condition, an adequately covered receptacle for the disposal of refuse;
  - (b) shall ensure that before refuse is placed in the receptacle it is securely wrapped or, in the case of tins or other containers, completely drained;
  - (c) for the purpose of having the refuse collected, shall, not more than one hour before the time at which refuse is normally collected, place the receptacle within an area designated for that purpose by the management corporation;
  - (d) when the refuse has been collected shall promptly return the receptacle to his lot or other area referred to in subparagraph (a);
  - (e) shall not place anything in the receptacle of the subsidiary proprietor or occupier of any other lot except with the permission of that subsidiary proprietor or occupier; and
  - (f) shall promptly remove anything which he or the refuse collector may have spilled from the receptacle and shall take such action as may be necessary to clean the area within which that thing was so spilled.
- 22. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot shall not keep any Keeping of animal upon his lot or the common property which may cause animals. annoyance to the subsidiary proprietors or occupiers of other lots.

23. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot shall maintain his Duty to lot including all sanitary fittings, water, gas, electrical and air-condi-maintain lot. tioning pipes and apparatus thereof in a good condition so as not to cause annoyance to the subsidiary proprietors or occupiers of other lots.

24. A subsidiary proprietor or occupier of a lot shall not use his lot Lot not to for any purpose (illegal or otherwise) which may be injurious to the be used for reputation of the subdivided building.

purpose injurious to reputation of building.

#### SECOND SCHEDULE

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCILS OF MANAGEMENT CORPORATIONS

1. The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the council at Chairman to which he is present and, if he is absent from any such meeting, the preside at members of the council present at that meeting shall appoint one of meetings. their number to preside at that meeting during the absence of the chairman.

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Meetings of councils.

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- 2.—(1) At any meeting of a council a quorum shall consist, where there is only one member of a council, of that member or, where there are two or more members of a council, of the majority of the members of the council.
- (2) Subject to this Act, the decision on any matter, where there is only one member of a council, of that member or, where there are two or more members of a council, of the majority of the members voting on that matter shall be the decision of the council at any meeting at which a quorum is present.
- (3) A council shall cause a record of its decisions, of any notices given to its secretary under section 63 (3), and full and accurate minutes of its meetings to be kept.

Keeping of records.

- 3.—(1) The council shall keep minutes of its proceedings and shall cause minutes of general meetings to be kept.
  - (2) The council shall
    - (a) cause proper books of account to be kept in respect of all sums of money received and expended by it, specifying the matters in relation to which the receipts and expenditure take place; and
    - (b) on the application of a subsidiary proprietor or mortgagee of a lot (or any person authorised in writing by him) make the books of account available for inspection at all reasonable times.
- (3) The council shall permit the Commissioner or any person authorised by him to act on his behalf at all reasonable times full and free access to accounting and other records of the management corporation and permit the Commissioner or such person to make copies of or make extracts from any such accounting or other records.

Notice of council meetings.

4. For not less than 24 hours ending immediately before a council holds a meeting, it shall cause a notice of its intention to hold the meeting, containing the agenda for the meeting, to be displayed on the notice-board of the management corporation.

Subsidiary proprietor's attendance at council meetings.

5. A subsidiary proprietor shall be entitled to attend a meeting of the council but may not address the meeting except with the permission of the council.

Acts, etc., of council valid notwithstanding vacancy, etc.

- 6. Any act or proceeding of a council done in good faith shall, notwithstanding that at the time when the act or proceeding was done, taken or commenced there was —
  - (a) a vacancy in the office of a member of the council; or
  - (b) any defect in the appointment, or any disqualification of any such member,

be as valid as if the vacancy, defect or disqualification did not exist and the council were fully and properly constituted.

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Sections 40 and 48 (1) (1). 16/87.

# GENERAL MEETINGS OF A MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

1.—(1) Notice of a general meeting of a management corporation Notice of shall be served on each subsidiary proprietor and first mortgagee of a general lot, as ascertained from the strata roll, at least 14 days before the meetings. meeting.

- (2) Every such notice for an annual general meeting shall
  - (a) be accompanied by a copy of the statement of accounts of the management corporation last prepared by the management corporation in accordance with section 48 (1) (j) and a copy of the auditor's report on the accounts of the management corporation; and
  - (b) include a motion for the adoption of those accounts.
- (3) Every such notice for an annual general meeting or an extraordinary general meeting shall —
  - (a) specify the place, day and hour for the meeting;
  - (b) include each proposed resolution to be considered at the
  - (c) specify any other business to be transacted at the meeting;
  - (d) inform each person to whom the notice is addressed that he may vote in respect of each proposed resolution and, where relevant, on election of members of the council —
    - (i) in the case of a subsidiary proprietor of a lot subject to a first mortgage shown on the strata roll, only if the mortgagee fails or neglects to exercise the voting power conferred upon him by this Schedule:
    - (ii) except in the case of a unanimous resolution, only if all contributions levied and payable on the lot, and any other moneys recoverable under this Act by the management corporation from him at the date of the notice (being contributions levied on him, or moneys recoverable from him, in respect of the lot of which he is the subsidiary proprietor or first mortgagee) have been duly paid at least 3 days before the commencement of the meeting; and
    - (iii) either in person or by proxy at the meeting.
- (4) No motion shall be submitted at a general meeting unless notice of the resolution has been given in accordance with this paragraph.
- (5) A meeting at which a special or unanimous resolution is to be proposed shall be deemed not to be duly convened by the council if it does not give such notice thereof as is required by this Act in the case of special and unanimous resolutions.

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Persons entitled to vote at general meetings.

- 2.—(1) A person shall be entitled to vote in respect of any lot on any proposal submitted at a general meeting of a management corporation or on any election of members of the council only if he is the subsidiary proprietor or a mortgagee in possession or a receiver of that lot as shown on the strata roll and has paid to the management corporation all contributions and any other moneys levied or recoverable by the management corporation under this Act.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, a first mortgagee, as shown on the strata roll, of a lot shall be entitled to vote in respect of that lot on any proposals submitted at a general meeting of a management corporation or on any election of members of the council and, if he votes on that proposal, any vote cast by the subsidiary proprietor of that lot on the proposal shall not be counted.
- (3) The vote of co-proprietors or co-mortgagees may be cast by any of them in person or by a proxy and if both co-proprietors or co-mortgagees are present at a meeting of the management corporation the vote of the senior who casts a vote, whether in person or by a proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the others; and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the strata roll.
- (4) Only the subsidiary proprietor entitled to the first of two or more successive estates in a lot shall, subject to this Schedule, be entitled to cast a vote on any proposal submitted at a general meeting of a management corporation or on any election of members of the council.
- (5) A subsidiary proprietor who is the trustee of a lot shall, subject to this Schedule, be entitled to cast a vote on any proposal submitted at a general meeting of a management corporation or on any election of members of the council and the persons beneficially interested in the trust shall not be entitled to cast such a vote.
- (6) The voting rights conferred by this paragraph shall be subject to section 59 (9) and (10).

Quorum.

- 3.—(1) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting of a management corporation unless a quorum of members is present.
- (2) For the purposes of this paragraph, the number of subsidiary proprietors present at the meeting either in person or by proxy who own not less than 50% of share values for all the lots shown on the strata title plan shall form a quorum. If within half an hour appointed for holding a general meeting no quorum of subsidiary proprietors is present, the general meeting, not being a general meeting convened on receipt of a requisition by members, may be held as if a quorum is present if there are two or more subsidiary proprietors present in person.

Motions out of order.

4. At a general meeting of a management corporation, the chairman may rule that a motion submitted at the meeting is out of order if he considers that the motion, if carried, would conflict with this Act or the by-laws or would otherwise be unlawful or unenforceable.

# THIRD SCHEDULE - continued

5. Except as provided in paragraph 2 (3), a vote on a motion Method of submitted at a general meeting of a management corporation or on any casting vote. election of members of the council may be cast by the person entitled to vote, either personally or by his duly appointed proxy.

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6. The chairman of the management corporation shall preside at Chairman to any general meeting of the management corporation at which he is preside. present and, in his absence from any such meeting, the persons present at that meeting and entitled to vote on motions submitted at that meeting may elect one of their number to preside at that meeting and the person so elected shall, while he is so presiding, be deemed to be the chairman of the management corporation.

7. The secretary of the management corporation shall put up a list List of names of the names of the persons who are entitled to vote at a general meeting of persons on the notice board maintained on the common property at least 48 entitled to hours before the general meeting.

vote

8. Each person entitled to vote on an election of members of the Counting of council shall have one vote in respect of each lot which he is entitled to votes on vote.

election of council.

9.—(1) Subject to this paragraph, a motion submitted at a general Counting of meeting of a management corporation shall be decided according to the votes on number of votes cast for and against the motion, whether personally, by proxy or in writing, each person entitled to vote having one vote in respect of each lot in respect of which he is entitled to vote unless a poll is demanded by any person entitled to vote at the general meeting before a vote is taken as aforesaid.

motion.

# (2) If —

- (a) a poll is demanded by any person entitled to vote at a general meeting of a management corporation on a motion submitted at that meeting and the demand is made by that person personally at the meeting; or
- (b) a motion submitted at such a meeting is for a resolution which, if it is to be effective, is required by this Act to be a special resolution.

the motion shall be decided according to the value, ascertained in accordance with sub-paragraphs (3) and (4), of the votes cast for and against the motion, whether personally, by proxy or in writing.

- (3) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), for the purposes of sub-paragraph (2) the value of a vote cast on a motion submitted at a general meeting of a management corporation by a person entitled to vote in respect of a lot shall be equal to the share value of that lot.
- (4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2), the value of the vote cast by a subsidiary proprietor of a provisional lot shall be 25% of the value that, but for this sub-paragraph, his vote would have under subparagraph (3), ignoring any fraction.

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- (5) A poll shall be taken in such manner as the chairman thinks fit.
- (6) A demand for a poll may be withdrawn by the person who made it.

Chairman's declaration of vote.

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10. The declaration of the chairman of the result of the voting on any proposal submitted at a general meeting of the management corporation, otherwise than on a poll, shall be conclusive without proof of the votes recorded for or against the proposal.

General meetings valid if attended only by chairman.

11. A general meeting of a management corporation shall, subject to paragraph 4, be validly held notwithstanding that the only person present at the meeting is the chairman of the management corporation.

Requisition for motions to be included on agenda for general meeting.

- 12.—(1) Any person entitled to vote at a general meeting of a management corporation may by notice in writing served on the secretary of the council require inclusion in the agenda of the next general meeting of the management corporation (other than a meeting in respect of which notices have already been given under paragraph 1 (4)) of a motion set out in the first-mentioned notice and the secretary shall comply with the notice.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), a subsidiary proprietor who, but for the existence of a mortgage over his lot, would be entitled to vote at a general meeting of the management corporation shall be deemed to be entitled to vote at that meeting.

Amendment of unanimous or special resolutions.

13. A unanimous resolution or special resolution of a management or revocation corporation shall not be amended or revoked except by a subsequent unanimous resolution or special resolution, as the case may be.

Duties of proprietor until council is elected.

14. Until the offices of the chairman, secretary and treasurer of the management corporation are filled or until the expiration of the first annual general meeting, whichever first happens, the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on the holders of those offices shall be exercised and performed by the proprietor or by his agent duly authorised in writing.

Meetings of management corporation before first annual general meeting.

- 15.—(1) Until the first annual general meeting of the management corporation is held, the secretary of the management corporation may convene an extraordinary general meeting and shall do so on receipt of a requisition signed by one or more persons entitled to vote in respect of one or more lots, the share value or the sum of the share value of which is at least 25% of the aggregate share value.
- (2) The provisions of this Schedule (paragraph 1 (2) excepted) shall apply to and in respect of a meeting referred to in sub-paragraph (1) so far as those provisions are not inconsistent with, or incapable of applying to, such a meeting.

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16. A company which is a subsidiary proprietor may under the seal Company of the company or the hand of its director or any duly authorised attorney appoint such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative either at a particular meeting or at all meetings of the management corporation and a person so authorised shall in accordance with his authority or until his authority is revoked by the company be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the company as the company could exercise if it were an individual.

appoint representative to attend meetings.

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17. An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the Instrument hand of the appointer or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if of proxy. the appointer is a company, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised. A proxy need not be a subsidiary proprietor. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll.

18. Where it is desired to afford subsidiary proprietors an oppor- Form of tunity of voting for or against a resolution, the instrument appointing a proxy for proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near thereto as circumstances admit:

voting for or against a resolution.

I/We, of

being a member/members of the above-named management corporation, hereby appoint , or failing him, , as my/our proxy to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the [annual or extraordinary, as the case may be general meeting of the management corporation, to be 19 held on the day of , and at any adjournment thereof. Signed this day of

This form is to be used \*in favour of/against the resolution.

19. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney Proxy to be or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially deposited at certified copy of that power or authority shall be deposited at the registered registered address of the management corporation, or at such other place in Singapore as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting, not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or, in the case of a poll, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll, and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid.

address of management corporation.

20. A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of Authority not proxy or attorney shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or unsoundness of mind of the principal or revocation of the instrument or of the authority under which the instrument was executed, or the transfer of the share in respect of which the instrument is given, if no intimation in writing of such death, unsoundness of mind, revocation, or transfer as aforesaid has been received by the management corporation at the registered office before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the instrument is used.

to be revoked by death of principal, etc.

<sup>\*</sup>Strike out whichever is not desired. [Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as he thinks fit.]

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## TRANSITIONAL AND SAVINGS PROVISIONS

- 1.—(1) In this Schedule, unless the context otherwise requires
  - "Act" means the Land Titles (Strata) Act with the modifications and re-enactments made by the Land Titles (Strata) (Amendment) Act 1987;
  - "existing management corporation" means a management corporation which was constituted prior to 1st December 1987 under the repealed provisions of the Act and existing on that day;
  - "repealed provisions of the Act" means the provisions of the Land Titles (Strata) Act which were in force immediately prior to 1st December 1987.
- (2) In this Schedule, unless the context otherwise requires references to sections shall be construed as references to sections of the Act which are in force.
- 2. Any management corporation constituted under the repealed provisions of the Act existing on 1st December 1987 shall continue to be a body corporate capable of suing and being sued and having perpetual succession and a common seal.
- 3. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the provisions of the Act shall, on and from 1st December 1987, apply to and in respect of
  - (a) the buildings comprised in a strata title plan which was registered under the Act before that day; and
  - (b) any existing management corporation.
- 4. For the purposes of the application of any provisions of the Act to or in respect of an existing management corporation, "initial period", in relation to that management corporation, shall be calculated from the date of the registration of the strata title plan concerned.
- 5.—(1) Where the first annual general meeting of an existing management corporation has been held, the proprietor of the strata title plan concerned shall not fail or neglect to deliver to the management corporation the following documents within 28 days after notice in writing is given to him by the management corporation or, if the documents are not then in his possession, within 28 days after they come into his possession or under his control:
  - (a) any plan, specification, certificate (other than a certificate of title for a lot), diagram or other document (including any policy of insurance) obtained or received by him and relating to the parcel or subdivided building; and
  - (b) any book of account, notice or other record relating to the parcel or subdivided building other than any such document which exclusively evidences rights or obligations of the proprietor and which is not capable of being used for the benefit of the management corporation or any of the subsidiary proprietors, other than the proprietor.

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- (2) A proprietor who fails to comply with sub-paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.
- 6.—(1) Except as provided in sub-paragraph (2), section 34 shall not apply to an existing management corporation which has held its first annual general meeting prior to 1st December 1987.
- (2) In respect of a management corporation referred to in subparagraph (1), the proprietor shall within 14 days of 1st December 1987 account for and pay to the management corporation any surplus moneys in the trust fund set up by the proprietor pursuant to section 9 of the Buildings and Common Property (Maintenance and Management) Act Cap. 30. for the maintenance of the subdivided building prior to the management corporation taking over the maintenance of the subdivided building.

- (3) Any person who contravenes sub-paragraph (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and to a further fine not exceeding \$100 for every day during which the offence continues after conviction.
- 7. Section 35 shall apply to an existing management corporation as if the reference to the date of the registration of the strata title plan is a reference to 1st December 1987.
- 8.—(1) Contributions levied under the repealed provisions of the Act by an existing management corporation and unpaid on 1st December 1987 may be recovered by that management corporation, and as on and from that day shall bear interest, as if they were contributions levied under section 42.
- (2) Section 42 (3) shall not apply to contributions payable to an existing management corporation in respect of any period prior to 1st December 1987.
- (3) Any determination made by an existing management corporation before 1st December 1987 specifying the amounts to be raised by regular periodic contributions shall be deemed to be a determination made under section 48 (1) (m) or (n), as the case may be, of the kind referred to in section 48 (3).
- 9. For the purposes of any general meeting of an existing management corporation, being a general meeting held before the expiration of 21 days after 1st December 1987 the procedure for the convening and holding of meetings of such a management corporation and the rights of persons to vote at and to requisition meetings of such a management corporation shall be the same as they were under the repealed provisions of the Act.
- 10. The reference in section 45 to a notice served on the subsidiary proprietor of a lot by a public authority includes a reference to a notice served, before 1st December 1987, by such an authority on the subsidiary proprietor of a lot.

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- 11.—(1) The elected or constituted council of an existing management corporation shall, on and from 1st December 1987, be governed by the provisions of the Act.
- (2) On 1st December 1987, a member of the council of an existing management corporation who is not an individual subsidiary proprietor shall vacate his office.
- (3) A subsidiary proprietor who being a company was a member of the council of an existing management corporation immediately prior to 1st December 1987 shall as soon as practicable notify the management corporation in writing of the name of an individual who shall serve as a council member in its place on or after that day and such an individual shall be deemed to have been elected as a council member at a general meeting of that management corporation.
- 12. Section 68 shall apply to or in respect of an existing management corporation which has appointed a managing agent prior to 1st December 1987 as if the managing agent were appointed by the management corporation at an annual general meeting held prior to that day.
- 13. Section 71 shall not apply to or in respect of an existing management corporation which has in force on 1st December 1987 a policy of insurance expiring not later than one year after that day and effected by it in accordance with the repealed provisions of the Act, until the expiry of the policy.

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- 14. Any proceedings under the repealed sections 43 and 44 of the Act which were pending immediately before 1st December 1987 may be continued and completed under the repealed provisions of the Act as if the Land Titles (Strata) (Amendment) Act 1987 had not been enacted.
- 15.—(1) Where an application and a transfer have been lodged under the repealed section 50 prior to 1st December 1987 and the Registrar has yet to issue the certificate of title for the land affected the application shall be deemed to be an application made under section 125.
- (2) Where an application referred to in sub-paragraph (1) has been lodged with the Registrar, the Registrar may require the applicant to lodge in a strata title plan for all the flats comprised in a building or buildings erected on the land to be brought under the Land Titles Act.
- Cap. 157.
- (3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2), the Registrar may direct the applicant to engage a registered surveyor to prepare the requisite strata title plan, lodge the strata title plan with the Chief Surveyor and, after approval by the Chief Surveyor, to lodge the strata title plan with an application for the issue of subsidiary strata certificates of title with the Registrar and to pay any fees due to be paid to the Chief Surveyor and the Registrar for the purposes of the application.

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- (4) The Registrar may reject any application if the applicant refuses to comply with any direction given by the Registrar under this section.
- 16.—(1) Notwithstanding the repeal of sections 51, 52, 53 and 54 of 1985 Ed. the Act, any pending applications for the bringing of land under the Cap. 158. provisions of the Land Titles Act, or for the issue of subsidiary strata Cap. 157. certificates of title for flats in respect of which subsisting leases have been registered under the Registration of Deeds Act or the Land Titles Cap. 269. Act, may be continued and completed under any of those repealed provisions of the Act as if the Land Titles (Strata) (Amendment) Act 16/87. 1987 had not been enacted.
- (2) The repealed section 50 (6) and (7) shall continue to apply to 1985 Ed. transfers of shares in the registered land and dealings in flats to which Cap. 158. the registered land is appurtenant until such time when subsidiary strata certificates of title are obtained by the proprietors of the flats.