

Town Council of Tampines (Common Property and Open Spaces) By-laws

Table of Contents

1 Citation

2 Definitions

3 Unlawful parking, use of vehicles

4 Power to detain or remove vehicles

5 Dumping and renovation debris

6 Obstruction of refuse chutes

7 Obstruction of common property

8 Damage to turf, plant, shrub or tree

9 Damage to common property

9A Littering on and soiling common property and open spaces

10 Display of signs

11 Diversion of water or electricity

12 Unauthorised structures

13 Unauthorised use of common property

14 Swimming, etc., in ponds

15 Throwing objects, etc., from buildings and dangerously positioned objects

16 Misuse of lifts

17 Trespassing onto lift motor rooms, etc.

18 Service of documents

19 Composition of offences

20 (Deleted)

Legislative History

**TOWN COUNCILS ACT
(CHAPTER 329A, SECTIONS 24 AND 49)**

**TOWN COUNCIL OF TAMPINES
(COMMON PROPERTY AND OPEN SPACES) BY-LAWS**

By 35

REVISED EDITION 2001

(31st January 2001)

[17th July 1992]

Citation

1. These By-laws may be cited as the Town Council of Tampines (Common Property and Open Spaces) By-laws.

Definitions

2.—(1) In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires —

“bicycle”, “mobility scooter”, “motorised wheelchair”, “personal mobility device” and “power-assisted bicycle” have the respective meanings given by the Active Mobility Act 2017 (Act 3 of 2017);

[S 597/2019 wef 01/09/2019]

“bicycle path” means a path specifically designated for the use of a cyclist and that is not a public path;

*[S 72/2010 wef 01/03/2010]
[S 597/2019 wef 01/09/2019]*

“common property” and “open space” mean any common property and any open space, respectively, within the Town of Tampines;

“footway” means any part of the common property or open space, except where it is part of any building and its surrounding apron, specifically designated to be used or intended to be used as a means of access and that is not a public path;

*[S 72/2010 wef 01/03/2010]
[S 597/2019 wef 01/09/2019]*

“housing estate” means a housing estate of the Board within the Town of Tampines;

“mobility aid” means any of the following carrying an individual who is unable to walk or has difficulty in walking:

- (a) a wheelchair or motorised wheelchair;
- (b) a mobility scooter;

[S 597/2019 wef 01/09/2019]

“park” means to bring a vehicle to a stationary position and cause it to remain for any purpose;

“parking place” has the same meaning as in the Parking Places Act (Cap. 214);

[Deleted by S 597/2019 wef 01/09/2019]

“public path” means a path declared under section 6 of the Active Mobility Act 2017 as a public path;

[S 597/2019 wef 01/09/2019]

“sign” includes all signals, warning sign posts, direction posts, banners and advertisements;

“vehicle” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not, intended or adapted for use on the road, such as (but not limited to) a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle or personal mobility device, but excludes any mobility aid.

[S 597/2019 wef 01/09/2019]

(2) Nothing in these By-laws shall prohibit officers or employees of the Town Council or any person authorised by the Town Council from doing any act that is reasonably necessary or expedient in the enforcement of these By-laws.

(3) These By-laws do not affect the rights of the public to pass along a public path

within the Town of Tampines in accordance with the Active Mobility Act 2017.

[S 597/2019 wef 01/09/2019]

Unlawful parking, use of vehicles

3.—(1) No person shall —

(a) park any vehicle on any common property or in any open space except in a parking place or with the prior written permission of the Town Council;

*[S 72/2010 wef 01/03/2010]
[S 597/2019 wef 01/09/2019]*

(b) use, ride or drive on any common property or in any open space any vehicle other than a perambulator, a child's toy vehicle used solely by a child or a mobility aid, except with the prior written permission of the Town Council; or

[S 597/2019 wef 01/09/2019]

(c) repair, paint, spray, test or service or cause or permit to be repaired, painted, sprayed, tested or serviced any vehicle on any common property or in any open space.

(2) Paragraph (1)(c) shall not apply to such repairs as may be reasonably necessary to enable the vehicle to be removed from the common property or open space.

(3) No person shall —

(a) ride a bicycle on any common property or in any open space except on bicycle paths and footways;

(b) ride or propel a bicycle on any common property or in any open space otherwise than in an orderly manner and with due regard for the safety of others;

(c) ride or propel a bicycle on any common property or in any open space in such a manner that is likely to endanger the life of any person or is likely to cause injury or annoyance to any person;

(d) when riding or propelling a bicycle on any common property or in any open space, contravene any notice, line, marking or sign exhibited regarding the use of bicycles;

(e) when riding a bicycle on any common property or in any open space, fail or refuse to give way to pedestrians on footways at any time;

(f) ride a bicycle on any common property or in any open space in such a manner as to cause his bicycle to be adjacent to another bicycle proceeding abreast in the same direction except when he is overtaking such other bicycle;

- (g) ride a bicycle on any common property or in any open space except close to the left hand edge of the bicycle path or footway and in such a manner as not to obstruct bicycles moving at a faster speed;
- (h) when riding a bicycle on any common property or in any open space, use the bicycle to carry at one time more persons than the number for which it is designed;
- (i) when riding a bicycle on any common property or in any open space, carry a pillion passenger on the bicycle unless the bicycle is designed such as to be provided with a seat for a pillion passenger;
- (j) when riding a bicycle on any common property or in any open space, carry a child below the age of 12 years on the bicycle if the bicycle has no properly constructed seat or carrier affixed to it;
- (k) ride a bicycle on any common property or in any open space during the hours of darkness unless the bicycle carries a lamp showing to the front a white light visible from a reasonable distance and carries a lamp or a red reflector showing to the rear a red light or a red reflector visible from a reasonable distance.

[S 72/2010 wef 01/03/2010]

(4) No person shall ride a power-assisted bicycle on any common property or in any open space.

[S 72/2010 wef 01/03/2010]

(5) Paragraphs (1)(b), (3) and (4) do not apply to or in relation to any common property or open space that is a public path within the Town of Tampines.

[S 597/2019 wef 01/09/2019]

[S 597/2019 wef 01/09/2019]

Power to detain or remove vehicles

4.—(1) Where a vehicle is parked on any common property or in any open space in contravention of any by-law, the secretary or an officer authorised by the Town Council may —

- (a) detain the vehicle by any means and, if the vehicle is detained, shall give notice in writing of the detention to the owner or person who had lawful possession of the vehicle when it was detained that he may, on payment of the expenses incurred by the Town Council in respect of such detention, claim possession of the vehicle within 7 days of such notice being served on him; and
- (b) if such owner or person fails to claim possession of the vehicle within the period specified in sub-paragraph (a), remove or cause the vehicle to be