

Housing Developers (Control and Licensing) Ordinance

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Read the first time on 12th November 1964.

An Ordinance to provide for the licensing and control of housing developers in the State.

Be it enacted by the Yang di-Pertuan Negara with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Singapore, as follows: —

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Housing Developers (Control and Licensing) Ordinance, 1964, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of different Parts or provisions of this Ordinance.

Interpretation

2. In this Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires —

“company” means any company incorporated, formed or registered under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance (*Cap. 174*) or any other written law repealing and re-enacting the provisions thereof;

“Controller” means the Controller of Housing appointed under the provisions of subsection (1) of section 3 of this Ordinance;

“develop” means to construct or cause to construct housing accommodation, including any building operations in, on, over or under the land for the purpose of erecting housing accommodation and the sale of land which would be appurtenant to such housing accommodation;

“housing accommodation” includes a building or tenement wholly or principally constructed, adapted or intended for human habitation or for human habitation and as business premises;

“housing developer” means any —

- (a) person;
- (b) group of persons, whether in partnership or otherwise;
- (c) society, whether a co-operative society or otherwise; or
- (d) company,

who or which engages in or undertakes housing development;

“housing development” means the business of —

- (a) developing;
- (b) providing the money for developing or for the purchase of, more than four units of housing accommodation; or
- (c) developing and providing the money for the purchase of more than four units of housing accommodation resulting from such

development;

“Inspector” means an Inspector appointed under the provisions of subsection (2) of section 3 of this Ordinance;

“licence” means a licence granted under the provisions of subsection (4) of section 4 of this Ordinance;

“licensed housing developer” means a housing developer holding a valid licence or provisional licence;

“provisional licence” means a provisional licence granted under the provisions of subsection (3) of section 29 of this Ordinance.

Minister to appoint Controller and other officers

3.—(1) The Minister shall appoint an officer to be styled the Controller of Housing for the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) The Minister may appoint such number of Inspectors and other officers and servants for the purposes of this Ordinance.

PART II

LICENSING OF HOUSING DEVELOPERS

Housing development to be carried out only by a licensed housing developer

4.—(1) Housing development shall not be carried out or undertaken in Singapore except by a housing developer which is in possession of a licence in writing from the Controller authorising it to do so.

(2) A housing developer which desires to carry out or undertake housing development in Singapore may apply to the Controller in the prescribed form for a licence and shall supply —

- (a) if a company, the copy of the memorandum of association and articles of association or other instrument under which the company is incorporated;
- (b) if a group of persons or a partnership, the copy of any agreement between such persons or the partnership agreement, as the case may be;
- (c) if a society, the rules or by-laws of the society;
- (d) a copy of the latest balance-sheet of the partnership, society or company or, in the case of a person or group of persons, the balance-sheet, if any,