

Planning (Master Plan) Rules 1999

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PLANNING (MASTER PLAN) RULES 1999

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 10 of the Planning Act, the Minister for National Development hereby makes the following Rules:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Planning (Master Plan) Rules 1999 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1999.

Definition

2. In these Rules, “notice by advertisement” means a notice published in the *Gazette* and in one English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil newspaper circulating in Singapore.

PART II

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO MASTER PLAN

Proposal for amendment

3. A proposal for an amendment to the Master Plan shall consist of —

- (a) a written statement;
- (b) such maps prepared to such scale as the Minister may approve; and
- (c) any other relevant reports or documents,

setting out the provisions, specifications and particulars in relation to the proposal, and such other information and materials as are necessary to explain and illustrate the proposal.

Notice of proposal

4. The competent authority shall, after the submission to the Minister of a proposal for an amendment to the Master Plan, publish a notice by advertisement of the submission specifying —

- (a) a period of not less than 2 weeks within which objections to and representations concerning the proposed amendment may be made; and
- (b) the place where a certified copy of the proposal is deposited for public inspection during such period.

Objections and representations

5. Any objection to or representation concerning a proposal for an amendment to the Master Plan shall be in writing and shall be —

- (a) submitted to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Development within the period specified under rule 4(a); and
- (b) accompanied by a statement of the reasons or explanations therefor.

Approval of proposal

6.—(1) Except where the Minister is of the opinion that an objection or representation is of a frivolous nature, he shall afford to any person whose objection or representation was received by him within the period specified under rule 4(a) and has not been withdrawn, an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person or persons

appointed by the Minister for the purpose, or cause a public inquiry to be held in accordance with Part III.

(2) The Minister, after considering —

- (a) the proposal for an amendment to the Master Plan;
- (b) the Master Plan;
- (c) any objection or representation which has been received by him within the period specified under rule 4(a) and which has not been withdrawn; and
- (d) in a case where a hearing or public inquiry has been held in accordance with Part III, the findings and conclusions submitted to him in accordance with rule 14,

may approve, with such modifications as he may consider necessary, or reject the proposal for the amendment to the Master Plan in whole or in part.

(3) Notwithstanding rule 4, the Minister, if satisfied that a proposal for an amendment to the Master Plan is not material in nature, may approve the proposal without any notice of the proposal being published.

Notice of approval of proposal

7. On receiving notice of the approval of the Minister to any proposal for an amendment to the Master Plan with or without modification thereto, the competent authority shall —

- (a) publish a notice by advertisement of such approval specifying the date of such approval and the place where a certified copy of the approved amendment is deposited for public inspection; and
- (b) where applicable, send a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) to those persons who have objected to or made representations concerning the proposed amendment to the Master Plan.

Public inspection

8.—(1) Where any notice by advertisement required to be given under these Rules refers to the deposit of a certified copy of a proposal for an amendment to the Master Plan or of an approved amendment to the Master Plan, the competent authority shall arrange for such copy to be deposited for public inspection without charge during office hours of the period specified in the notice.

(2) The Master Plan shall be available for public inspection without charge at the