

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

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

Definitions

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

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

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

“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);

“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.

(2) Nothing in these By-laws shall prohibit officers or employees of the Town Council acting in the discharge of their duties or any person acting on the directions of the Town Council from doing any act prohibited by these By-laws.

Unlawful parking, etc.

3. No person shall —

- (a) park any vehicle on any common property or in any open space except in a parking place; or
- (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 wheel-chair used solely for the conveyance of persons suffering from some physical defect or disability.

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, or it appears to the secretary or any officer authorised by the Town Council that any vehicle, which has broken down or permitted to remain at rest on any common property or in any open space, has been abandoned without lawful authority, the secretary or an officer authorised by the Town Council may —

- (a) retain 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 removed to a place of safety.

(2) Where any vehicle is removed under paragraph (1)(b) to a place of safety, the secretary shall, with all reasonable despatch, give notice in writing of the removal to the owner or person who had lawful possession of the vehicle when it was removed that he may, on payment of the expenses incurred by the Town Council in respect of such removal, claim possession of the vehicle within 30 days of such removal.

(3) Where the Town Council has detained or removed or caused the detention or removal of any vehicle to a place of safety under paragraph (1), the owner or person who

had lawful possession of the vehicle when it was detained or removed shall —

- (a) in the case of detention, within the period specified in paragraph (1)(a); or
- (b) in the case of removal, within the period specified in paragraph (2),

pay all expenses incurred by the Town Council in respect of such detention or removal, as the case may be.

Repairing, painting, etc., of vehicles

5.—(1) No person shall 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) 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.

Obstruction of common property

6.—(1) No person shall obstruct or cause or permit the obstruction of the lawful use of any common property with any object, fixture or thing.

(2) The Town Council may remove and detain any object, fixture or thing obstructing the lawful use of any common property.

(3) The Town Council shall immediately give written notice to the owner or person having lawful possession of the object, fixture or thing removed and detained by the Town Council that he may, on payment of the expenses incurred by the Town Council, claim possession of it from the Town Council within 30 days of such removal and detention.

(4) If the object, fixture or thing removed and detained by the Town Council is not claimed by the owner or person having lawful possession thereof within 30 days of such removal and detention, the Town Council may —

- (a) dispose of it by public auction or otherwise; and
- (b) apply the proceeds of the sale to the expenses incurred by the Town Council in the removal and detention, and the surplus, if any, shall be paid to the owner or person having lawful possession thereof.

Obstruction of refuse chutes

7. No person shall throw or deposit or cause or permit to be thrown or deposited into any refuse chute in a building in any housing estate any object, material, thing, article or substance which will or is likely to choke, clog or obstruct the free fall of refuse in the