

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
RATES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1984 No.27
WATER RATES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1984
SEWERAGE RATES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE (NO.2) 1984

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

At the present time only residential ratepayers may pay rates by instalments. All non-residential ratepayers must pay their assessments in full by the due date specified in the assessment notice.

The amendments to the Rates Ordinance 1926, Water Rates Ordinance 1959 and Sewerage Rates Ordinance 1968 (the principal Ordinances) provide all ratepayers with the right to pay by instalments and make consequential amendments relating to the determination of the due date for payment of instalments in various circumstances. Details of the amending Ordinances are as follows.

RATES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1984

Section 1 of the amending Ordinance deals with interpretation. Section 2 provides that the commencement date is 1 July 1984. Section 3 omits from the principal Ordinance sub-sections (3), (3A), (4) and (4A) of section 15 and inserts new sections (3), (4) and (4A) to provide the basis for determination of the due date for payment of instalments. The new provisions are a necessary consequence of the amendment which is made by sub-section 3(b) of the amending Ordinance, the effect of which is to permit owners of non-residential leases to pay by instalments.

WATER RATES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1984

Sections 1 and 3 of the amending Ordinance deal with interpretation. Section 2 provides that the commencement date of the amending Ordinance is 1 July 1984. Section 4 amends section 7 of the principal Ordinance. Previously where the number of residential units owned by one person on a parcel of land is increased during a rating year there is no provision permitting rates to be charged on the additional units. Amending section 7(2) corrects this anomaly and provides a formula for charging for water used by the new units. Sub-sections (3) and (4) are necessary consequential amendments specifying the completion day of new units. Section 5 also makes a consequential amendment which allows the Minister's delegate to serve in writing a notice of increase upon the person liable for the increase in rates caused by additional units altered or erected.

Section 6 serves a similar purpose to section 3 of the amending Rates (Amendment) Ordinance 1984; it provides the basis for determination of the due date for payment of instalments and allows persons liable for water rates in respect of non-residential premises to pay by instalments.

SEWERAGE RATES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE (NO. 2) 1984

Sections 1 and 3 of the amending Ordinance deal with interpretation.

Section 2 provides that the commencement date of the amending Ordinance is 1 July 1984.

Section 4 of the amending Ordinance amends sub-section (3) of section 19 of the principal Ordinance by simplifying its language.

Section 5 of the amending Ordinance serves a similar function to section 3 of the Rates (Amendment) Ordinance 1984.

It amends section 19A of the principal Ordinance dealing with payment of rates and inserts new sub-sections (1), (2), (3) and (4), to provide the basis for determination of the due date for payment of instalments; it amends sub-section (5) to permit persons liable for sewerage rates in respect of non-residential premises to pay by instalments; and it amends sub-section (8) as a minor consequential amendment to clarify the effect of the Ordinance.

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