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THE TERRITORY FOR THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 11 of 1927.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the Division of the Territory into Districts, Divisions and Portions, and to simplify the Description of Land.

BE it ordained by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909* and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*, as follows :—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Districts Ordinance 1927*. Short title.
2. In this Ordinance, unless the contrary intention appears— Definitions.
“ Registrar ” means the Registrar of Titles appointed under the *Real Property Ordinance 1925–1926* ;
“ the Commission ” means the Federal Capital Commission.
3. The Commission may divide the Territory into districts and give to each district a distinguishing name. Division of Territory into districts.
4. When the Commission has divided the Territory into districts it shall forthwith publish in the *Gazette* a plan of the Territory showing the names and boundaries of those districts. Plan of districts.
- 5.—(1.) The Commission shall name one district the “ Canberra City District ”. Canberra City District.
(2.) The Canberra City District shall include within its boundaries the City Area as defined in the *City Area Leases Ordinance 1924–1926*.
(3.) The Commission may divide the Canberra City District into divisions and give to each division a distinguishing number or name.
6. The Commission may divide any district, other than the Canberra City District, into portions or divisions and give to each portion or division a distinguishing number or name. Division of districts into portions.

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Alteration to boundaries.

7. The Commission may alter the boundaries, or the name (other than the name of the Canberra City District) or number, of any district, or division, or portion of a district as the case may be.

Notification in *Gazette* of alterations of boundaries, &c., of districts, divisions and portions.

8.—(1.) Where the Commission divides a district into divisions or portions or alters the boundaries of any district, division or portion, it shall forthwith publish in the *Gazette* a plan of the district showing the boundaries of the divisions or portions, or the alterations, as the case may be.

(2.) Where the Commission alters the name or number of any district or any division or portion of a district, it shall forthwith publish in the *Gazette* a notification of that alteration.

Creation of blocks and sections.

9.—(1.) The Commission may divide, into sections and blocks, a division of the Canberra City District, or a portion of any other district, or a part of a division or portion, and shall cause to be prepared a plan of the division or portion showing the sections and blocks which have been created, and may alter the boundaries and number of any section or block.

(2.) The Commission shall give to each section and each block shown on the plan a distinguishing number.

(3.) Where the boundaries or number of any section or block are altered, the Commission shall cause to be prepared a plan of the division or portion in which the section or block is situated showing the alterations which have been made.

(4.) Every plan of a division or portion prepared in accordance with sub-section (1.) or (3.) of this section shall be—

(a) endorsed by the Officer of the Commission known as the Surveyor in Charge, or such other officer as is thereto authorized in writing by the Commission, with the following certificate:—

“ I certify that this plan is the plan prepared in accordance with sub-section (1.) (or (3.)) (*as the case may be*) of section nine of the *District Ordinance 1927.*”; and

(b) deposited with the Registrar of Titles.

Deposited plans.

10. Where a plan is deposited with the Registrar under the provisions of this Ordinance, the Registrar shall mark thereon the time and date of lodging together with his initials, and the plan shall, if approved by the Registrar, then be a deposited plan.

Deposited plans to be numbered.

11. Each deposited plan shall be numbered consecutively in the order of lodging with the Registrar and shall be marked with the words “ Deposited Plan ”.

Deposited plans to be amendment of.

12. Where a deposited plan amends a deposited plan, the deposited plan affected shall be marked with the word “ amended ” and a reference to the number of the amending deposited plan.

13. A deposited plan, as amended from time to time, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the measurements and boundaries of all areas of land shown thereon. Deposited plans to be conclusive evidence.

14. After the subdivision of any land, and after the plan of the subdivision becomes a deposited plan, the number of any block, the number of the section (if any), the number or name of the division and the name of the district in which the block is included, exhibited on that plan, may be used as sufficient description of the land for the purpose of dealings with that block on the sale or leasing thereof according to the plan of subdivision, and on any subsequent dealings with that block. Number of block on plan sufficient description for purposes of dealing.

15. Every deposited plan shall be open to inspection by any person, at any time during office hours, on payment of a fee of Two shillings. Fees for inspection of deposited plans.

16. In any Ordinance or regulation or instrument thereunder any reference to the City Area shall be read as a reference to the Canberra City District. References to City Area.

Dated this nineteenth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

STONEHAVEN,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

C. W. C. MARR,
Minister of State for Home and Territories.