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An Ordinance to provide for temporary measures to reduce the impact of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) including to modify the relevant provisions in the Ordinances referred to in the Schedule.

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ENACTED by the Legislature of Sarawak—

PART I
PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Temporary Measures for Reducing the Impact of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Ordinance, 2020.

(2) This Ordinance shall be deemed to have come into force on 18th March, 2020 and shall continue to remain in operation for a period of two years from the date of publication of this Ordinance.

(3) The Chief Minister may, by order published in the *Gazette*, extend the operation of this Ordinance and the order for extension may be made more than once.

Interpretation

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Ordinance” includes subsidiary legislation made thereunder; and

“period” means the period stated in the Schedule pursuant to section 6 of the Ordinance.

Modification to Ordinances

3. The Ordinances listed in the Schedule are modified in the

manner specified in Part II.

Prevailing law

4. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Ordinance and any other written law, the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail and the conflicting or inconsistent provisions of such other written law shall be deemed to be superseded to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency.

Reference to COVID-19

5. In this Ordinance, any reference to “COVID-19” is a reference to “Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)”.

PART II MODIFICATIONS TO PERIOD STATED IN ORDINANCES

Extension of period

6. The period specified in the Ordinances listed in the Schedule which expires during the period from 18th March, 2020 to 31st August, 2020 shall be extended to 31st December, 2020.

Provided that the Minister charged with the responsibility for any Ordinance listed in the Schedule may, subject to section 1(3) by notification in the *Gazette*, extend the period provided in this section.

Extension of time to perform statutory duty or obligation

7.—(1) The Minister charged with the responsibility for any Ordinance may, if the Minister is of the opinion that any statutory duty or obligation is not possible to be performed within the time stipulated in such Ordinance by any authority during the period from 18th March, 2020 to the date in which this Ordinance remains in force under section 1 due to the measures prescribed, made or taken under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act, 1988 [*Act 342*] and the Protection of Public Health Ordinance, 1999 [*Cap. 30*] to control or prevent the spread of COVID-19, by order published in the *Gazette*, extend the time for the authority to perform its statutory duties or obligations.

(2) Any order made under subsection (1) may be made to operate retrospectively to any date which is not earlier than 18th March, 2020.

(3) No authority shall be liable to any damages in respect of any failure to perform any statutory duty or obligation within the time stipulated in such Ordinance.

Alternative arrangement for statutory meeting

8.—(1) The Minister charged with the responsibility for any Ordinance may, if the Minister is of the opinion that any statutory meeting is not possible to be convened, held or conducted in the manner provided in such Ordinance during the period from 18th March, 2020 to the date in which this Ordinance remains in force under section 1 due to the measures prescribed, made or taken under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act, 1988 [Act 342] and the Protection of Public Health Ordinance, 1999 [Cap. 30] control or prevent the spread of COVID-19, by order published in the *Gazette*, provide for alternative arrangements for such meeting.

(2) Any statutory meeting convened, held or conducted not in the manner provided for in any Ordinance regulating such statutory meeting on and after 18th March, 2020 and before the making of the order under subsection (1) shall be deemed to have been validly convened, held or conducted.

Power to amend Schedule

9. The Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri may by notification in the *Gazette*, amend the Schedule.

Power to make regulations

10. Notwithstanding section 6, the Minister charged with the responsibility for any Ordinance listed in the Schedule may, with the approval of the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri and subject to section 1(3), make regulations to provide further measures to reduce the impact of Covid-19, and any regulation made under this Ordinance shall prevail over any other regulations for the time being in force.

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(Section 6)

<i>No.</i>	<i>Ordinances</i>	<i>Sections/Regulations</i>
1.	Native Courts Ordinance, 1992 [Ord. No. 9/92]	20(3A)(a), 12(3)
2.	Local Authorities Ordinance, 1996 [Cap. 20]	66(3), 67(1), 69(3), 70
3.	Land Use (Control of Prescribed Trading Activities) Ordinance, 1997 [Cap. 23]	6(1), 8(3)
4.	Wildlife Protection Ordinance, 1998 [Cap. 26]	11(1)(b), 19(1)
5.	National Parks and Nature Reserves Ordinance, 1998 [Cap. 27]	10(1)(c), 18(1)
6.	Veterinary Public Health Ordinance, 1999 [Cap. 32]	44(5)
7.	State Fisheries Ordinance, 2003 [Cap. 54]	15(2)(b)
8.	Minerals Ordinance, 2004 [Cap. 56]	22(7), 24(2), 24(4), 27(2), 34, 37(4), 44(8), 48(1), 48(2), 48(3), 48(5), 48(7), 48(9), 48(10), 63(9), 65(2), 65(4), 74(6), 86(3), 94(2)
9.	(a) Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Ordinance, 2013 [Cap. 69]	10(1)(a), 10(1)(d), 10(2), 33, 42(3), 42(7)(c)
	(b) Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Regulations, 2014 [Swk. L.N. 105/2014]	Form B and Form C in the Schedule read with Regulation 9
10.	Forests Ordinance, 2015 [Cap. 71]	8(1)(b), 12(1), 17(1), 22(3), 22(4), 29(2)(b), 32(4), 42(3), 42(5), 43(1), 64(3)
11.	Land Code [Cap. 81 (1958 Ed.)]	5(4)(a), 6A(4), 10(6), 10(7), 15(2)(b), 33(6)(a), 33(3)(a), 33A(b), 34(6), 56(3)(a), 95(2), 102(1), 202, 237(2)

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