

For information  
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**The Legislative Council Subcommittee on  
Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Public Pleasure Grounds)  
(Amendment of Fourth Schedule) (No. 2) Order 2019**

**Purpose**

This paper briefs Members on the background of the above-mentioned subsidiary legislation, principles for naming public pleasure grounds and gazettal arrangements of the addition, deletion and amendment of public pleasure grounds.

**Background**

2. Part X of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) (the Ordinance) provides for the provision, management and control, etc. of public pleasure grounds. Under sections 106(1) and (6) of the Ordinance, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), in capacity as the Authority of the two provisions, may by order set aside places for use as public pleasure grounds, and may by order amend, or add to or delete from the Fourth Schedule. Section 106(2) of the Ordinance provides that the places specified in the Fourth Schedule shall be deemed to have been set aside for use as public pleasure grounds under section 106(1) of the Ordinance. The setting aside of venues as public pleasure grounds will enable the Authority to enforce the Pleasure Grounds Regulations (Cap. 132, subsidiary legislation BC) in the venues.

**Principles for naming public pleasure grounds**

3. LCSD assigns names to leisure venues handed over to the department for management and then sets aside such venues for use as public pleasure grounds by amending the Fourth Schedule under the above Ordinance. LCSD proposes names for leisure venues under the following principles:

(i) Size of venue

For instance, an open space provided with active and passive facilities and covering an area of more than one hectare will be named a park while that of less than one hectare will be named a

garden. Normally, a sitting-out area only provides passive facilities and has an area smaller than 0.5 hectare.

(ii) Types of facilities

For example, parks, sports grounds, sports centres, soccer pitches, tennis courts, basketball courts, etc.

(iii) Location of facilities

For instance, a passive facility located along waterfront can be named a promenade. The naming of facilities may make reference to the name of the place, street, village and nearby landmark where the facilities are located.

LCSD will consult departments concerned after proposing names for venues, and then consult the District Councils concerned on the proposed names.

### **Ceasing to set aside a venue for use as public pleasure ground**

4. LCSD ceases to set aside a venue for a public pleasure ground in the light of different circumstances, including handing over of site for other development uses, site extension, etc.

### **Proposed addition, deletion and amendment of public pleasure grounds and the related gazettal arrangements**

5. The proposed amendment by LCSD is to commence the process for amending the Fourth Schedule relating to the proposal to set aside nine places for use as public pleasure grounds and to cease to set aside one place for use as a public pleasure ground under the Ordinance mentioned in paragraph 2 above. Please refer to the Annex for details of the venues.

6. In line with the established practice regarding addition, deletion and amendment of public pleasure grounds in previous years, the amendment was gazetted by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services on 5 July 2019 with immediate effect on the same day so as to facilitate effective regulation of those leisure venues by LCSD in accordance with the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) and its subsidiary legislation. After publication in the gazette, the Amendment Order was tabled at the subsequent meeting of the Legislative Council (i.e. 16 October 2019) for negative vetting.

Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
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**Details of Proposed Addition, Deletion and Amendment of  
Public Pleasure Grounds**

| Venue  | Details   |
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| <b>Places set aside for use as public pleasure grounds</b> |   |
| Tai Po Central Sitting-out Area                            | Located at On Pong Road in Tai Po and covering an area of 0.14 hectare, the venue was developed by the Home Affairs Department (HAD). Facilities provided in the venue include elderly fitness equipment, children's play equipment, pebble walking trail, arbour, benches and greening facilities. |
| Cattle Depot Art Park                                      | Located at San Shan Road in To Kwa Wan and covering an area of 0.6 hectare, the venue was developed by HAD. Facilities provided in the venue include rain shelter, benches, amenity lawn area, public toilets and baby-care room.   |
| Eastern District Cultural Square                           | Located at Tam Kung Temple Road in Shau Kei Wan and covering an area of 0.48 hectare, the venue was developed by HAD. Facilities provided in the venue include covered stage and greening facilities.   |
| Sheung On Street Pet Garden                                | Located at Sheung On Street in Chai Wan and covering an area of 0.04 hectare, the venue was developed by HAD. Facilities provided in the venue include pet garden, rain shelter, benches and greening facilities.   |
| Tai Wai Soccer Pitch                                       | Located at the Decking of Shing Mun River in Sha Tin and covering an area of 0.2 hectare, the venue was developed by HAD. Facilities provided in the venue include an outdoor 5-a-side hard-surface soccer pitch, spectator stand, rain shelter, benches and greening facilities.                   |

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| Tit Shu Street Sitting-out Area   | Located at Tit Shu Street in Tai Kok Tsui and covering an area of 0.04 hectare, the venue was developed by HAD. Facilities provided in the venue include arbour, benches and greening facilities.   |
| Wu Tip Shan Sitting-out Area  | Located at Wah Ming Road in Fanling and covering an area of 0.10 hectare, the venue was developed by HAD. Facilities provided in the venue include fitness equipment, elderly fitness equipment, chess table, arbour, benches, water dispenser and greening facilities.   |
| Kennedy Town Swimming Pool Sitting-out Area                             | The venue is located at Kennedy Town Praya and covers an area of 0.03 hectare. In support of the construction of West Island Line (WIL), some open spaces in the Western District were temporarily used as works sites. Upon completion of the construction of WIL, reprovisioning of the public open spaces affected was carried out by the MTR Corporation Limited, including the reprovisioning of this sitting-out area next to Kennedy Town Swimming Pool at Shing Sai Road for public use. Facilities provided in the venue include elderly fitness equipment, children's play equipment, benches, landscaped area and open space, etc. |
| Oil Street Sitting-out Area   | The venue is located at Oil Street in North Point and covers an area of 0.38 hectares. The Town Planning Board permitted the developer's proposals for comprehensive development of the area for hotel and residential uses on Oil Street Lot No. 8920 in 2012 and for provision of not less than 0.35 hectare of public open space. Facilities to be provided in the sitting-out area include landscaped walkway, landscaped area and open space, etc.   |
| <b>Place ceased being set aside for use as a public pleasure ground</b> |   |
| Hoi Bun Road Sitting-out Area   | Located at Hoi Bun Road in Kwun Tong and covering an area of 0.07 hectare, Hoi Bun Road Sitting-out Area has been included into the Kwun Tong Promenade as an extension of it.  |