## BUILDING MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2005

#### COMMITTEE STAGE

# Amendments to be moved by the Secretary for Home Affairs

## Clause

#### Amendment Proposed

2 By deleting the clause and substituting -

#### "2. Commencement

This Ordinance shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Home Affairs by notice published in the Gazette.".

In the proposed definition of "member", by deleting

"paragraph 2(1)(a) or 5(2)(a) of Schedule 2" and substituting

"section 14(2) or paragraph 2(1)(b), 5(2)(a), 6 or 6A of

Schedule 2".

New By adding -

#### "3A. Section added

The following is added in Part I -

# "2B. References to majority of votes

For the avoidance of doubt, in determining whether a resolution is passed by a majority of the

votes of owners, or members of a management committee, at a meeting convened under this

Ordinance, the following shall be disregarded -

- (a) owners or members, as the case may
   be, who are not present at the
   meeting;
- (b) owners or members, as the case may
   be, who are present at the meeting
   but do not vote;
- (c) blank or invalid votes;
- (d) abstentions.".".
- 4(b) In the proposed section 3(2)(a), in the Chinese text, by deleting "多數票" and substituting "過半數票".
- 4(c) (a) In the proposed section 3(3)(a), by deleting "any person referred to in subsection (1)(b)" and substituting "the person referred to in subsection (1)(b) (if any)".
  - (b) In the proposed section 3(3)(b), by deleting "any person referred to in subsection (1)(a)" and substituting "the person referred to in subsection (1)(a) (if any)".
  - (c) In the proposed section 3(3)(c), by deleting "any person referred to in subsection (1)(a) or (b)" and substituting "the person referred to in subsection

- (1)(a) or (b) (if any)".
- (d) By deleting the proposed section 3(4)(b) and substituting -
  - "(b) the resolutions that are to be proposed at the meeting and are related only to the appointment of a management committee and the incorporation of the owners.".
- (e) In the proposed section 3(6), by deleting everything after "building" and substituting a full stop.
- (f) In the proposed section 3(10)(a)(ii), by deleting
   "sealed or stamped with the seal or stamp" and
   substituting "impressed with the seal or chop".
- (g) By deleting the proposed section 3(10)(b) and (c) and substituting -
  - "(b) the instrument appointing a proxy shall be lodged with the convenor at least 48 hours before the time for the holding of the meeting;
    - (c) the instrument appointing a proxy is valid only if
       it is made and lodged in accordance with paragraphs
       (a) and (b);
    - (d) a proxy appointed by an owner to attend and vote on behalf of the owner shall, for the purposes of the meeting, be treated as being the owner present at the meeting; and

- (e) where an instrument appointing a proxy is lodged with the convenor, the convenor shall -
  - (i) acknowledge receipt of the instrument by leaving a receipt at the flat of the owner who made the instrument, or depositing the receipt in the letter box for that flat, before the time for the holding of the meeting;
  - (ii) determine the validity of the instrument
     in accordance with paragraph (c); and
  - (iii) display information of the owner's flat in a prominent place in the place of the meeting before the time for the holding of the meeting, and cause the information to remain so displayed until the conclusion of the meeting.".

#### (h) By adding -

- "(11) Subject to subsection (12), the convenor shall keep all the instruments for the appointment of proxies that have been lodged with him for a period of at least 12 months after the conclusion of the meeting.
- (12) Where a management committee is appointed at a meeting of owners convened under this section -

- (a) the convenor shall deliver to the management committee immediately after the conclusion of the meeting all the instruments for the appointment of proxies that have been lodged with him; and
- (b) the management committee shall keep the instruments for a period of at least 12 months after the conclusion of the meeting.
- (13) Subject to subsection (14), where a meeting of owners convened under this section is adjourned, subsections (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) and (12) shall apply to the adjourned meeting as they apply to the original meeting.
- (14) Where a meeting of owners convened under this section is adjourned, a valid instrument appointing a proxy made for the purposes of the original meeting shall remain valid for the purposes of the adjourned meeting unless -
  - (a) contrary intention is shown on the
     instrument;
  - (b) the instrument is revoked; or

- (c) the instrument is replaced by a new instrument appointing a proxy.".
- 5(c) (a) In the proposed section 3A(3A), by deleting "any person referred to in section 3(1)(a) or (b)" and substituting "the person referred to in section 3(1)(a) or (b) (if any)".
  - (b) By deleting the proposed section 3A(3B)(b) and substituting -
    - "(b) the resolutions that are to be proposed at the meeting and are related only to the appointment of a management committee and the incorporation of the owners.".
  - (c) In the proposed section 3A(3D), by deleting everything after "building" and substituting a full stop.
  - (d) In the proposed section 3A(3H)(a)(ii), by deleting
     "sealed or stamped with the seal or stamp" and
     substituting "impressed with the seal or chop".
  - (e) By deleting the proposed section 3A(3H)(b) and (c) and substituting -
    - "(b) the instrument appointing a proxy shall be lodged with the convenor at least 48 hours before the time for the holding of the meeting;

- (c) the instrument appointing a proxy is valid only if
   it is made and lodged in accordance with paragraphs
   (a) and (b);
- (d) a proxy appointed by an owner to attend and vote on behalf of the owner shall, for the purposes of the meeting, be treated as being the owner present at the meeting; and
- (e) where an instrument appointing a proxy is lodged with the convenor, the convenor shall -
  - (i) acknowledge receipt of the instrument by leaving a receipt at the flat of the owner who made the instrument, or depositing the receipt in the letter box for that flat, before the time for the holding of the meeting;
  - (ii) determine the validity of the instrument
     in accordance with paragraph (c); and
  - (iii) display information of the owner's flat in a prominent place in the place of the meeting before the time for the holding of the meeting, and cause the information to remain so displayed until the conclusion of the meeting.".

- (f) By adding -
  - "(3I) Subject to subsection (3J), the convenor shall keep all the instruments for the appointment of proxies that have been lodged with him for a period of at least 12 months after the conclusion of the meeting.
  - (3J) Where a management committee is appointed at a meeting of owners convened under this section -
    - (a) the convenor shall deliver to the management committee immediately after the conclusion of the meeting all the instruments for the appointment of proxies that have been lodged with him; and
    - (b) the management committee shall keep the instruments for a period of at least 12 months after the conclusion of the meeting.
  - (3K) Subject to subsection (3L), where a meeting of owners convened under this section is adjourned, subsections (3A), (3B), (3C), (3D), (3E), (3F), (3G), (3H), (3I) and (3J) shall apply to the adjourned meeting as they apply to the original meeting.

- (3L) Where a meeting of owners convened under this section is adjourned, a valid instrument appointing a proxy made for the purposes of the original meeting shall remain valid for the purposes of the adjourned meeting unless -
  - (a) contrary intention is shown on the
     instrument;
  - (b) the instrument is revoked; or
  - (c) the instrument is replaced by a new instrument appointing a proxy.".
- 6(b) (a) In the proposed section 4(5), by deleting "any person referred to in section 3(1)(a) or (b)" and substituting "the person referred to in section 3(1)(a) or (b) (if any)".
  - (b) By deleting the proposed section 4(6)(b) and substituting -
    - "(b) the resolutions that are to be proposed at the meeting and are related only to the appointment of a management committee and the incorporation of the owners.".
  - (c) In the proposed section 4(8), by deleting everything after "building" and substituting a full stop.

- (d) In the proposed section 4(12)(a)(ii), by deleting
   "sealed or stamped with the seal or stamp" and
   substituting "impressed with the seal or chop".
- (e) By deleting the proposed section 4(12)(b) and (c) and substituting -
  - "(b) the instrument appointing a proxy shall be lodged with the convenor at least 48 hours before the time for the holding of the meeting;
    - (c) the instrument appointing a proxy is valid only if
       it is made and lodged in accordance with paragraphs
       (a) and (b);
    - (d) a proxy appointed by an owner to attend and vote on behalf of the owner shall, for the purposes of the meeting, be treated as being the owner present at the meeting; and
    - (e) where an instrument appointing a proxy is lodged with the convenor, the convenor shall -
      - (i) acknowledge receipt of the instrument by
        leaving a receipt at the flat of the
         owner who made the instrument, or
         depositing the receipt in the letter box
         for that flat, before the time for the
         holding of the meeting;

- (ii) determine the validity of the instrument
   in accordance with paragraph (c); and
- (iii) display information of the owner's flat in a prominent place in the place of the meeting before the time for the holding of the meeting, and cause the information to remain so displayed until the conclusion of the meeting.".

## (f) By adding -

- "(13) Subject to subsection (14), the convenor shall keep all the instruments for the appointment of proxies that have been lodged with him for a period of at least 12 months after the conclusion of the meeting.
- (14) Where a management committee is appointed at a meeting of owners convened under this section -
  - (a) the convenor shall deliver to the management committee immediately after the conclusion of the meeting all the instruments for the appointment of proxies that have been lodged with him; and

- (b) the management committee shall keep the instruments for a period of at least 12 months after the conclusion of the meeting.
- (15) Subject to subsection (16), where a meeting of owners convened under this section is adjourned, subsections (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13) and (14) shall apply to the adjourned meeting as they apply to the original meeting.
- (16) Where a meeting of owners convened under this section is adjourned, a valid instrument appointing a proxy made for the purposes of the original meeting shall remain valid for the purposes of the adjourned meeting unless -
  - (a) contrary intention is shown on the
     instrument;
  - (b) the instrument is revoked; or
  - (c) the instrument is replaced by a new instrument appointing a proxy.".
- 9(c) In the proposed section 7(3)(e), by deleting "paragraph 2(1)(a)" and substituting "paragraph 2(1)(b)".

New By adding -

#### "9A. Incorporation

Section 8 is amended by adding -

"(1A) The Land Registrar shall not issue a certificate of registration to more than one corporation for a building in respect of which a deed of mutual covenant is in force.".".

10 By deleting the clause and substituting -

# "10. Land Registrar to maintain register of corporations

Section 12 is amended -

- (a) in subsection (1), by adding ", and permit any person to inspect the register at any reasonable time to ascertain, in connection with the management of buildings, the particulars of a corporation entered in the register under subsection (2)" after "corporations";
- (b) in subsection (2) -
  - (i) by repealing paragraph (d) and
    substituting -
    - "(d) the name and address
       of -

- (i) the chairman
   of the
   management
   committee;
- (iii) the
   secretary of
   the
   management
   committee;
  - (iv) the
     treasurer of
     the
     management
     committee;
     and
    - (v) any other
       person who
       is a member
       of the

management

committee

but does not

fall within

the

description

of

subparagraph

(i), (ii),

(iii) or

(iv); ";

# (ii) by adding -

"(da) the name and address

of the insurance

company with which

the corporation has

effected a policy of

insurance under

section 28(1) and

the period covered

by the policy of

insurance;".".

New By adding -

#### "10A. Powers of corporation generally

Section 14 is amended by adding -

- "(4) Paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 shall, with necessary modifications, apply for the purposes of appointing an owner to replace a member of the management committee by the corporation under subsection (2), as it applies for the purposes of appointing an owner to fill a vacancy in a management committee by the corporation."."
- 11(a) (a) By deleting subparagraph (ii) and substituting -
  - "(ii) by repealing "secretary, treasurer and other holders of office of the management committee appointed in accordance with the Second Schedule" and substituting "secretary and treasurer of the management committee appointed under section 14(2) or paragraph 2(1), 5(2), 6 or 6A of Schedule 2";".
    - (b) By adding -
      - "(iii) by adding "in aggregate" before "not exceeding";".

13 By deleting the clause and substituting -

# "13. Supplies, goods and services

Section 20A is amended -

- (a) in subsection (2) -
  - (i) by repealing "Any" and
     substituting "Subject to
     subsection (2A), any";
  - (ii) in paragraph (a), by repealing
    "\$100,000" and substituting
    "\$200,000";
  - (iii) in paragraph (b), by repealing
     "as may be approved by the
     corporation by a resolution
     passed at a general meeting"
     and substituting "as the
     Authority may specify by notice
     in the Gazette";
- (b) by adding -
  - "(2A) Subsection (2) does not apply to any supplies, goods or services which but for this subsection would be required to be procured by a corporation by invitation to tender (referred to in

this subsection as "relevant supplies, goods or services") if -

- supplies, goods or services are of the same type as any supplies, goods or services which are for the time being supplied to the corporation by a supplier; and
- (b) the corporation

  decides by a

  resolution of the

  owners passed at a

  general meeting of

  the corporation that

  the relevant

  supplies, goods or

  services shall be

  procured from that

  supplier on such

  terms and conditions

as specified in the resolution, instead of by invitation to tender.

- (2B) Where any supplies, goods or services are required under subsection (2)(b) to be procured by invitation to tender, whether a tender submitted for the purpose is accepted or not shall be decided by a resolution of the owners passed at a general meeting of the corporation.";
- (c) by repealing subsection (3);
- (d) by adding -
  - "(5) A contract for the procurement of any supplies, goods or services shall not be void by reason only that it does not comply with subsection (1).
  - (6) Where any supplies, goods or services are required under subsection (2) to be procured by invitation to tender, a contract for

the procurement of the supplies, goods or services which does not comply with subsection (2) or (2B) -

- resolution passed by
  the corporation under
  paragraph (b) or any
  order made by the
  court under
  subsection (7), shall
  not be void by reason
  only that it does not
  comply with
  subsection (2) or
  (2B);
- (b) subject to any order
   made by the court
   under subsection (7),
   may be avoided by the
   corporation by a
   resolution of the
   owners passed at a
   general meeting of
   the corporation but

only for the reason that it does not comply with subsection (2) or (2B).

- (7) In any legal proceedings in relation to a contract for the procurement of any supplies, goods or services to which subsection (2) or (2B) applies, the court may make such orders (including whether the contract is void or voidable) and give such directions in respect of the rights and obligations of the contractual parties as the court thinks fit having regard to all the circumstances of the case, including (but not limited to) the following factors -
  - (a) whether the supplies,
     goods or services
     have been procured by
     invitation to tender;

- (b) whether a general
   meeting of the
   corporation has been
   convened to consider
   the procurement of
   the supplies, goods
   or services;
- (c) whether the Code of
   Practice referred to
   in subsection (1) has
   been complied with;
- has been split, for
  the sole purpose of
  avoiding the
  compliance of the
  requirements in
  subsection (2) or
  (2B), from a
  contract which should
  have been made for
  the procurement of
  supplies, goods or
  services of greater

value;

- (e) whether the supplies,
   goods or services
   were urgently
   required;
- (f) the progress of any
   activities or works
   in relation to the
   supplies, goods or
   services;
- (g) whether the owners
   have benefited from
   the contract;
- (h) whether the owners
   have incurred any
   financial loss due to
   the contract and the
   extent thereof;
- (i) whether the supplier
   of the supplies,
   goods or services
   under the contract
   has acted in good
   faith;

- (j) whether the supplier
   of the supplies,
   goods or services
   under the contract
   has benefited from
   the contract; and
- (k) whether the supplier
   of the supplies,
   goods or services
   under the contract
   has incurred any
   financial loss due to
   the contract and the
   extent thereof.
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (7), where the court makes an order that the contract is voidable at the instance of the corporation, it shall also make an order that a general meeting of the corporation be convened and held in such manner as the court thinks fit, so as to decide whether the contract is to be avoided.

(9) For the avoidance of doubt, subject to section 29A, any person who enters into a contract for the procurement of any supplies, goods or services otherwise than in compliance with subsection (2) or, if applicable, subsection (2B) shall may be personally liable for any claims arising from the contract."."

New By adding -

#### "13A. Section added

The following is added -

# "26A. Management committee to display information about legal proceedings

A management committee shall notify the owners of any legal proceedings to which the corporation is a party -

(a) in the case of proceedings against the corporation, by displaying a notice containing the particulars of the proceedings in a prominent place in the building within 7 days of

- receiving any court documents

  commencing the proceedings, and

  causing the notice to remain so

  displayed for at least 7 consecutive

  days;
- (b) in the case of proceedings by the corporation, by displaying a notice containing the particulars of the proceedings in a prominent place in the building within 7 days of issuing any court documents commencing the proceedings, and causing the notice to remain so displayed for at least 7 consecutive days."."
- 14 By deleting paragraph (a) and substituting -
  - "(a) in subsection (1), by repealing everything after
    "every 12 months," and substituting -
    - "financial statements which -
      - (a) shall be signed by -
        - (i) the chairman of the
           management committee;
          and

- (ii) the secretary or the
   treasurer of the
   management committee;
- (b) if subsection (1A) is
   applicable, shall be audited
   under that subsection; and
- (c) together with the accountant's
   report made under subsection
   (1A), if any, shall be laid
   before the corporation at the
   annual general meeting of the
   corporation convened in
   accordance with paragraph 1(1)
   of Schedule 3.";".
- 14(c) In subparagraph (ii), by deleting the full stop and substituting a semicolon.
- 14 By adding -
  - "(d) in subsection (4), by adding "the inspection of any
    documents referred to in such accounts and
    records," after "records),".".

- In the proposed section 29A(1), by adding "and in a reasonable manner" after "in good faith".
- 16 By adding -
  - "(aa) by repealing the definition of "owners' committee" and substituting -
    - ""owners' committee" (業主委員會), in relation

      to a building, means the committee of

      owners (howsoever named) formed under or

      in accordance with the deed of mutual

      covenant in respect of the building.";".
- 17 By deleting the clause and substituting -

# "17. Right to establish corporation and conduct business

Section 34J(4)(a) is amended by repealing "Part II" and substituting "section 3, 3A, 4 or 40C".

- 19(a) In the proposed section 40C(3), in the Chinese text, by deleting "多數票" and substituting "過半數票".
- 19(c) In the proposed section 40C(4), by deleting "any person referred to in section 3(1)(a) or (b)" and substituting "the person referred to in section 3(1)(a) or (b) (if any)".

- 19(d) (a) By deleting the proposed section 40C(5)(b) and substituting -
  - "(b) the resolutions that are to be proposed at the meeting and are related only to the appointment of a management committee, the incorporation of the owners and the appointment of a building management agent.".
  - (b) In the proposed section 40C(7), by deleting everything after "building" and substituting a full stop.
  - (c) In the proposed section 40C(11)(a)(ii), by deleting
     "sealed or stamped with the seal or stamp" and
     substituting "impressed with the seal or chop".
  - (d) By deleting the proposed section 40C(11)(b) and (c) and substituting -
    - "(b) the instrument appointing a proxy shall be lodged with the convenor at least 48 hours before the time for the holding of the meeting;
      - (c) the instrument appointing a proxy is valid only if
         it is made and lodged in accordance with paragraphs
         (a) and (b);

- (d) a proxy appointed by an owner to attend and vote on behalf of the owner shall, for the purposes of the meeting, be treated as being the owner present at the meeting; and
- (e) where an instrument appointing a proxy is lodged with the convenor, the convenor shall -
  - (i) acknowledge receipt of the instrument by
    leaving a receipt at the flat of the
     owner who made the instrument, or
     depositing the receipt in the letter box
     for that flat, before the time for the
     holding of the meeting;
  - (ii) determine the validity of the instrument
     in accordance with paragraph (c); and
  - (iii) display information of the owner's flat in a prominent place in the place of the meeting before the time for the holding of the meeting, and cause the information to remain so displayed until the conclusion of the meeting.".
- (e) By adding -

- "(12) Subject to subsection (13), the convenor shall keep all the instruments for the appointment of proxies that have been lodged with him for a period of at least 12 months after the conclusion of the meeting.
- (13) Where a management committee or building management agent is appointed at a meeting of owners convened under this section -
  - (a) the convenor shall deliver to the management committee or building management agent, as the case may be, immediately after the conclusion of the meeting all the instruments for the appointment of proxies that have been lodged with him; and
  - (b) the management committee or building management agent, as the case may be, shall keep the instruments for a period of at least 12 months after the conclusion of the meeting.
- (14) Subject to subsection (15), where a meeting of owners convened under this section is adjourned, subsections (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12) and (13) shall apply to the adjourned meeting as they apply to the original meeting.

- (15) Where a meeting of owners convened under this section is adjourned, a valid instrument appointing a proxy made for the purposes of the original meeting shall remain valid for the purposes of the adjourned meeting unless -
  - (a) contrary intention is shown on the
     instrument;
  - (b) the instrument is revoked; or
  - (c) the instrument is replaced by a new instrument appointing a proxy.".
- 20 By adding before paragraph (a) -
  - - (ac) by repealing subparagraph (v);".
- 20(a) By adding "insolvency or" before "winding up".
- 20 By deleting paragraph (b) and substituting -
  - "(b) by adding -

- 22 In the proposed Schedule 1A, by deleting Forms 1 and 2 and substituting -

#### "FORM 1

INSTRUMENT OF PROXY FOR MEETINGS OF OWNERS

CONVENED UNDER SECTION 3, 3A, 4 OR 40C OF
OR PARAGRAPH 8 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE
BUILDING MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE
(CAP. 344)

Meeting of the owners of .....

(description of building)
I/We,(name(s) of owner(s)),
being the owner(s) of
(unit and address of building),
hereby appoint(name of proxy)
*[or failing him(name of
alternative proxy)], as my/our proxy to attend and vote on
my/our behalf at the meeting of the owners of the building
described above, to be held on the day of

*[and at any adjournment thereof].
Dated this day of .
(Signature of owner(s))
*Delete where inapplicable.
FORM 2
INSTRUMENT OF PROXY FOR MEETINGS OF CORPORATION  CONVENED UNDER PARAGRAPH 6A OF SCHEDULE 2  OR PARAGRAPH 1 OF SCHEDULE 3 TO  THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT  ORDINANCE (CAP. 344)
The Incorporated Owners of
I/We,(name(s) of owner(s)), being the owner(s) of
(unit and address of building),
hereby appoint(name of proxy)
*[or failing him(name of
alternative proxy)], as my/our proxy to attend and vote on
my/our behalf at the [*general meeting/annual general meeting]
of The Incorporated Owners of

(description of building), to be held on the ...... day

of .....\*[and at any adjournment thereof].

Dated this day of

(Signature of owner(s))

\*Delete where inapplicable.".

- 23(b) By adding "18," after "14,".
- 23 By deleting paragraph (c) and substituting -
  - "(c) by repealing paragraph 1 and substituting -
    - "1. (1) The number of members of a management committee shall be as follows -
      - (a) where the building contains not
         more than 50 flats, the number
         of members shall be not less
         than 3;
      - (b) where the building contains
         more than 50 flats but not more
         than 100 flats, the number of
         members shall be not less than
         7;

- (c) where the building contains
   more than 100 flats, the number
   of members shall be not less
   than 9.
- (2) Subject to subparagraph (1), the number of members of a management committee shall be decided by a resolution of the owners under paragraph 2(1)(a).
- (3) Subject to subparagraph (1), the number of members of a management committee as decided under paragraph 2(1)(a) may be changed from time to time by a resolution of the owners passed at a general meeting of the corporation (except a general meeting of the corporation convened under paragraph 6A(1)).
- (4) A management committee shall include
  the tenants' representative (if any)
  appointed under section 15(1).";".
- 23(d) (a) In subparagraph (i), by deleting the proposed paragraph  $2(1) \ \ \text{and substituting -}$ 
  - "(1) At a meeting of owners convened under section
    3, 3A, 4 or 40C, after a management committee is
    appointed -

- (a) the owners shall, by a resolution passed by a majority of the votes of the owners, decide the number of members of the management committee;
- (b) subject to subparagraph (2), the owners shall, by resolution, appoint, from amongst the owners, the members of the management committee;
- (c) the owners shall, by resolution -
  - (i) appoint a person, from amongst
     the members of the management
     committee, as the chairman of
     the management committee;
  - (ii) appoint a person, whether or
     not he is a member of the
     management committee, as the
     secretary of the management
     committee; and
  - (iii) appoint a person, whether or
     not he is a member of the
     management committee, as the
     treasurer of the management
     committee; and

- (d) the owners may, by resolution, appoint a person, from amongst the members of the management committee, as the vicechairman of the management committee.".
- (b) In subparagraph (ii) -
  - (i) by adding -
    - "(2A) For the purposes of appointing the members of a management committee under subparagraph (1)(b) -
      - (a) where the number of candidates
         is not more than the number of
         members of the management
         committee to be appointed, the
         candidates shall be deemed to
         be appointed as members of the
         management committee, and a
         resolution to that effect
         shall be deemed to be passed
         under subparagraph (1)(b)
         accordingly;
      - (b) where there are more
         candidates than the number of
         members of the management
         committee to be appointed -

- (i) the votes shall be
   given and counted in
   accordance with the
   simple or relative
   majority system of
   voting (otherwise
   known as the "first
   past the post" system
   of voting), under
   which -
  - (A) an owner may
    vote for not
    more than the
    number of
    members of the
    management
    committee to be
    appointed; and
  - (B) the candidates

    to be appointed

    as members of

    the management

    committee are

    those who obtain

the greatest
number of votes
and then the
next greatest
and so on until
the required
number of
members of the
management
committee is
appointed;

(ii) if, after the
 counting is finished,
 a member of the
 management committee
 is still to be
 appointed and the
 most successful
 candidates remaining
 have an equal number
 of votes, the person
 who presides at the
 meeting shall
 determine the result

by drawing lots, and
the candidate on whom
the lot falls is to
be appointed as a
member of the
management committee.

- (2B) For the purposes of appointing the chairman, vice-chairman (if applicable), secretary and treasurer of a management committee under subparagraph (1)(c) and (d) -
  - (a) where there is only one
     candidate for the office of the
     chairman, vice-chairman,
     secretary or treasurer of the
     management committee, the
     candidate shall be deemed to be
     appointed as the chairman,
     vice-chairman, secretary or
     treasurer, as the case may be,
     of the management committee,
     and a resolution to that effect
     shall be deemed to be passed
     under subparagraph (1)(c) or
     (d), as the case may be,

accordingly;

- (b) where there is more than one
   candidate for the office of the
   chairman, vice-chairman,
   secretary or treasurer of the
   management committee
  - the votes shall be (i) given and counted in accordance with the simple or relative majority system of voting (otherwise known as the "first past the post" system of voting), under which the candidate to be appointed as the chairman, vicechairman, secretary or treasurer, as the case may be, of the management committee is the candidate who obtains the greatest

number of votes;

(ii) if, after the counting is finished, the most successful candidates for the office of the chairman, vicechairman, secretary or treasurer of the management committee have an equal number of votes, the person who presides at the meeting shall determine the result by drawing lots, and the candidate on whom the lot falls is to be appointed as the chairman, vicechairman, secretary or treasurer, as the case may be, of the management

committee.";

- (ii) in the proposed paragraph 2(3) -
  - (A) by deleting "subparagraph (1)(a)" and
    substituting "subparagraph (1)(b)";
  - (B) by deleting "subparagraph (1)(c) or (d)"
    and substituting "subparagraph
    (1)(c)(ii) or (iii)";
- (iii) in the proposed paragraph 2(4), by deleting
  "subparagraph (1)" and substituting
  "subparagraph (1)(b), (c) and (d)";
- (iv) in the proposed paragraph 2(4)(a), by
   deleting "section 3(8), (9) and (10)" and
   substituting "section 3(7), (8), (9), (10),
   (11), (12), (13) and (14)";

- 23(e) By deleting "paragraph 2(1)(a)" and substituting "paragraph 2(1)(b)".
- 23(f) (a) In subparagraph (i) -
  - (i) in the proposed paragraph 4(1), by deleting
     "paragraphs 2(1)(a) and 5(2)(a)" and
     substituting "section 14(2) and paragraphs
     2(1)(b), 5(2)(a), 6 and 6A";
  - (ii) in the proposed paragraph  $4(1)(a)_{7}$  \_
    - (A) by deleting "proposed";
    - (B) in the English text, by deleting "the
       person's creditors" and substituting
       "his creditors";
  - (iii) in the proposed paragraph 4(1)(b), by adding
    "in Hong Kong or any other place" after "an
     offence".
  - (b) By deleting subparagraph (ii) and substituting "(ii) in subparagraph (2) -

- (A) in sub-subparagraph (d), by adding "or, if the office of the secretary is vacant, the chairman of the management committee" after "committee";
- (B) in sub-subparagraph (e), by repealing ", or ceases to be qualified to be a member according to the deed of mutual covenant (if any), as the case may be";".
- (c) In subparagraph (iii) -
  - (i) in the proposed paragraph 4(3) -
    - (A) by deleting "paragraph 5(2)(a)" and
      substituting "section 14(2) or paragraph
      2(1)(b), 5(2)(a), 6 or 6A";
    - (B) by deleting "14 days" and substituting "21 days";
  - (ii) by adding -
    - "(3A) A member of the management
      committee who fails to comply with
      subparagraph (3) shall cease to be such
      member.";
  - (iii) in the proposed paragraph 4(4) -
    - (A) by deleting "section 7(3)(e) or";
    - (B) by deleting "14 days" and substituting "21 days";

- (iv) by deleting the proposed paragraph 4(5) and substituting -
  - "(5) The secretary of the management committee shall -
    - (a) after receiving a declaration
      by virtue of subparagraph (3)
      from a member of the management
      committee appointed under
      paragraph 2(1)(b), cause the
      declaration to be lodged with
      the Land Registrar within the
      period of 28 days referred to
      in section 7(1);
    - (b) within 28 days after receiving a declaration by virtue of subparagraph (3) from a member of the management committee appointed under section 14(2) or paragraph 5(2)(a), 6 or 6A, or by virtue of subparagraph (4), lodge with the Land Registrar the declaration.".

- 23(g) (a) In subparagraph (ii), by deleting the proposed paragraph 5(2) and substituting -
  - "(2) At an annual general meeting of a corporation at which the members of the management committee retire under subparagraph (1) -
    - (a) subject to subparagraph (2A), the corporation shall, by a resolution passed at the general meeting, appoint, from amongst the owners, the members of a new management committee;
    - (b) the corporation shall, by a resolution passed at the general meeting -
      - (i) appoint a person, from amongst
         the members of the new
         management committee, as the
         chairman of the new management
         committee;
      - (ii) appoint a person, whether or
         not he is a member of the new
         management committee, as the
         secretary of the new management
         committee; and

- (iii) appoint a person, whether or
   not he is a member of the new
   management committee, as the
   treasurer of the new management
   committee; and
- (c) the corporation may, by a resolution passed at the general meeting, appoint a person, from amongst the members of the new management committee, as the vicechairman of the new management committee.".
- (b) In subparagraph (iii), by deleting the proposed paragraph 5(2A) and substituting -
  - "(2A) The tenants' representative appointed under section 15(1) shall be deemed to be appointed by the corporation as a member of the new management committee.
  - (2B) For the purposes of appointing the members of the new management committee under subparagraph (2)(a) -
    - (a) where the number of candidates is not more than the number of members of the new management committee to be appointed, the candidates shall be deemed to be appointed as members of the new management committee, and a resolution to

- that effect shall be deemed to be passed under subparagraph (2)(a) accordingly;
- (b) where there are more candidates than the number of members of the new management committee to be appointed -
  - (i) the votes shall be given and
     counted in accordance with the
     simple or relative majority
     system of voting (otherwise
     known as the "first past the
     post" system of voting), under
     which -
    - (A) an owner may vote for not
       more than the number of
       members of the new
       management committee to be
       appointed; and
    - (B) the candidates to be
      appointed as members of
      the new management
      committee are those who
      obtain the greatest number
      of votes and then the next
      greatest and so on until

the required number of
members of the new
management committee is
appointed;

- (ii) if, after the counting is
   finished, a member of the new
   management committee is still
   to be appointed and the most
   successful candidates remaining
   have an equal number of votes,
   the person who presides at the
   meeting shall determine the
   result by drawing lots, and the
   candidate on whom the lot falls
   is to be appointed as a member
   of the new management
   committee.
- (2C) For the purposes of appointing the chairman,
  vice-chairman (if applicable), secretary and treasurer
  of the new management committee under subparagraph
  (2)(b) and (c) -
  - (a) where there is only one candidate for the office of the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary or treasurer of the new

management committee, the candidate shall be deemed to be appointed as the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary or treasurer, as the case may be, of the new management committee, and a resolution to that effect shall be deemed to be passed under subparagraph (2)(b) or (c), as the case may be, accordingly;

- (b) where there is more than one candidate for the office of the chairman, vicechairman, secretary or treasurer of the new management committee -
  - (i) the votes shall be given and counted in accordance with the simple or relative majority system of voting (otherwise known as the "first past the post" system of voting), under which the candidate to be appointed as the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary or treasurer, as the case may be, of the new management committee is the candidate who obtains

- the greatest number of votes; (ii) if, after the counting is finished, the most successful candidates for the office of the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary or treasurer of the new management committee have an equal number of votes, the person who presides at the meeting shall determine the result by drawing lots, and the candidate on whom the lot falls is to be appointed as the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary or treasurer, as the case may be, of the new management committee.".
- (c) In subparagraph (iv), in the proposed paragraph 5(4), by
  deleting "subparagraph (2)(c) or (d)" and substituting
  "subparagraph (2)(b)(ii) or (iii)".
- 23 By adding -
  - "(ga) in paragraph 5A -
    - (i) by adding "or (3A)" after "paragraph 4(2)";

- (ii) by repealing "if the secretary is not readily
   available, any other member" and substituting
   "if the office of the secretary is vacant, the
   chairman";
- (gb) in paragraph 6 -
  - (i) by repealing subparagraph (1) and
    substituting -
    - "(1) Notwithstanding paragraph 1, subject to subparagraph (1A) and paragraph 6A, a vacancy in a management committee which occurs other than by reason of the expiration of the term of office may be filled by the corporation or the management committee under subparagraph (3), (4) or (5), as the case requires.";
  - (ii) by repealing subparagraph (1A) and
    substituting -
    - "(1A) If the vacancy is caused by the tenants' representative ceasing to be a member of the management committee for whatever reason, the vacancy may be filled by the approved association (within the meaning of section 15(2))

appointing a new tenants' representative under section 15(1).";

- (iii) by repealing subparagraphs (1B) and (2);
  - (iv) by adding -
    - "(3) If the vacancy occurs in the office of a member of a management committee (other than a vacancy caused by the tenants' representative ceasing to be a member of the management committee) -
      - (a) the corporation may, by a
         resolution passed at a
         general meeting of the
         corporation, appoint an
         owner to fill the vacancy
         till the next annual
         general meeting of the
         corporation at which the
         members of the management
         committee retire under
         paragraph 5(1); or
      - (b) if no general meeting of
         the corporation has been
         so convened or no
         appointment is made to

fill the vacancy at a general meeting so convened, the management committee may appoint an owner to fill the vacancy till the next general meeting of the corporation.

- (4) If the vacancy occurs in the office of the chairman or vice-chairman of a management committee
  - resolution passed at a general meeting of the corporation, appoint a person, from amongst the members of the management committee, to fill the vacancy till the next annual general meeting of the corporation at which the members of the management committee retire under paragraph

5(1); or

- (b) if no general meeting of
   the corporation has been
   so convened or no
   appointment is made to
   fill the vacancy at a
   general meeting so
   convened, the members of
   the management committee
   may appoint a person, from
   amongst themselves, to
   fill the vacancy till the
   next general meeting of
   the corporation.
- (5) If the vacancy occurs in the office of the secretary or treasurer of a management committee -
  - (a) the corporation may, by a
     resolution passed at a
     general meeting of the
     corporation, appoint a
     person, whether or not he
     is a member of the
     management committee, to

fill the vacancy till the
next annual general
meeting of the corporation
at which the members of
the management committee
retire under paragraph
5(1); or

- (b) if no general meeting of
  the corporation has been
  so convened or no
  appointment is made to
  fill the vacancy at the a
  general meeting so
  convened, the management
  committee may appoint a
  person, whether or not he
  is a member of the
  management committee, to
  fill the vacancy till the
  next general meeting of
  the corporation.
- (6) A person who is not a member of a management committee does not by virtue of his appointment as the secretary or

treasurer of the management committee under subparagraph (5)(a) or (b), as the case may be, become a member of the management committee.

- (7) For the purposes of filling the vacancy occurring in the office of a member of a management committee under subparagraph (3)(a) -
  - (a) where the number of
     candidates is not more
     than the number of members
     of the management
     committee to be appointed,
     the candidates shall be
     deemed to be appointed as
     members of the management
     committee, and a
     resolution to that effect
     shall be deemed to be
     passed under subparagraph
     (3)(a) accordingly;
  - (b) where there are more
     candidates than the number
     of members of the

management committee to be appointed -

be given and
counted in
accordance with
the simple or
relative
majority system
of voting
(otherwise known
as the "first
past the post"
system of
voting), under

which -

(A) an owner

may vote

for not

more than

the number

of members

of the

management

committee

to be

appointed;

and

(B) the

candidates

to be

appointed

as members

of the

management

committee

are those

who obtain

the

greatest

number of

votes and

then the

next

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and so on

until the

required

number of
members of
the
management
committee
is

appointed;

(ii) if, after the counting is finished, a member of the management committee is still to be appointed and the most successful candidates remaining have an equal number of votes, the person who presides at the meeting shall

determine the
result by
drawing lots,
and the
candidate on
whom the lot
falls is to be
appointed as a
member of the
management
committee.

- (8) For the purposes of filling the vacancy occurring in the office of the chairman or vice-chairman of a management committee under subparagraph (4)(a), or the office of the secretary or treasurer of a management committee under subparagraph (5)(a) -
  - (a) where there is only one
     candidate for the office
     of the chairman, vice chairman, secretary or
     treasurer of the
     management committee, the

candidate shall be deemed
to be appointed as the
chairman, vice-chairman,
secretary or treasurer, as
the case may be, of the
management committee, and
a resolution to that
effect shall be deemed to
be passed under
subparagraph (4)(a) or
(5)(a), as the case may
be, accordingly;

- (b) where there is more than
   one candidate for the
   office of the chairman,
   vice-chairman, secretary
   or treasurer of the
   management committee -
  - (i) the votes shall

    be given and

    counted in

    accordance with

    the simple or

    relative

majority system of voting (otherwise known as the "first past the post" system of voting), under which the candidate to be appointed as the chairman, vicechairman, secretary or treasurer, as the case may be, of the management committee is the candidate who obtains the greatest number of votes;

(ii) if, after the counting is finished, the most successful candidates for the office of the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary or treasurer of the management committee have an equal number of votes, the person who presides at the meeting shall determine the result by drawing lots, and the candidate on whom the lot falls is to be

appointed as the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary or treasurer, as the case may be, of the management committee.";

## (gc) by adding -

- "6A. (1) Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 9, where the number of vacancies occurring in the offices of members of a management committee is more than 50% of the number of members of the management committee as decided under paragraph 2(1)(a) or, if that number of members has been changed under paragraph 1(3), 50% of the number of members so changed -
  - (a) the chairman of the management committee may convene a general meeting of the corporation for the sole purpose of filling the vacancies in the management committee; or

- the office of the chairman of the management committee, the remaining members of the management committee may appoint a person, from amongst themselves, to convene a general meeting of the corporation for the sole purpose of filling the vacancies in the management committee.
- (2) For the purposes of filling the vacanciesin a management committee under subparagraph(1) -
  - (a) paragraph 6(3)(a), (4)(a), (5)(a),
     (6), (7) and (8) shall apply as it
     applies where the number of
     vacancies occurring in the offices
     of members of a management
     committee is not more than 50% of
     the number of members of the
     management committee as decided
     under paragraph 2(1)(a) or, if that
     number of members has been changed
     under paragraph 1(3), 50% of the

(b) Schedule 3 (except paragraph 1 of that Schedule) shall, subject to the following modifications, apply as it applies to a general meeting of the corporation convened by a management committee -

number of members so changed; and

of the corporation is
convened under
subparagraph (1)(a) and
one of the vacancies
occurs in the office of
the secretary of the
management committee, the
references to the
secretary of the
management committee in
Schedule 3 shall be
construed as references to
the chairman of the

management committee;

- (ii) where the general meeting
   of the corporation is
   convened under
   subparagraph (1)(b), the
   references to the chairman
   of the management
   committee in Schedule 3
   shall be construed as
   references to the person
   appointed under that
   subparagraph to convene
   the meeting;
- of the corporation is
  convened under
  subparagraph (1)(b) and
  one of the vacancies
  occurs in the office of
  the secretary of the
  management committee, the
  references to the
  secretary of the
  management committee in
  Schedule 3 shall be

construed as references to the person appointed under that subparagraph to convene the meeting.";".

- 23(h) (a) By adding before subparagraph (i) -
  - "(ia) in subparagraph (1)(b), by adding ", and held
    within 21 days of receiving such request" after
    "such request";".
  - (b) In subparagraph (i), in the proposed paragraph 8(2), by adding "and (if the treasurer of the management committee is not a member of the management committee) the treasurer of the management committee, and display the notice of meeting in a prominent place in the building" before the full stop.
  - - (a) by delivering it personally to the
       member of the management committee
       or (if the treasurer of the
       management committee is not a
       member of the management
       committee) the treasurer of the

management committee;

- (b) by sending it by post to the
   member or, if applicable, the
   treasurer, at his last known
   address; or
- (c) by leaving it at the flat of the
   member or, if applicable, the
   treasurer or depositing it in the
   letter box for that flat.";".
- (d) In subparagraph (iv) -
  - (i) by adding "of the management committee" after

    "upon each member";
  - -(ii) by adding "of the management committee and (if—
    the treasurer of the management committee is not
    a member of the management committee) the
    treasurer of the management committee after "to
    each member".
- (d) By deleting subparagraph (iv) and substituting "(iv) by repealing subparagraph (3);".
- 23 By adding -
  - "(ha) by repealing paragraph 10(4B) and substituting 
    "(4B) The secretary shall display the

    minutes certified in accordance with

subparagraph (4A) in a prominent place in the building within 28 days of the date of the meeting of the management committee to which the minutes relate, and cause the minutes to remain so displayed for at least 7 consecutive days.";".

- 23 By deleting paragraph (j) and substituting -
  - "(j) in paragraph 11 -
    - (i) in subparagraph (1) -
      - (A) by repealing "Notwithstanding any
         provision in a deed of mutual
         covenant to the contrary, where" and
         substituting "Where";
      - (B) by repealing everything after "in
        his own right" and substituting "and
        paragraph 4(1), (2)(a), (b), (c),
        (d) and (f), (3), (3A) and (4) shall
        apply to the authorized
        representative.";
    - (ii) by repealing subparagraph (2) and
      substituting -
      - "(2) If an authorized
        representative ceases to be a member

of a management committee under paragraph 4(2)(a), (b), (c), (d) or (f) or (3A), the body corporate may appoint another authorized representative in his place, and paragraph 4(1), (2)(a), (b), (c), (d) and (f), (3), (3A) and (4) shall apply to that other authorized representative."."

- 24 By adding -
  - "(ba) in paragraph 1(2), by adding ", and hold the
    general meeting within 45 days of receiving such
    request" after "such request";".
- 24(c) By deleting subparagraph (iv) and substituting 
  "(iv) by repealing subparagraph (2) and substituting 
  "(2) The secretary shall also, at least

  14 days before the date of the meeting of the

  corporation, display the notice of meeting in

  a prominent place in the building.";".
- 24(d) In the Chinese text, by deleting subparagraph (iii) and substituting -

- "(iii) 在第(3)節中,廢除"業主投票表決,以多數票"而代以"親自投票或 委派代表投票的業主以過半數票";".
- 24(e) (a) In subparagraph (ii), by deleting "sealed or stamped with the seal or stamp" and substituting "impressed with the seal or chop".
  - (b) In subparagraph (iii), in the proposed paragraph 4(3), by deleting "24 hours" and substituting "48 hours".
  - (c) By adding -
    - "(iv) by adding -
      - "(4) The instrument appointing a proxy is valid only if it is made and lodged in accordance with subparagraphs (2) and (3).
      - (5) Where an instrument appointing a proxy is lodged with the secretary of the management committee -
        - (a) the secretary shall -
          - (i) acknowledge receipt
             of the instrument by
             leaving a receipt at
             the flat of the owner
             who made the
             instrument, or
             depositing the

receipt in the letter
box for that flat,
before the time for
the holding of the
meeting; and

- (ii) display information
   of the owner's flat
   in a prominent place
   in the place of the
   meeting before the
   time for the holding
   of the meeting, and
   cause the information
   to remain so
   displayed until the
   conclusion of the
   meeting; and
- (b) the chairman of the management committee or, if he is absent, the person who presides at the meeting, shall determine the validity of the instrument in accordance with subparagraph (4).

(6) The management committee shall keep all the instruments for the appointment of proxies that have been lodged with the secretary of the management committee for a period of at least 12 months after the conclusion of the meeting.";".

## 24 By adding -

- "(ea) by repealing paragraph 5(2) and substituting -
  - "(2) A proxy appointed by an owner to attend and vote on behalf of the owner at a meeting of the corporation shall, for the purposes of the meeting, be treated as being the owner present at the meeting.";

#### (eb) by adding -

- "5A. (1) Subject to subparagraph (2), where a meeting of the corporation convened under paragraph 1 is adjourned, paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 shall apply to the adjourned meeting as they apply to the original meeting.
  - (2) Where a meeting of the corporation convened under paragraph 1 is adjourned, a valid instrument appointing a proxy made for the purposes of the original meeting shall

remain valid for the purposes of the adjourned meeting unless -

- (a) contrary intention is shown on
  the instrument;
- (b) the instrument is revoked; or
- (c) the instrument is replaced by a
   new instrument appointing a
   proxy.";
- (ec) by repealing paragraph 6(3) and substituting -
  - "(3) The secretary shall display the minutes certified in accordance with subparagraph (2) in a prominent place in the building within 28 days of the date of the general meeting to which the minutes relate, and cause the minutes to remain so displayed for at least 7 consecutive days.";".
- 24(f) By deleting the full stop at the end and substituting a semicolon.
- 24 By adding -
  - "(g) by repealing paragraph 9.".
- 25 By deleting paragraph (b) and substituting -

"(b) by repealing the heading and substituting -

"MAXIMUM ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE";".

- 25(c) By deleting the full stop <u>at the end</u> and substituting a semicolon.
- 25 By adding -
  - "(d) in the heading of column 3, by adding "for each
    person" after "per month".".
- 27 By adding -
  - "(ba) by adding -
    - "1A. The management committee shall -
      - (a) at the request of not less than 5% of the owners, permit those owners or any person appointed by those owners to inspect any bills, invoices, vouchers, receipts or other documents referred to in paragraph 1 at any reasonable time; and
      - (b) permit any person authorized by the court to inspect any bills,

invoices, vouchers, receipts or other documents referred to in paragraph 1 at any reasonable time.

- 1B. For the purposes of paragraph 1A(b), an owner may apply to the court for an order authorizing the owner, or any other person named in the application, to inspect any bills, invoices, vouchers, receipts or other documents referred to in paragraph 1.
- 1C. The court may make an order under
  paragraph 1B only if it is satisfied that -
  - (a) the application is made in good faith; and
  - (b) the inspection applied for is
     for a proper purpose.";
- (bb) in paragraph 2, by repealing everything after "that
   period" and substituting ", display a copy of the
   summary in a prominent place in the building, and
   cause it to remain so displayed for at least 7
   consecutive days.";".

28 By adding -

"(aa) in paragraph 1(2) -

- (i) in sub-subparagraph (b), by adding ", and
   cause it to remain so displayed for at
   least 7 consecutive days" after "in the
   building";
- (ii) in sub-subparagraph (e), by adding ", and cause it to remain so displayed for at least 7 consecutive days" after "in the building";".
- 28 By deleting paragraph (b) and substituting -
  - "(b) in paragraph 2 -
    - (i) in subparagraph (2), by repealing
      everything after "expenditure" and
      substituting "and a balance sheet in
      respect of that period, display a copy of
      the summary and balance sheet in a
      prominent place in the building, and
      cause it to remain so displayed for at
      least 7 consecutive days.";
    - (ii) in subparagraph (3), by adding ", display
       a copy of the income and expenditure
       account and balance sheet in a prominent

place in the building, and cause it to remain so displayed for at least 7 consecutive days" after "that year";

(iii) in subparagraph (6), by repealing the
full stop and substituting -

"and -

- (a) permit any owner, at
   any reasonable time,
   to inspect the
   audited income and
   expenditure account
   and balance sheet and
   the report made by
   the accountant or
   auditor in respect of
   the income and
   expenditure account
   and balance sheet;
   and
- (b) on payment of a
   reasonable copying
   charge, supply any
   owner with a copy of
   the audited income

and expenditure

account and balance

sheet, or the report

made by the

accountant or auditor

in respect of the

income and

expenditure account

and balance sheet, or

both, as requested by

the owner.";".

- 28(e) By deleting the proposed paragraph 5(1) and (2) and substituting -
  - "(1) Subject to subparagraphs (2) and (3), the manager shall not enter into any contract for the procurement of any supplies, goods or services the value of which exceeds or is likely to exceed the sum of \$200,000 or such other sum in substitution therefor as the Authority may specify by notice in the Gazette unless -
    - (a) the supplies, goods or services are procured by invitation to tender; and
    - (b) the procurement complies with the Code of

Practice referred to in section 20A(1).

- (2) Subject to subparagraph (3), the manager shall not enter into any contract for the procurement of any supplies, goods or services the value of which exceeds or is likely to exceed a sum which is equivalent to 20% of the annual budget or such other percentage in substitution therefor as the Authority may specify by notice in the Gazette unless -
  - (a) if there is a corporation -
    - (i) the supplies, goods or services are procured by invitation to tender;
    - (ii) the procurement complies with the Code of Practice referred to in section 20A(1); and
    - (iii) whether a tender submitted for
       the purpose is accepted or not
       is decided by a resolution of
       the owners passed at a general
       meeting of the corporation, and
       the contract is entered into
       with the successful tenderer;

- (b) if there is no corporation -
  - (i) the supplies, goods or services are procured by invitation to tender;
  - (ii) the procurement complies with
     the Code of Practice referred
     to in section 20A(1); and
  - the purpose is accepted or not is decided by a resolution of the owners passed at a general meeting of owners convened and conducted in accordance with the deed of mutual covenant, and the contract is entered into with the successful tenderer.
- (3) Subparagraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to any supplies, goods or services which but for this subparagraph would be required to be procured by invitation to tender (referred to in this subparagraph as "relevant supplies, goods or services") -
  - (a) where there is a corporation, if -

- (i) the relevant supplies, goods or services are of the same type as any supplies, goods or services which are for the time being supplied to the corporation by a supplier; and
- resolution of the owners passed at a general meeting of the corporation that the relevant supplies, goods or services shall be procured from that supplier on such terms and conditions as specified in the resolution, instead of by invitation to tender; or
- (b) where there is no corporation, if -
  - (i) the relevant supplies, goods or
     services are of the same type
     as any supplies, goods or
     services which are for the time
     being supplied to the owners by
     a supplier; and

- resolution of the owners passed at a general meeting of owners convened and conducted in accordance with the deed of mutual covenant that the relevant supplies, goods or services shall be procured from that supplier on such terms and conditions as specified in the resolution, instead of by invitation to tender.".
- 28(g) (a) By deleting subparagraph (i).
  - (b) By deleting subparagraph (ii) and substituting "(ii) by repealing subparagraph (1) and substituting "(1) Subject to subparagraph (5A), at a
     general meeting convened for the purpose, a
     corporation may, by a resolution -
    - (a) passed by a majority of the votes of the owners voting either personally or by proxy; and

(b) supported by the owners of not less than 50% of the shares in aggregate,

terminate by notice the DMC manager's appointment without compensation.";".

- (c) By deleting subparagraph (v) and substituting "(v) by repealing subparagraph (4);".
- (d) By adding -
  - "(via) in subparagraph (5A)(b), by repealing

    "subparagraph (1)" and substituting "subparagraph

    (1)(b)";
  - (vib) by adding -
    - "(5B) If a contract for the appointment of a manager other than a DMC manager contains no provision for the termination of the manager's appointment, subparagraphs (1), (2), (3) and (5A) apply to the termination of the manager's appointment as they apply to the termination of a DMC manager's appointment.
    - (5C) Subparagraph (5B) operates without prejudice to any other power there may be in a contract for the appointment of a manager other than a DMC manager to terminate the

appointment of the manager.";".

- (e) By deleting subparagraph (vii) and substituting "(vii) by repealing subparagraphs (6) and (7);".
- 28 By adding -
  - "(h) in paragraph 8 -
    - (i) by renumbering it as paragraph 8(2);
    - (ii) by adding -
      - "(1) Subject to subparagraph (2), if the manager's appointment ends for any reason, he shall, as soon as practicable after his appointment ends, and in any event within 14 days of the date his appointment ends, deliver to the owners' committee (if any) or the manager appointed in his place any movable property in respect of the control, management and administration of the building that is under his control or in his custody or possession, and that belongs to the corporation (if any) or the owners.";

- (iii) by repealing subparagraph (2)(b) and
  substituting -
  - "(b) deliver to the owners'

    committee (if any) or the

    manager appointed in his place

    any books or records of

    accounts, papers, documents

    and other records which are

    required for the purposes of

    sub-subparagraph (a) and have

    not been delivered under

    subparagraph (1).";
- (i) by adding -

### "9. Communications among owners

The manager shall consult (either generally or in any particular case) the corporation at a general meeting of the owners corporation and adopt the approach decided by the corporation on the channels of communication among owners on any business relating to the management of the building."."

- 29 By adding -
  - "(ea) by repealing paragraph 8(a) and (b) and substituting -
    - "(a) the owners' committee;
      - (b) the manager; or
      - (c) an owner appointed to convene such a
         meeting by the owners of not less than
        5% of the shares in aggregate.";".
- 29(f) In the proposed paragraph 9, in the English text, by deleting "or persons".
- 29 By adding -
  - "(ha) by repealing paragraph 12 and substituting 
    "12. A meeting of owners shall be presided

    over by the chairman of the owners' committee

    or, if the meeting is convened under

    paragraph 8(b) or (c), the person convening
- 29 By deleting paragraph (j) and substituting -

the meeting.";".

"(j) by repealing paragraph 14 and substituting -

- "14. (1) An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the form set out in Form 1 in Schedule 1A, and -
  - (a) shall be signed by the owner; or
  - (b) if the owner is a body
     corporate, shall,
     notwithstanding anything to
     the contrary in its
     constitution, be impressed
     with the seal or chop of the
     body corporate and signed by a
     person authorized by the body
     corporate in that behalf.
- (2) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be lodged with the chairman of the owners' committee or, if the meeting is convened under paragraph 8(b) or (c), the person convening the meeting at least 48 hours before the time for the holding of the meeting. ".".
- (3) A proxy appointed by an owner to attend and vote on behalf of the owner shall, for the purposes of the meeting, be treated

as being the owner present at the meeting.".".

- 32 By deleting paragraph (b) and substituting -
  - "(b) by repealing paragraph (a) and substituting -
    - "(a) sections 3(8), 3A(3F), 4(10) and 40C(9)
      and paragraphs 1(2) and 5 of Schedule 3,
      paragraph 1A of Schedule 6 and paragraph
      11 of Schedule 8 are specified;".".
- By adding before paragraph (a) 
  "(aa) in the heading, by repealing "Obligations" and substituting "Matters";".
- 33(a) (a) By deleting subparagraph (i) and substituting 
  "(i) by repealing ", on behalf of the corporation and the occupiers and owners of a building, ";".
  - (b) In subparagraph (ii), in the Chinese text, by deleting

    "該建築物的" and substituting "有關建築物的".
- 33 By deleting paragraph (b).
- 33 By deleting paragraph (c) and substituting -

- "(c) in subsection (3), by repealing ", on behalf of the corporation and the occupiers and owners of a building, ";".
- 33(e) By In the English text, by deleting "the treasurer" and substituting "The treasurer".
- 33(f) In the proposed section 28(6A), by deleting "effected the policy of insurance" and substituting "effected a policy of insurance under subsection (1)".
- Part 4 By deleting the Part.
- 36(3) In paragraph (a), by deleting "an annual general meeting" and substituting "a general meeting".
- 39 By deleting paragraph (b) and substituting -
  - "(b) in subsection (3) -
    - (i) by repealing "多數票" and substituting "渦尖數票";
    - (ii) by repealing "委任" and substituting "委出";".
- 40 By deleting paragraph (b) and substituting -

- "(b) in subsection (4) -
  - (i) by repealing "多數票" and substituting "過半數票";
  - (ii) by repealing "委任" and substituting "委出".".
- 44 By deleting the clause and substituting -

#### "44. Change of name

Section 10(1) is amended -

- (a) by repealing "the Third Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 3";
- (b) in paragraph (a), by repealing
  "多數票" and substituting "過半數票";
- (c) in paragraph (b), by repealing "a
  majority of".".
- 46 By deleting the clause and substituting -

#### "46. Tenants' representative

Section 15(1) is amended -

- (a) by repealing "by resolution of not less
   than 50% of the votes" and substituting
   "by a resolution passed by a majority of
   the votes";
- (b) by repealing "親自出席或委派代表出席投票" and

substituting "由親自投票或委派代表投票".".

49 By deleting paragraph (a).

New By adding -

"49A. Insurance policy to be made available by management committee for inspection

Section 28(2) is amended by repealing "副本費" and substituting "複印費".".

New By adding -

"50A. Powers and duties of an administrator

Section 32(2) is amended by repealing "determination" and substituting "termination".".

- 51 By deleting paragraph (b) and substituting -
  - "(b) in subsection (2) -
    - (i) by repealing "the Seventh Schedule" and substituting "Schedule 7";
    - (ii) by repealing "多數票" and substituting "過半數票";".
- 51(c) By deleting subparagraph (ii) and substituting -

- "(ii) in paragraph (b), by repealing "在業主親自出席或委派 代表出席的按照公契召開及進行的業主大會上以多數票" and substituting "在按照公契召開和進行的業主大會上由親自投票 或委派代表投票的業主以過半數票";".
- 60 By deleting paragraph (d).
- 60 By adding -
  - "(e) in paragraph 10(2), by repealing "多數票" and substituting "過半數票".".
- By deleting the clause and substituting -
  - "61. Meetings and procedure of corporation

The Third Schedule is amended, in paragraph 5(1)

- (a) in sub-subparagraph (a), by repealing

  "全部業主的20%的人數" and substituting

  "業主人數的20%";
- (b) in sub-subparagraph (b), by repealing

  "全部業主的10%的人數" and substituting

  "業主人數的10%".".
- By deleting paragraph (c) and substituting -

- "(c) in paragraph 7(5A)(b) -
  - (i) by adding "in aggregate" after "the
    shares" where it twice appears;
  - (ii) by repealing "不少於50%份數" and substituting "份數不少於50%".".
- 65 By deleting the clause and substituting -

# "65. Terms added if consistent with deed of mutual covenant

The Eighth Schedule is amended, in paragraph 11A(b), by adding "in aggregate" after "the shares".".

66 By deleting the clause and substituting -

#### "66. Enumeration of owners

Schedule 11 is amended, in paragraph (b), in column 2 of item 1, by repealing "共有人" and substituting "共同 擁有人".".