

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF
PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES
SETTING ASIDE PREMISES FOR USE AS A CIVIC CENTRE

INTRODUCTION

The Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, in her capacity as the Authority (“Authority”) under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance Cap.132 (“the Ordinance”), manages and controls the civic centres listed in the Thirteenth Schedule to the Ordinance. Under Section 105M of the Ordinance, the Authority may, by order published in the Gazette, set aside any premises and the grounds appurtenant thereto for use as a civic centre.

2. We propose to amend the Thirteenth Schedule to the Ordinance by adding, after the item relating to Sheung Wan Civic Centre,

“The site and buildings known as the Oil Street Art Space at 12 Oil Street, North Point”.

JUSTIFICATIONS

3. The proposal to set aside the new premises for use as a civic centre will enable the Authority to enforce the regulations relating to this civic centre for proper management. The designation of the Oil Street Art Space as a civic centre is in line with the arrangement for the Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre under the Authority’s management, which is also a venue for arts-related exhibition and activities. The civic centre will be open for public use with effect from **20 May 2013**.

AMENDMENT OF THIRTEENTH SCHEDULE

4. The Amendment Order at Annex A amends the Thirteenth Schedule to the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap.132) to set aside the new premises for use as a civic centre.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

5. The legislative timetable is as follows –

Publication in the Gazette	22 March 2013
Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting	27 March 2013

PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY

6. We have consulted the Eastern District Council and the Art Museum Advisory Panel, and both supported the proposal. The addition of the civic centre to the Thirteenth Schedule of the Ordinance will be published in the Gazette.

ENQUIRY

7. Please contact Dr. Louis Ng, Assistant Director (Heritage and Museums), at 2601 8866 for enquiries on the subject.

Leisure and Cultural Services Department
19 March 2013

Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Civic Centres) (Amendment of Thirteenth Schedule) Order 2013

Section 1

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Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Civic Centres) (Amendment of Thirteenth Schedule) Order 2013

(Made by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services under section 105M of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132))

1. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on 20 May 2013.

2. Premises set aside for use as a civic centre

The premises specified in Schedule 1 are set aside for use as a civic centre.

3. Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance amended

The Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) is amended as set out in Schedule 2.

Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Civic Centres) (Amendment of Thirteenth Schedule) Order 2013

Schedule 1

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Schedule 1

[s. 2]

Premises Set Aside for Use as a Civic Centre

The site and buildings known as the Oil Street Art Space at 12 Oil Street, North Point.

Schedule 2

[s. 3]

Amendment to Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance

1. Thirteenth Schedule amended (civic centres)

Thirteenth Schedule—

Add in alphabetical order

“The site and buildings known as the Oil Street Art Space at 12 Oil Street, North Point”.



Director of Leisure and Cultural
Services

19. 3. 2013

Explanatory Note

This Order sets aside the Oil Street Art Space in North Point for use as a civic centre under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132). The centre and its facilities are to be managed by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services according to that Ordinance.