

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE SETTING ASIDE PLACES FOR USE AS PUBLIC PLEASURE GROUNDS

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 the public pleasure grounds listed in the Fourth Schedule to the Ordinance. Under Section 106 of the Ordinance, the Authority may, from time to time, by order set aside places for use as public pleasure grounds, and may by order amend the Fourth Schedule.

2. We propose to introduce amendments through the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Public Pleasure Grounds) (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Order 2015 (the Amendment Order) to set aside the places specified in Schedule 1 of the Amendment Order for use as public pleasure grounds and to rename the public pleasure ground specified in the Schedule 2 of the Amendment Order. The Amendment Order is at Annex to this Brief.

JUSTIFICATIONS

3. The proposal to set aside 11 venues as public pleasure grounds will enable the Authority to enforce the Pleasure Grounds Regulation in those venues. We also propose to rename one venue under the Fourth Schedule.

PLACES TO BE SET ASIDE FOR USE AS PUBLIC PLEASURE GROUNDS

4. The following 11 venues will be designated as public pleasure grounds and be included in the Fourth Schedule —

- (i) Six newly completed venues that are or will open for public

use by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD):

- (a) Chui Tin Street Sitting-out Area
 - (b) Fu Hong Street Pet Garden
 - (c) Mei Lam Sitting-out Area
 - (d) Sheung Shui Cycling Entry / Exit Hub
 - (e) Ta Kwu Ling Chuk Yuen Village Playground
 - (f) Tiu Keng Leng Sports Centre
- (ii) Five venues that are taken over from the Home Affairs Department (HAD) for management by LCSD :
- (a) Lo So Shing Sitting-out Area
 - (b) Pak Kok Kau Tsuen Children's Playground
 - (c) Shek Kok Tsui Sitting-out Area
 - (d) Siu Sai Wan Sitting-out Area No. 1
 - (e) Siu Sai Wan Sitting-out Area No. 2

RENAMING OF PUBLIC PLEASURE GROUND

5. Lok Man Road Sitting-out Area is recommended to be renamed as Lok Man Road Pet Garden after its conversion from the existing sitting-out area into a pet garden. The renaming is supported by the Eastern District Council.

AMENDMENT OF FOURTH SCHEDULE

6. The Amendment Order at Annex amends the Fourth Schedule to the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) to give effect to the changes set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

7. The legislative timetable is as follows –

Publication in the Gazette	13 March 2015
Tabling at the Legislative Council	18 March 2015

PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY

8. We have consulted the respective District Councils which supported the proposals. The amendments to the Fourth Schedule of the Ordinance will be published in the Gazette.

ENQUIRY

9. Please contact Miss Margrit LI, Assistant Director (Leisure Services)1, at 2601 8966 for enquiries on this subject.

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

4 March 2015

**Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance
(Public Pleasure Grounds) (Amendment of Fourth
Schedule) Order 2015**

(Made by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services under section 106
of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132))

1. **Places set aside for use as public pleasure grounds**
The places specified in Schedule 1 are set aside for use as public
pleasure grounds.
2. **Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance amended**
The Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) is
amended as set out in Schedule 2.

Schedule 1 [s. 1]

Places Set Aside for Use as Public Pleasure Grounds

Part 1

Hong Kong Island

Fu Hong Street Pet Garden
Siu Sai Wan Sitting-out Area No. 1
Siu Sai Wan Sitting-out Area No. 2

Part 2

The New Territories

Chui Tin Street Sitting-out Area
Lo So Shing Sitting-out Area
Mei Lam Sitting-out Area
Pak Kok Kau Tsuen Children's Playground
Shek Kok Tsui Sitting-out Area
Sheung Shui Cycling Entry/Exit Hub
Ta Kwu Ling Chuk Yuen Village Playground
Tiu Keng Leng Sports Centre

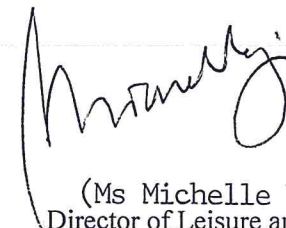
Schedule 2

[s. 2]

**Amendments to Public Health and Municipal Services
Ordinance**

1. **Fourth Schedule amended (public pleasure grounds)**
 - (1) Fourth Schedule, list of public pleasure grounds (other than bathing beaches), under heading “Hong Kong Island”—
Repeal
“Lok Man Road Sitting-out Area”
Substitute
“Lok Man Road Pet Garden”.
 - (2) Fourth Schedule, list of public pleasure grounds (other than bathing beaches), under heading “Hong Kong Island”—
Add in alphabetical order
“Fu Hong Street Pet Garden
Siu Sai Wan Sitting-out Area No. 1
Siu Sai Wan Sitting-out Area No. 2”.
 - (3) Fourth Schedule, list of public pleasure grounds (other than bathing beaches), under heading “The New Territories”—
Add in alphabetical order
“Chui Tin Street Sitting-out Area
Lo So Shing Sitting-out Area
Mei Lam Sitting-out Area
Pak Kok Kau Tsuen Children’s Playground
Shek Kok Tsui Sitting-out Area

Sheung Shui Cycling Entry/Exit Hub
Ta Kwu Ling Chuk Yuen Village Playground
Tiu Keng Leng Sports Centre”.



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Services

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Explanatory Note

This Order sets aside 11 places for use as public pleasure grounds.

2. The Order also amends the Fourth Schedule to the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) to—
 - (a) add the places mentioned in paragraph 1; and
 - (b) reflect that “Lok Man Road Sitting-out Area” has been renamed as “Lok Man Road Pet Garden”.