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**WESTERN PROVINCE BUILDING STANDARDS
(AMENDMENTS) ORDINANCE 1995**

Passed by the Western Provincial Assembly this 30th day of October,
1995.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with
this Ordinance passed by the Western Provincial Assembly and
found by me to be a true copy of the said Ordinance.

ERIK KIKOLO

Clerk to Western Provincial Assembly

Assented to by the Honourable Minister of Provincial Government
and Rural Development this 14th day of November, 1995.

ALLAN QURUSU

Minister of Provincial Government & Rural Development

Made under the Common Seal of the Western Provincial Assembly
this day of 1995.

HONOURABLE A.K. UNUSU

Premier of Western Province

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1981

**WESTERN PROVINCE BUILDING STANDARDS
(AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1995**

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Western Province Building Standards Ordinance 1991.

Title and
Commence-
ments.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Western Province Building Standards (Amendment) Ordinance 1995 and shall come into force upon approval by the Minister pursuant to Section 32 of the Provincial Government Act 1981 and publication in the Solomon Islands Gazette.

Amendment
to Sections
2 and 3
of 64/91.

2. (1) Section 3 of The Western Province Building Standards Ordinance 1991, is hereby amended by -

- (a) deleting the definitions of "construct" to "person" (inclusive) from subsection 32. and inserting those definitions in the appropriate alphabetic order in subsection 2.1;
- (b) deleting the dash after the word "Act" in subsection 3.2 and substituting a full stop.

(2) Subsection 2.1 of The Western Province Building Standards Ordinance 1991, is hereby amended by repealing the definition of "Province" and substituting therefor the following definition:

"Province" means the Western Province as defined in the Provincial Government Act 1981."

Amendment
to
Section 6.

3. Section 6 of the Western Province Building Standards Ordinance 1991 is hereby amended by repealing subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d) of the Section.

Amendment
to
Section 13.

4. Section 13 of the Western Province Building Standards Ordinance 1991 is hereby amended by repealing subsection 9 thereof and substituting therefor the following subsection.

"(9) (a) Any person who fails to comply with a Stop Notice or with any order given pursuant to Sections 13(4) or 13(7) or who contravenes or fails to comply with any terms, conditions or limitations of a Permit is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or to imprisonment

for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment and if the offence is a continuing one to a further fine not exceeding twenty dollars (\$20.00) for every day or part of a day during which the offence continues.

(b) All fines charged in accordance with this subsection shall be payable to the Provincial General Fund.”

5. The Western Province Building Standards Ordinance 1991 is hereby amended by inserting, before Section 38, the following Section:

New Section
37A.

Access and
Egress.

“37A (1) Every building of one storey must have at least two exits. At least one of these exits must provide an easy means of egress in case of any emergency without reducing security to the building. Such emergency exists may take the form of a trap door on an elevated floor or some such arrangement. Windows and other such openings used as emergency exits must have a minimum clear dimension of 560 mm. and a minimum clear opening of 0.6 square metres. The shutter must be capable of opening to 90 degrees to the wall. The top of the window sill must not be more than 900 mm. from the floor inside. The height of the window sill from the ground or floor outside must not exceed 1800 mm.

(2) Every building of two or more storeys must be provided with not less than two exits from each storey.

(3) An exit must not be blocked at the point of discharge and where necessary, suitable barriers must be provided to prevent vehicles from blocking the exist.”

6. Section 42 of the Western Province Building Standards Ordinance 1991 is hereby amended by repealing subsection 5 thereof and substituting therefor the following subsection:

Amendment
to
Section 42.

“(5) Every septic tank must be situated not less than 3 metres from any building or boundary and must be of suitable and durable material and construction acceptable to the Board. All septic tanks must be easily accessible and nothing must be built or planted over a tank to prevent easy access.”

Amendment
to
Section 44.

7. Section 44 of the Western Province Building Standards Ordinance 1991 is hereby amended by -

- (a) inserting in paragraph (b) the words "Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section," before the words "the floor"; and
- (b) inserting a new paragraph (c) as follows:
"(c) Any building intended for use as a leaf kitchen shall not have floor dimensions larger than 3.6 metres by 2 metres."

Amendment
to
Schedule 1.

8. The Western Province Building Standards Ordinance 1991, is hereby amended by repealing the figure "\$500.00" in Clause 3 thereof and substituting therefor the figure "\$1,000.00".

Amendment
to
Schedule 3.

9. The Western Province Building Standards Ordinance 1991, is hereby amended by repealing Schedule 3 and substituting therefor the following Schedule 3:

"SCHEDULE 3

WESTERN PROVINCE BUILDING ORDINANCE 1991

PRESCRIBED FEES

The fee shall be 0.5% of the estimated value of the works on completion as agreed by the Board, plus an Application Form fee payable on the application of \$25.00."