

PAPUA.



No. 10 of 1927.

# AN ORDINANCE

*To Amend the "Land Ordinance, 1911-1926."*

[RESERVED 13TH JUNE, 1927 ;  
ASSENTED TO 19TH OCTOBER, 1927.]<sup>(a)</sup>

**B**E it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Territory of Papua with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Land Ordinance, 1927*. Short title and citation.

(2) In this Ordinance the *Land Ordinance, 1911-1926*, is referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3) The Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance may be cited as the *Land Ordinance, 1911-1927*.

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(a) Assent notified in *Gazette* No. 14 of 7th November, 1927.

2. After Section Twenty-eight of the Principal Ordinance the following new section is inserted :—

Method of  
appraisement  
of certain land.

“28A. (1) Whenever by the Ordinances hereby repealed or any of them or by this Ordinance it is provided with reference to land comprised in any lease granted thereunder before the commencement of this section (other than leases of Town allotments) that the unimproved value of the land shall be appraised at specified periods of every twenty years or every ten years as the case may be during the currency of the lease and the rent determined accordingly it shall be a sufficient compliance with any such provision but so far only as it relates to the appraisement to be made—

- (a) at the termination of the first of the specified periods of twenty years ; and
- (b) at the termination of the first and second of the specified periods of ten years

as the case may require if the appraisement is made by an order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council without any inspection of the land by placing each lease in one of three categories whereupon the following provisions shall apply :—

First category : If the lease is so placed in the First category the appraisement so made of the unimproved value of the land comprised therein shall be and be deemed to have been increased to double the value upon which rent was determined for the preceding or last preceding period (or for such part of such period as rent was payable as the case may require) and the rent shall be increased by one hundred per centum.

Second category : If the lease is so placed in the Second category the appraisement so made of the unimproved value of the land comprised therein shall be and be deemed to have been increased in the case of an agricultural lease by one-third or in the case of a pastoral lease by one-fourth of the

value upon which rent was determined for the preceding or last preceding period (or for such part of such period as rent was payable as the case may require) and the rent shall be increased by one-third or one-fourth as the case may be.

Third category : If the lease is so placed in the Third category the appraisalment so made of the unimproved value of the land comprised therein shall be and be deemed to be the same as that upon which the rent made payable for the whole or any part of the preceding or last preceding period was determined and the rent shall be determined accordingly."

**3.** Section Thirty-three of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting therefrom the words "The unimproved value of the land shall be appraised every twenty years during the currency of the lease and the rent determined accordingly."

Amendment of Section 33 of the Principal Ordinance.

**4.** Section 33A of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following sections are substituted therefor:—

"33A. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the last preceding section—

(a) rent in respect of land comprised in leases of Town allotments granted after the commencement of this section shall be determined at five per centum per annum of the unimproved value of the land but the rent shall not be less than One pound a year for a quarter acre allotment ;

Assessment of rent for Town lots leases granted after 13th Oct., 1926.

(b) the unimproved value of the land comprised in any lease of a Town allotment whenever granted (whether before or after the commencement of this section and whether under the provisions of this Ordinance or of any Ordinance hereby repealed) shall be appraised every twenty years during the currency of the lease and the rent shall

Periodical re-assessment of rent of all leases of Town lots during currency.

be determined at five per centum of the unimproved value so appraised.

(2) This section shall be deemed to have commenced on the thirteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six."

"33B. Any appraisalment of the unimproved value of the land comprised in the lease of any Town allotment made in respect of the second period of twenty years of the term thereof at any time between the first day of January and the thirteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, is hereby annulled and shall have no effect but an appraisalment shall be again made of the unimproved value of such land applicable to such period and rent for the whole of that period shall be determined (and shall be payable) at five per centum of the unimproved value so last appraised."

Passed in Council this thirteenth day of June, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

*Assented to by His Excellency the Governor-General, with the advice of the Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Australia, on the nineteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.*

Commence-  
ment of  
section.

Certain  
appraisements  
of land  
annulled and  
re-appraise-  
ment, etc.,  
provided for.