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Ordinance 5 of 1991 .. in force 1 October 1991

No Subsidiary Legislation has been made under this Ordinance

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LITTER ORDINANCE

(Ordinance 5 of 1991)

AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT THE DEPOSITING OF LITTER IN PUBLIC PLACES.

Commencement

[1 October 1991]

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Litter Ordinance.

Interpretation

2. In this Ordinance—

“**Committee**” means a Council Committee having responsibility for the collection of refuse and litter;

“**public place**” means any place to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access without payment, and includes (without prejudice to its generality) any public wharf, street, road or path and any public park or recreation ground whether or not payment is charged for access thereto; “litter” includes (without prejudice to its generality) any bottle, jar, tin, can, carton, packet or other container or portion thereof, from which the contents have been wholly or partly removed.

Penalty for leaving litter

3. (1) If any person throws down, drops or otherwise deposits in any public place, and leaves, any thing whatsoever in such circumstances as to cause, or contribute to, or tend to lead to, the defacement by litter of any public place, he shall be guilty of an offence, unless that depositing and leaving was authorised by law or was done with the consent of the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the place in or into which that thing was deposited.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £100.

(3) In sentencing a person convicted of an offence under this section, the court shall have regard not only to the purpose of this section in preventing the defacement by litter of public places, but also to the nature of the litter and any resulting risk (in the circumstances of the offence) of injury to persons or animals or of damage to property.

Provision and maintenance of litter bins

4. (1) The Committee may provide and maintain in any street or public place receptacles for refuse or litter (in this section referred to as “litter bins”).

(2) In any place where a litter bin may be provided or maintained under this section, the Committee may put up notices about the leaving of refuse and litter, and for that purpose may erect and maintain notice boards.

(3) Any person who wilfully removes or otherwise interferes with any litter bin or notice board provided or erected under this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £50.
