

Amendment of
section 153 of
the principal
enactment.

45. Section 153 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (2) thereof and substitution therefor of the following subsection –

“(2) Every contravention of a by-law made by any Urban Council shall be an offence and every person who contravenes any by law shall on conviction be liable -

- (a) in the case of a first offence to a fine not exceeding ten thousand rupees;
- (b) in the case of a second or subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding twenty thousand; and
- (c) in the case of a continuing offence an additional fine not exceeding two thousand and five hundred rupees in respect of each day during which the offence is continued after a conviction thereof by a court of competent jurisdiction.”.

Amendment of
section 157 of
the principal
enactment.

46. Section 157 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

- (1) by the repeal of subsection (1) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following new subsection :-

“(1) Procedure, including -

- (a) the procedure to be followed by a member of the Council, for the resignation from that membership;
- (b) the regulation of the meetings of the Council, and its committees;
- (c) the procedure for obtaining permission by a member of the Council to be absent from a meeting of the Council;

(d) the form in which estimates, budgets, statements, and returns incidental to the business of the Council shall be drawn up;

(e) the form in which the accounts of the Council shall be kept.

(2) in subsection (2) thereof, by the insertion immediately after paragraph (b), of the following paragraph :-

(c) the provisions of paragraph (a) shall not apply to the officers and servants or any scheduled post, in the Local Government Service and the Provincial Public Service.”;

(3) in subsection (9) of that section -

(i) in paragraph (f) thereof by the substitution for the words “loud speakers, amplifiers” of the words “loud speakers, amplifiers, visual and audio visual equipment”;

(ii) in paragraph (u) thereof by the substitution for the words “disinfecting of houses, dwellings” of the words “disinfecting of houses, dwellings, schools, halls which are used for the purpose of preaching halls, auditoriums, premises where private tuition class are held and places where people assemble by owners, occupiers or persons having control of such places.”.

(4) in subsection (10) of that section -

(i) in paragraph (b) thereof by the substitution for the words “sheep goats and pigs” of the words “sheeps, goats, poultry and pigs”;

(ii) in paragraph (c) thereof by the substitution for the words “cattle, sheep goats and pigs” of the words “cattle, horses, sheeps, poultry, goats and pigs”;

(iii) in paragraph (h) thereof by the substitution for the words "the location thereof." of the words "the location thereof;"

(iv) by the addition immediately after paragraph (h) thereof of the following paragraph –

“(i) the regulation, supervision, inspection and control of farms, including prawn farms and poultry farms.”;

(5) by the insertion immediately after subsection (14B) of that section, of the following new subsections –

(14C) The regulation, inspection and control of –

(i) private Ayurvedic dispensaries and private health institutions;

(ii) schools other than Government Schools and Government Assisted Schools;

(iii) private tuition classes and cookery classes;

(iv) pre schools and day care centres and creches conducted by private persons;

(v) telephone posts and telephone booths;

(vi) radio and telephone towers;

(vii) medical and legal consultancy services;

(viii) bookies or betting centres.

(14D) The protection of environment, including –

(i) the protection of the natural resources and the protection and development of scenic resources in the area;

- (ii) promoting solid waste management with special attention to the promotion of waste minimization, waste segregation, resource recovery and final disposal in a healthy and environmentally friendly manner;
 - (iii) prevention of water, air and noise pollution;
 - (iv) protection of built environment and preservation of buildings and creations of cultural and historical significant;
 - (v) prevention of environmental pollution caused from unauthorized industrial, agricultural and livestock activities and unauthorized contracts and trading activities;
 - (vi) educating and bringing awareness among citizens on environmental protection; and
 - (vii) the conservation of all underground springs and water retention areas within the area of operation of the Urban Council, with the co-operation of all officials and civil society members resident within such area.”;
- “(14E) Transacting with community organizations, governmental organizations and non governmental organizations;
- (14F) Regulation and control of pasting of posters and notices;
- (14G) Establishment and maintenance of libraries and reading rooms;
- (14H) Establishment and maintenance of play grounds;
- (14I) Establishment and maintenance of community centres; and

- (14J) Establishment and maintenance of pre-schools, daycare centres and crèches.”.

Amendment of section 158 of the principal enactment.

47. Section 158 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

(1) in subsection (2) of that section –

(a) by the repeal of paragraph (h) thereof and substitution therefor of the following paragraph :-

“(h) all sums of money appropriated from time to time and transferred to the Council by a Provincial Council, whether by way of a resolution or otherwise;”

(b) by the addition immediately after paragraph (i) thereof, of the following paragraph :-

“(j) all sums of money donated by a person or a body of persons to the Council;”

(2) by the repeal of subsection (3) thereof and substitution thereof of the following subsection :-

“(3) All moneys received by the Urban Council and payable into the local fund shall be deposited in a Bank approved by the Central Bank, to the credit of an account bearing the name of that fund.”.

Insertion of new section 158A in the principal enactment.

48. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 158 of the principal enactment and shall have effect as section 158A of that enactment :-

“Jurisdiction of the Magistrate.

158A. (1) A Magistrate shall hear, try, and determine, any offence, committed within the limits of an Urban Council :-

- (a) under provisions of this Ordinance or under any by-laws, rules or regulations made thereunder; and
- (b) as is specified in Column II of the 4th Schedule to this ordinance, which is an offence committed under the enactments specified in the corresponding entry in Column I of that Schedule,

and shall have jurisdiction to award such punishment to the offender, as is specified by the relevant provision of this Ordinance or any by-laws, rules or regulations made thereunder or by the relevant provision of the enactment specified in Column I of the 4th Schedule.

(2) Where any person liable to pay a fine imposed under subsection (1) fails to pay the same, the Magistrate shall proceed to recover the amount of fine and the amount so recovered shall be paid in to the Fund of the Council.”.

Amendment of section 159 of the principal enactment.

49. Section 159 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in paragraph (f) of subsection (1) thereof by the substitution for the words “such expenses not exceeding in the aggregate five thousand rupees in any year” of the words “such expenses not exceeding in the aggregate fifty thousand rupees in any year”.

Amendment of section 163 of the principal enactment.

50. Section 163 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

- (1) by the repeal of subsection (1) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following subsection :-

“(1) Every Urban Council may for the purposes of section 162, by resolution adopted in that behalf, levy an annual tax on vehicles and animals kept or used within the limits of the Urban Council, at such rates as shall be specified by Order published in the *Gazette*.”;

(2) by the repeal of subsections (6), (7), (8) and (9) of that section and substitution therefor of the following subsections--

“(6) Where any vehicle or animal liable to any tax under this Ordinance is used within the administrative limits of more than one Urban Council, be liable to pay only one such tax in respect of that vehicle or animal, and such tax shall be paid to the Urban council where such vehicle or animal is principally used.

(7) where any vehicle or animal is ordinarily liable to the taxes imposed under section 162 of this Ordinance, section 245 of the Municipal Councils Ordinance and section 148 of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act such vehicle or animal shall be liable to only one such tax which shall be payable --

(a) where the vehicle or animal is kept within the administrative limits of an Urban Council, Municipal Council or Pradeshiya Sabha, to such Urban Council, Municipal Council or Pradeshiya Sabha, as the case may be;

(b) where the vehicle or animal is not kept within the administrative limits of an Urban Council, Municipal Council or Pradeshiya Sabha, to such Urban Council, Municipal Council or Pradeshiya Sabha within whose administrative limits, it is principally used.

(8) Where any question arises as to which Urban Council, Municipal Council or Pradeshiya Sabha, a tax on vehicle or animal be paid under this section, such question shall be determined by the Commissioner.

(9) (a) A person who fails to pay the tax imposed under this section, within seven days of written notice, by the respective Urban Council, commits an offence and shall on conviction by the Magistrates Court be liable to pay a fine not exceeding five thousand rupees in addition to the amount of tax which is in arrears.

(b) The amount recovered under paragraph (a), shall be credited to the Fund of the Urban Council.”.

Replacement of
section 164 of
the principal
enactment.

51. Section 164 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and substitution therefor of the following new section :-

“Licence
duty.

164. (1) The Urban Council may levy a license fee in respect of any licence issued by the Urban Council under section 162, for any business specified under this Act or any by-law made thereunder.

(2) The licence duty levied under subsection (1) shall be determined from time to time by the Council according to the annual turnover of the business so licensed and having regard to the:-

(a) profit that is likely to be earned by such business; and

(b) essential nature of the goods or services supplied in the course of such business.

(3) The licence duty levied is based on the annual turnover of the business for the year preceding the year in which such duty is payable as is specified in Column I of the Schedule below, at such rates not exceeding the rates as set out in Column II of the Schedule, and the licence duty so levied shall not exceed 0.25 *per centum* of such annual turnover or forty thousand rupees, whichever sum is less :-

SCHEDULE

<u>Column I</u>	<u>Column II</u>
Annual Turnover of the business	Licence Duty payable (Rs.)
1. Does not exceed Rs.1,250,000/-	Rs. 3,125/-
2. Exceed Rs.1,250,000/- but does not exceed Rs.2,500,000/-	Rs. 6,250/-
3. Exceed Rs.2,500,000/- but does not exceed Rs.5,000,000/-	Rs.12,500/-
4. Exceed Rs.5,000,000/- but does not exceed Rs.10,000,000/-	Rs.25,000/-
5. Exceed Rs.10,000,000/- but does not exceed Rs.15,000,000/-	Rs.37,500/-
6. Exceeds Rs.15,000,000/-	Rs.40,000/-

(4) Where such business is in its first year of operation, the licence duty to be levied shall be determined based on the annual value of the premises in which such business is being carried on is as specified in Column I of the Schedule set out below, and the licence duty so payable shall, not exceed the sum as set out in the corresponding entry in Column II of such Schedule: further such licence duty shall not exceed the ratio of 6 : 7 of such annual value (annual value 6 : licence duty 7) or fifty thousand rupees, whichever sum is less.

SCHEDULE

<u>Column I</u>	<u>Column II</u>
Annual value	Licence duty payable
1. Does not exceed Rs.2,250/-	Rs. 2,625/-
2. Exceeds Rs.2,250/- but does not exceed Rs.6,000/-	Rs. 7,000/-
3. Exceeds Rs.6,000/- but does not exceed Rs.10,500/-	Rs.12,250/-
4. Exceeds Rs.10,500/- but does not exceed Rs.15,000/-	Rs.17,500/-
5. Exceeds Rs.15,000/- but does not exceed Rs.22,500/-	Rs.26,250/-

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| 6. Exceed Rs.22,500/- but does not exceed Rs.30,000/- | Rs.35,000/- |
| 7. Exceed Rs.30,000/- | Rs.40,000/- |

(5) (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law, the licence holder shall be required to furnish on or before the thirtieth of April to the Commissioner of Municipal Council :-

- (i) a copy of a statement of Accounts of the business or industry being carried on, of the preceeding accounting year; or
- (ii) where such licence holder is liable to declare his income to the Department of Inland Revenue, in terms of the Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006 a copy of the income declaration that was submitted to the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue.

(b) The failure to furnish such statements referred to in paragraph (a) shall be an offence punishable with a fine not exceeding fifteen thousand rupees and in case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding five hundred rupees for each day in which the offence is continued to be committed after conviction.

(c) For the purpose of this section -

“business” includes any trade or the business of a manufacturer or of any person taking commission or fees in respect of any transaction or services rendered or the business of an independent contractor, but does not

include the occupation of selling articles, goods or materials at a private fair or the occupation of maintaining an education establishment or school to which grants from State funds are paid or to which such grants were earlier paid but at present are not being paid.”.

Replacement
of section 165A
of the principal
enactment.

52. Section 165A of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following new section is substituted therefor :-

“Tax payable
by business
persons not
paying
licence duty.

165A. (1) An Urban Council may subject to the succeeding provisions of this section, by resolution impose and levy a tax on any business carried on within the administrative limits of that Urban Council.

(2) An Urban Council shall not impose any levy or tax under subsection (1) for any business in respect of which a licence duty is imposed under this Ordinance or any by laws made thereunder.

(3) The tax levied under subsection (1) shall be an annual tax determined by the Council based on the annual turnover of the business being carried on and having regard to -

(a) profit that is likely to be earned in such business; and

(b) essential nature of the goods or services supplied in the course of such business.

(4) The tax so levied is based on the annual turnover of the business for the year preceding the year in which such tax is payable, and the tax so levied shall, where the annual turnover of the business is as specified in Column I of the Schedule set out below, not exceed the

sum as specified in the corresponding entry in Column II of such Schedule, and the tax so levied shall not exceed 0.25 *per centum* of such annual turnover or forty thousand rupees, whichever the sum is less.

SCHEDULE

<u>Column I</u> Annual Turnover of the business	<u>Column II</u> Licence Duty payable (Rs.)
1. Does not exceed Rs.1,250,000/-	Rs. 3,750/-
2. Exceed Rs.1,250,000/- but does not exceed Rs.2,500,000/-	Rs. 7,500/-
3. Exceed Rs.2,500,000/- but does not exceed Rs.5,000,000/-	Rs.15,000/-
4. Exceed Rs.5,000,000/- but does not exceed Rs.10,000,000/-	Rs.30,000/-
5. Exceed Rs.10,000,000/- but does not exceed Rs.15,000,000/-	Rs.45,000/-
6. Exceed Rs.15,000,000/-	Rs.50,000/-

Provided that where such business is in its first year of operation, the amount of tax shall be determined and levied based on the annual value of the premises in which such business is being carried on, and the tax so payable shall, where the annual value of such premises is as specified in Column I set out below, not exceed the sum as set out in the corresponding entry in Column II of such Schedule and also the tax so levied shall not exceed the ratio of 6 : 7 of such annual value (annual value 6 : tax 7) or forty thousand rupees, whichever sum is less.

SCHEDULE

<u>Column I</u> Annual value	<u>Column II</u> Tax payable
1. Does not exceed Rs.250/-	Nil
2. Exceed Rs.250/- but does not exceed Rs.2,250/-	Rs. 2,625/-

3.	Exceed Rs.2,250/- but does not exceed Rs.6,000/-	Rs. 7,000/-
4.	Exceed Rs.6,000/- but does not exceed Rs.10,500/-	Rs.12,250/-
5.	Exceed Rs.10,500/- but does not exceed Rs.15,000/-	Rs.17,500/-
6.	Exceed Rs.15,000/- but does not exceed Rs.22,500/-	Rs.26,250/-
7.	Exceed Rs.22,500/- but does not exceed Rs.30,000/-	Rs.35,000/-
8.	Exceed Rs.30,000/-	Rs.40,000/-

(5) (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law, the person who carries on such business shall be required to furnish on or before the thirtieth April of the particular year to the Urban Council:-

- (i) a copy of a statement of Accounts of the business being carried on, for the preceeding accounting year; or
- (ii) where the such person is liable to declare his income to the Department of Inland Revenue, in terms of the Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006, he shall be required to submit a copy of the income declaration that was submitted to the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue to the Urban Council.

(b) The failure to furnish the statements referred to in paragraph (a) shall be an offence punishable with a fine not exceeding fifteen thousand rupees and in case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding five hundred rupees for each day in which the offence is continued to be committed after conviction.

(6) The tax levied under subsection (1) shall be payable by any person who carries on such business on

such date as may be determined by the Urban Council or prescribed by by-law.

(7) (a) If any person liable to pay the tax leviable under this section fails to pay such tax within seven days after demand, the Secretary shall report such failure to the Magistrate's Court having jurisdiction over the area in which the Urban Council is situated.

(b) The Court shall proceed to recover the amount due as if it were a fine imposed by Court, notwithstanding that such amount exceeds the amount of fine which a Magistrate may impose in the exercise of his ordinary jurisdiction, and the amount so recovered shall be paid into the Fund of the Urban Council.

(8) For the purpose of this section, the term "business" shall have the same meaning as given to such term in section 164."

Repeal of
section 165AA of
the principal
enactment.

53. Section 165AA of the principal enactment is hereby repealed.

Replacement of
section 165B of
the principal
enactment.

54. Section 165B of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor :-

"Tax
payable
by business
persons not
paying
licence
duty or tax.

165B. (1) An Urban Council may subject to the succeeding provisions of this section, by resolution impose and levy a tax annually on every person who within the administrative limits of such Council carries on any business for which no licence is necessary under the provisions of this Ordinance or under any by-law made thereunder or no tax is necessary to be payable under section 165A.

(2) Where the tax so levied is based on the annual turnover of the business for the year preceding the year in which such tax is payable, the tax so levied shall,

where the annual turnover of the business is as specified in Column I, not exceed the sum as specified in the corresponding entry in Column II specified in the Schedule set out below and further the tax so levied shall not exceed 0.25 *per centum* of such annual turnover or forty thousand rupees, whichever sum is less.

SCHEDULE

<u>Column I</u> Annual Turnover of the business	<u>Column II</u> Tax payable
1. Does not exceed Rs.140,000/-	Nil
2. Exceed Rs.140,000/- but does not exceed Rs.1,250,000/-	Rs. 3,125/-
3. Exceed Rs.1,250,000/- but does not exceed Rs.2,500,000/-	Rs. 6,250/-
4. Exceed Rs.2,500,000/- but does not exceed Rs.5,000,000/-	Rs.12,250/-
5. Exceed Rs.5,000,000/- but does not exceed Rs.10,000,000/-	Rs.25,000/-
6. Exceed Rs.10,000,000/- but does not exceed Rs.15,000,000/-	Rs.37,500/-
7. Exceed Rs.15,000,000/-	Rs.40,000/-

Provided, further that where such business is in its first year of operation, the tax to be levied shall be determined based on the annual value of the premises in which such business is being carried on and the tax so payable shall, where the annual value of the premises is as specified in Column I of the Schedule set out below, not exceed the sum as specified in the corresponding entry in Column II and further the tax so levied shall not exceed the ratio of 6 : 7 of such annual value (annual value 6 : licence duty 7) or forty thousand rupees, whichever sum is less.

SCHEDULE

<u>Column I</u> Annual value	<u>Column II</u> Tax payable
1. Does not exceed Rs.250/-	Nil
2. Exceed Rs.250/- but does not exceed Rs.2,250/-	Rs. 2,625/-
3. Exceed Rs.2,250/- but does not exceed Rs.6,000/-	Rs. 7,000/-
4. Exceed Rs.6,000/- but does not exceed Rs.10,500/-	Rs.12,250/-
5. Exceed Rs.10,500/- but does not exceed Rs.15,000/-	Rs.17,500/-
6. Exceed Rs.15,000/- but does not exceed Rs.22,500/-	Rs.26,250/-
7. Exceed Rs.22,500/- but does not exceed Rs.30,000/-	Rs.35,000/-
8. Exceed Rs.30,000/-	Rs.40,000/-

(3) The provisions of subsection (1) shall not apply to itinerant vendors who do not carry on business at fixed places or do not for the purposes of such business establish themselves on any public road or other public place.

(4) (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law, the person who carries on any business referred to in the preceding provisions shall be required to furnish on or before thirtieth April to the Urban Council :-

- (i) a copy of a statement of accounts of the business being carried on, of the preceeding accounting year; or
- (ii) where the licence holder is liable to declare his income to the Department of Inland Revenue, in terms of the Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006 a copy of the income declaration that was submitted to the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue.

(b) The failure to furnish such statement or declaration, as the case may be, referred to in paragraph (a), shall be an offence punishable with a fine not exceeding fifteen thousand rupees and in case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding five hundred rupees for each day in which the offence is continued to be committed after conviction.

(5) The Urban Council may by resolution impose and levy annually on every person, who practices any profession within the administrative limits of such Council, a tax of an amount not exceeding such amount as shall be specified by the Minister by regulation, as the maximum amount of tax which the Council may so impose and levy.

(6) The tax payable under subsection (1) or subsection (2) shall be payable on such dates as may be specified by the Urban Council by publication of a notice in the *Gazette*.

(7) A person liable to pay a tax under this section who fails to pay such tax within seven day of receiving the written notice by the Urban Council commits an offence and shall on conviction by the Magistrates Court having jurisdiction over the area in which the Urban Council is situated the Court shall proceed to recover the amount due as if it were a fine imposed by Court and the amount so recovered by the Courts under paragraph (a) shall be paid to the Fund of the Urban Council.

(8) For the purpose of this section, the term "business" shall have the same meaning as given to such term in section 164.

Insertion of new section 165BB in the principal enactment.

55. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 165B of the principal enactment and shall have effect as section 165BB of that enactment :-

"Levy on
advertisement.

165BB. (1) An Urban Council may by resolution determine, impose and levy annually, a licence duty in respect of every advertisement permitted by the Urban Council to be displayed or exhibited with the approval of the Council, so as to be visible from any thoroughfare within such Urban Council area, in the manner specified in subsection (2).

(2) The tax imposed and levied under subsection (1) shall, where the square area of the advertisement falls within the limits specified in Column I of the Schedule set out below, not exceed the sum specified in the corresponding entry in Column II of that Schedule :-

Schedule

<u>Column I</u> Square area	<u>Column II</u> Tax imposed
1. Less than 1 sq.m.	Rs. 5,000/-
2. 1-3 sq.m.	Rs.15,000/-
3. 3-5 sq.m.	Rs.37,500/-
4. 5 - 10 sq.m.	Rs.100,000/-
5. Over 10 sq.m.	at the rate of Rs.20,000/- per sq.meter."

Amendment of
section 165D of
the principal
enactment.

56. Section 165D of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the addition at the end of that section of the following new subsections :-

"(3) An auctioneer or a broker or a servant or agent of an auctioneer or a broker, shall be required to furnish on or before the thirtieth of April of the year following the year in which any land was sold by auction or otherwise, a statement specifying the commission or fee received or is receivable by him, for any transactions effected in connection with such sale.

(4) (a) An auctioneer or broker or the servant or agent of an auctioneer or broker who fails to furnish the

statement as required under subsection (3), shall commit an offence and the Secretary of the Urban Council shall report such failure to the Magistrate's Court having jurisdiction over the area of such Urban Council.

(b) Such person shall on conviction be liable to a fine of ten thousand rupees and in the event of a continuing offence, to an additional fine of five hundred rupees for each day in which the offence is continued to be committed after such conviction.

Amendment of section 171 of the principal enactment.

57. Section 171 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "fifty rupees" thereof, of the words "five hundred rupees".

Amendment of section 176 of the principal enactment.

58. Section 176 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the addition at the end of that section of the following new subsection :-

(4) (a) The Chairman shall, at each general meeting of the Council, submit an updated statement of Accounts of the Council Fund for the period commencing from the date of commencement of the current financial year and up to the close of the month preceding the month in which the meeting takes place.

(b) A copy of the Financial statement referred to in paragraph (a) together with the minutes of the general meeting shall be forwarded to the Commissioner forthwith and shall be published in the *Gazette*.

Replacement of section 177 of the principal enactment.

59. The principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of section 177 and substitution therefor of the following section :-

"Preparation and publication of annual Accounts.

177. (1) The Chairman of an Urban Council shall furnish in writing a proper statement of accounts of the Urban Council for the period of twelve months commencing from first day of January each year and ending on the 31st day of December of that year, before the 30th April of the following year.

(2) The Chairman shall seek the assistance of the Secretary of the Council for the furnishing of the Accounts and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide all such required assistance.

(3) The Council may with the sanction of the Commissioner, vary the accounting period referred to in subsection (1).

(4) The statement of Accounts shall be certified by a qualified auditor as true and accurate and it shall be kept open for the inspection by any resident within the administrative limits of such Urban Council.

(5) An abstract of the statement of Accounts shall be published in a daily newspaper published in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages before the first day of January or any other date as may be determined by the Council with the sanction of the Commissioner.”.

Amendment of section 180 of the principal enactment.

60. Section 180 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (1) thereof and substitution therefor of the following subsection :-

(1) The Chairman of every Urban Council shall at the end of each financial year publish a detailed report of the administrative activities of the Council during such financial year, with a statement showing the nature and amount of receipts and disbursements on accounts of the local fund during that financial year, on or before the thirtieth of June of the following year.”.

Amendment of section 183 of the principal enactment.

61. Section 183 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :-

(1) the subsection (3) of that section, by the substitution for the words “to decide question at issue”, of the words “to decide question at issue within thirty days of its receipt.”;

- (2) in subsection (5) of that section, by the substitution for the words "the Commissioner within fourteen days", of the words "the Commissioner of Local Government within thirty days".

Amendment of section 193 of the principal enactment.

62. Section 193 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (2) thereof by the repeal of paragraph (i) of that subsection and substitution thereof of the following paragraph :-

"(i) For prescribing the powers duties and functions of the Chairman in his capacity as the Chief Executive Officer, and the Secretary in his capacity as the Chief Administrative Officer, of the Urban Council.

Replacement of section 194 of the principal enactment.

63. Section 194 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following new section is substituted therefor :-

"Approval of rules.

194. (1) Every rule made by the Minister shall be published in the *Gazette*, and shall come into operation on the date of such publication or on such later date as shall be specified in the rules.

(2) Every rule made by the Minister shall as soon as convenient after its publication in the *Gazette*, be brought before Parliament for its approval.

(3) Any rule which is not so approved shall be deemed to be rescinded as from the date of such disapproval, but without prejudice to anything previously done thereunder.

(4) The date on which any rule shall be deemed to be rescinded, shall be published in the *Gazette*.

(5) Every rule made by the Minister shall after approval of the Parliament, be as valid and effective as if it were enacted under this ordinance, and shall prevail over any by law made by the Urban Council, in respect of the same matter or for the same purpose.

Replacement of
section 198 of the
principal
enactment.

64. The principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of section 198 and the substitution therefor of the following new section :-

"Commissioner's
Report.

198.(1) The Commissioner shall prepare and transmit to the Chairman of each Urban Council a report containing a general survey of the affairs of the Council in each year, on or before 30th July of the following year.

(2) The Chairman shall table the Commissioner's report at the next meeting of the Council held immediately after receipt of such report, for the information of the members of the Council.

Amendment of
section 249 of the
principal
enactment.

65. Section 249 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the definition of "principal thoroughfare" of the following definition :-

"principal thoroughfare" means a national highway, an expressway, and a user fee national highway declared under sections 8, 9 and 10, respectively of the National Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008.

Repeal of the
Third Schedule.

66. The Third Schedule to the principal enactment is hereby repealed.

Replacement of
Fourth Schedule
to the principal
enactment.

67. The Fourth Schedule to the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following new Schedule is substituted therefor :-

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Section 158A

Column I Name of Enactment	Column II Offence
1. The Auctioneers and Brokers Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
2. The Boats Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
3. The Brothels Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
4. The Bread Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
5. The Butchers Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
6. The Cemeteries and Burials Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance

7. The Census Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
8. The Contagious Diseases Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
9. The Contagious Diseases (Animal) Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
10. The Excise Ordinance	Any Offence under the A Ordinance
11. The Gaming Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
12. The Gas Meter Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
13. The Motor Traffic Act	Any Offence under the Act
14. The Nuisances Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
15. The Penal Code	Any Offence under sections 257, 258, 259
16. The Police Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
17. The Prevention of Cruelty to animals Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
18. The Quarries Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
19. The Rabies Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
20. The Crown Lands Ordinance	Any Offence under Part VIII of the Ordinance
21. The Surveyors Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
22. The Thoroughfares Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
23. The Tools Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
24. The Vaccination Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
25. The Vagrant Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
26. The Vehicles Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
27. The Weights and Measures Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
28. The Wells and Pits Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
29. The Food Act	Any Offence under the Act
30. The Medical Ordinance	Any Offence under section 54 of the Ordinance
31. The State Gem Corporation Act	Any Offence under the Act
32. The Felling of trees (Control) Act	Any Offence under the Act
33. The Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance	Any Offence under the Ordinance
34. The National Environmental Act	Any Offence under the Act."

Addition of
the Seventh
Schedule.

68. The following Schedule is hereby added immediately after the Sixth Schedule to the principal enactment and shall have effect as the Seventh Schedule of that enactment :-

"SEVENTH SCHEDULE

[Section 43A]

1. Local agriculture, including agricultural extension.
2. Land improvement, implementation of land reforms, land consolidation and soil conservation.
3. Local minor irrigation, local water management and watershed development.
4. Animal husbandry, dairying and poultry.
5. Local fisheries.
6. Local Level social forestry and farm forestry.
7. Local level minor forest produce.
8. Small scale local industries, including food processing industries.
9. Village and cottage industries.
10. Rural housing and housing for low income groups.
11. Drinking water.
12. Roads, culverts, bridges, ferries, waterways and other means of local transportation.
13. Rural electrification, including distribution of electricity.
14. Non-conventional energy sources.
15. Poverty alleviation programme.
16. Facilitation for education.
17. Technical training and vocational education.
18. Adult and non-formal education.
19. Public libraries.
20. Cultural and religious activities.
21. Markets and fairs.
22. Health and sanitation, primary health centres, dispensaries and other divisional health institutions, development of indigenous systems of medicine and health care.
23. Family welfare.
24. Women and child development.
25. Social welfare, including welfare of the handicapped and mentally retarded.
26. Maintenance of community assets.
27. Public parks and open spaces.
28. Promote local tourism.

29. Protection of local environmental and natural resources.
30. Local Eco-tourism.
31. Local level socio-economic planning.
32. Local level physical planning."

Sinhala text to
prevail in case of
in consistency.

69. In the event of any inconsistency between and Sinhala and Tamil
texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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