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*Parishes and Provisional Districts Ordinance  
Amendment Ordinance 1967*

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No. 39, 1967

WHEREAS in consequence of the rapid development of new housing areas in the Diocese of Sydney it is expedient to make provision for the appointment of a Resident Minister or Ministers in such areas as the Archbishop may define and determine and to provide for the administration of areas so created and for purposes incidental thereto AND WHEREAS in order to provide for all such matters it is expedient to amend the Parishes and Provisional Districts Ordinance 1967 as hereinafter set out NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney in pursuance of the powers in that behalf conferred upon it by the Constitutions for the management and good government of the Church of England in Australia within the State of New South Wales ORDAINS AND RULES as follows:-

1. The Parishes and Provisional Districts Ordinance 1961 is in this Ordinance called "the Principal Ordinance".
2. This Ordinance may be cited as "Parishes and Provisional Districts Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 1967".
3. The Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance may be cited as "Parishes and Provisional Districts Ordinance 1961-1967".
4. The Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting the following sub-heading and clause thereunder after clause 1:-

FORMATION OF NEW HOUSING DISTRICT

1. A (1) An ecclesiastical district to be designated a "New Housing District" may be formed in any area in the Diocese of Sydney, where in the opinion of the Archbishop by and with the advice of the Sydney Church of England New Areas Committee the formation of such a district is expedient by reason of its rapid increase in population and inability for the time being to support its own Minister or provide its own lands and buildings for parochial purposes.
- (2) Every proposal for the formation of a New Housing District shall contain a statement showing the boundaries thereof, the boundaries of the adjoining Parishes Provisional Parishes and Provisional Districts concerned in such formation and the positions of the existing churches and of any sites proposed for new churches within such proposed New Housing District or such adjoining Parishes, Provisional Parishes and Provisional Districts and a written description of the boundaries of the proposed New Housing District. A copy of such proposal containing the matters aforesaid shall

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be forwarded by the Archbishop to the Minister of each Parish, Provisional Parish and Provisional District concerned in such proposal at least one month prior to the formation of such district.

- (3) The provisions of clause 5 to 12 of this Ordinance shall mutatis mutandis apply in respect to the formation of a New Housing District.
- (4) Each year not later than 30th June the New Areas Committee shall report to Standing Committee in respect of each New Housing District—
  - (a) the general position,
  - (b) the financial position,
  - (c) whether in view of all circumstances the stage has been reached when the New Housing District should be formed into a Provisional District, and in respect of any New Housing District upon which such report recommends accordingly, steps shall be taken forthwith for its formation into a Provisional District.
- (5) The Archbishop shall appoint and license a Resident Minister or Ministers to each New Housing District so formed.
- (6)
  - (a) A local Committee shall be formed within three months of the creation of a New Housing District and shall hold office for twelve months or until its successors are appointed or elected as hereinafter set out.
  - (b) The first Local Committee shall consist of the following :—  
The Resident Minister or Ministers ex officio and not less than five nor more than ten persons appointed by the Resident Minister or Ministers.
  - (c) The second and all subsequent Local Committees shall consist of the Resident Minister or Ministers ex officio and two persons appointed by him or them and four persons elected at a meeting convened by the Resident Minister or Ministers at such place as he or they shall determine for the purpose for some date later than the 31st day of March and within thirty-five days after Easter Monday unless the Archbishop in any case by writing either before or after such date shall have elapsed shall prescribe some other limit of time and such meeting shall be known

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- as the Annual Vestry Meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be posted up in all places within the New Housing District in which meetings for Divine Service are held and remain so posted for 14 days and the attention of the congregation at services held shall be directed thereto.
- (d) Only persons over the age of 18 years being members of the Church of England in Australia and residents within the New Housing District shall be eligible to be appointed or elected to the Local Committee.
- (e) The functions of the Local Committee shall be:-
- (i) Subject to Sub-clause (8) of this clause to have the control of all funds received on behalf of;
    - (a) the New Housing District and
    - (b) local organisations formed therein and the care and maintenance of all church property in the district.
  - (ii) To furnish at each annual meeting called for the election of a Local Committee an audited statement of accounts.
  - (iii) To assist the Resident Minister or Ministers in the formaton of such local organisations within the New Housing District as it may with his or their approval determine conducive to the benefit of the District.
  - (iv) To confer with the Resident Minister in the in-itation conduct and development of Church work including matters as are vital to the spiritual welfare of the Church within or outside the District.
- (f) Until the formation of any Local Committee and in so far as its functions shall not extend the administration and control of a New Housing District shall be exercised by the Sydney Church of England New Areas Committee.
- (7) The stipend travelling allowance and accommodation of the resident Minister or Ministers shall during the continuance of the New Housing District be provided by the Sydney Church of England New Areas Committee.
- (8) Any undesignated funds raised by or donated to the Local Committee shall during the existence of a New Housing District be remitted to the Sydney Church of England New Areas Committee which shall apply them

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in aid of the stipend travelling allowance and accommodation of the Resident Minister or Ministers provided by such Committee or in such other way for the benefit of the said District as it may determine Provided that the Sydney Church of England New Areas Committee may allow the Local Committee to retain for general local administration expenses so much thereof as may be approved by it after consultation with the Local Committee.

- (9) The New Housing District's financial year shall be from 1st April (or the date of its creation) to the 31st March next following.
- (10) The Local Committee shall cause to be kept accounts of moneys received and paid. Once at least in every year its annual accounts made up to 31st March shall be examined and the correctness thereof ascertained by an Auditor or Auditors appointed by the New Areas Committee.
- (11) An audited statement of the accounts of the local Committee shall be furnished annually by not later than 30th June to the New Areas Committee.
- (12) The New Areas Committee shall furnish annually not later than 30th June in each year, to the Standing Committee a statement of account showing in aggregate form the moneys received and paid under paragraphs (7) and (8) hereof.
- (13) A New Housing District may subject to the Provisions applicable to the formation of a Provisional District be subsequently formed into a Provisional District.

I certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

ATHOL RICHARDSON

Chairman of Committees

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on the 12th day of October, 1967.

K. N. SHELLY, W. L. J. HUTCHISON,

Secretaries of Synod

I assent to this Ordinance

MARCUS LOANE,

Archbishop of Sydney

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