



Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 1999

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Schedule . Cost Recoveries Charge

An Ordinance to specify the cost recoveries charge for 2000, to set out the method for Standing Committee to determine such charge for 2001 and 2002, to authorise Standing Committee to apply such charges and for incidental purposes.

Whereas -

A. The Mission Statement of the Archbishop-in-Council is -

"Our mission is to glorify God through Jesus Christ by developing individuals and churches who are -

- observably God's people
- pastorally effective
- evangelistically enterprising
- genuinely caring
- dynamically Anglican

in order to participate in God's purpose of saving His world."

B. Clause 10 of the 1975 Ordinance provides that for the year 2000 and each year thereafter each parochial unit must pay a cost recoveries charge in respect of the Ministry and Property Costs which in the opinion of Standing Committee have been or will be incurred on behalf of or in relation to a parochial unit or any member of the clergy licenced to a parochial unit as specified or determined in accordance with an ordinance referred to in clause 11 of the 1975 Ordinance.

C. Clause 11 of 1975 Ordinance requires the Standing Committee to prepare for the 1st ordinary session of the 45th Synod an ordinance which specifies the cost recoveries charge to be paid by each parochial unit in each of the following 3 years or the method by which such charge may be determined and which authorises the Standing Committee to apply such charge toward the Ministry and Property Costs.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains -

1. Name

This Ordinance is the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 1999.

2. Cost Recoveries Charge

(1) In 2000, 2001 and 2002 each parochial unit must pay a cost recoveries charge calculated according to the formula in the Schedule.

(2) The Standing Committee must report to each session of the 45th Synod about -

(a) a description of the Ministry and Property Costs payable in the next year and an estimate of the amounts so payable; and

(b) the cost recoveries charge payable by each parochial unit in the next year and details of how that charge is calculated.

3. Directions for Application

Subject to clause 4, the cost recoveries charges paid by parochial units under clause 2 must be applied by the Standing Committee toward the payment of the Ministry and Property Costs incurred, or to be incurred, in the year for which those charges are paid.

4. Directions for Parish Assistance Fund

The portion of the cost recoveries charges paid by parochial units under clause 2 comprising the Parish Assistance Fund must be applied by the Standing Committee as follows -

(a) in the years 2000 and 2001 - an amount to each regional council for the purpose of providing a rebate to each parochial unit in the region that has paid a cost recoveries charge in the year in excess of the cost recoveries charge that would have been payable in the year had it been calculated using the 1999 Formula, to the extent of that excess; and

(b) in the year 2002 - an amount to each regional council as determined by the Standing Committee having regard to the amounts paid to each regional council under paragraph (a) for the purpose of assisting the ministry of parochial units in the region as determined by the regional council.

5. Amendment of the Assessment and Charges Ordinance 1975

Clause 10(2) of the 1975 Ordinance is amended as follows -

(a) at the end of paragraph (d) the matter "and" is inserted; and

(b) at the end of paragraph (e) the matter "; and" is deleted and a full stop is inserted instead; and

(c) paragraph (f) is deleted.

6. Interpretation

In this Ordinance -

"1975 Ordinance" means the Assessment and Charges Ordinance 1975.

"1999 Formula" means the formula for a year determined by the Standing Committee to be reasonably based on the same principles used to determine the formula for the recovery of parish ministry and property costs from parochial units in the year 1999.

"year" means a period of 12 calendar months commencing on 1 January.

"Ministry and Property Costs" means the costs, expenses, charges and recoveries for a year referred to or contemplated under clause 10(2) of the 1975 Ordinance.

"Parish Assistance Fund" for a year means the amount equal to the difference between -

(a) the sum of all cost recoveries charges payable by parochial units in the year that exceed the cost recoveries charges that would have been payable by those parochial units had those charges been calculated using the 1999 Formula; and

(b) the sum of all cost recoveries charges that would have been payable by those parochial units in the year had those charges been calculated using the 1999 Formula.

"parochial unit" means a parish or provisional parish in the Diocese of Sydney.

Schedule: Cost Recoveries Charge

The cost recoveries charge payable by a parochial unit for a year is the sum of the following -

(a) the Fixed Charge for that year **plus**

(b) the Variable Charge for that year **plus**

(c) the Costs of an Assistant Minister for each assistant minister, if any, licensed to the parochial unit during that year.

But, if the Fixed Charge for a person acting as the Minister (under clause 59 of the Church Administration Ordinance 1990) is paid by another parochial unit or body, relief may be sought and granted to the extent of the actual Costs of an Assistant Minister or the equivalent costs of a Lay Minister for 1 Assistant Minister or 1 Lay Minister.

In this Schedule -

"Fixed Charge" means the sum of the following contributions, costs and charges for the year -

(a) the contribution or contributions to the Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund for a minister under the Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Ordinance 1961;

(b) the payment required to be made to the General Synod Long Service Leave Fund for the minister;

(c) the contribution or contributions required to be made to the Sydney Diocesan Sickness and Accident Fund in respect of the minister; and

(d) the cost of effecting insurance for the minister under the Stipend Continuance Plan.

"Variable Charge" means -

(a) in 2000 - 3.19% of the net receipts of the parochial unit for 1998 under the 1975 Ordinance; and

(b) in 2001 - the Determined Percentage for that year of the net receipts of the parochial unit for 1999 under the 1975 Ordinance; and

(c) in 2002 - the Determined Percentage for that year of the net receipts of the parochial unit for 2000 under the 1975 Ordinance.

"Determined Percentage" means the ratio, expressed as a percentage, determined by the Standing Committee in accordance with the following formula -

TC - TF - SA

TR

where

TC is the total estimated amount of all Ministry and Property Costs payable in a particular year;

TF is the total amount of all Fixed Charge received, or to be received, from all parochial units that year;

SA is the total amount of all appropriations made under an ordinance of the Synod or the Standing Committee for the purpose of contributing to the payment of the Ministry and Property Costs for that year; and

TR is the total of the net receipts of all parochial units.

"Costs of an Assistant Minister" means the sum of the following contributions, costs and charges -

(a) the contribution or contributions to the Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund for the assistant minister under the Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Ordinance 1961;

(b) the payment required to be made to the General Synod Long Service Leave Fund for that assistant minister;

(c) the contributions or contributions required to be made to the Sydney Diocesan Sickness and Accident Fund in respect of that assistant minister; and

(d) the cost of effecting insurance for that assistant minister under the Stipends Continuance Plan.

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

N M CAMERON

Chairman of Committees

We Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 13 October 1999.

C J MORONEY

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Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

R H GOODHEW

Archbishop of Sydney

21/10/1999