CHAPTER 35

FEES ORDINANCE

To provide for the levying of fees for licenses, permits and other acts or services in government offices or departments.

(26th June, 1905)*

Enacted by ORDINANCE X of 1905 as amended by Ordinances: II of 1906 and XXVIII of 1939; Emergency Ordinance XV of I958; Ordinance XXV of 1962; Act XI of 1963; Legal Notice 46 of 1965; and Acts: XVII of 1967 and VI of 1986.

Short title.

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

Power of Minister to fix fees. *Amended by: XV. l958.3; XXV. 1962.3; XI. 1963.2; L.N. 46 of 1965; XVII. 1967.2.*

2. (1) A Minister charged with responsibility for any government department or office may make regulations prescribing the fees to be charged in such department or office or on behalf thereof in respect of licences, permits or any other act or service whatsoever, and may from time to time vary or amend such regulations.

(2) Any such regulation, unless otherwise provided, shall have effect from the date of its publication, and shall, as soon as may be, be laid on the table of the House of Representatives.

(3) The power conferred by subarticle (1) and any other power conferred by any other law to fix such fees as aforesaid shall be exercisable with the concurrence of the Minister responsible for finance.

Officer may decline to do act or service required until fee is paid.

3. The officer in charge of any public office or department, required to do any act or service for which a fee is chargeable under this Ordinance, may decline to do such act or service until the fee is paid.

Proceedings for recovery of fees. Cap. 12.

4. The fees prescribed by any such regulation shall, unless otherwise provided, be recoverable in the manner laid down in the Code of Organization and Civil Procedure, for the recovery of sums due to a government department, on the demand or on behalf of the officer to whom the fee is payable.

Payment of fees by means of stamps. *Amended by: II. 1906.1; XV. 1958.3; XXV. 1962.3; XI. 1963.3; VI. 1986.2.*

5. The competent Minister with the concurrence of the Minister responsible for finance may by regulations direct that the payment of all or any of the fees referred to in article 2, or of any of the fees leviable under any other law in force, shall be denoted by means of postage stamps in such manner as may be provided in such regulations.

**See* Proclamation No. X of 1905.

Power of Minister to reduce or remit fees in certain cases.
Added by: XXVIII. 1939.2. Amended by: XV. 1958.3; XXV. 1962.3; XI.1963.5.

6. It shall be lawful for the competent Minister with the concurrence of the Minister responsible for finance to reduce or remit any fee to which this Ordinance refers when he is satisfied that the payment of such fee would cause hardship to the person by whom the fee is payable.