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THE LAGOS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1959
(No. 18 of 1959)

The Lagos General Rate Order, 1963

Commencement: 1st April, 1963

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Lagos Town Council by section 135 of the Lagos Local Government Act, 1959, the following Order has been made with the approval of the Minister of Lagos Affairs.

1. This Order may be cited as the Lagos General Rate Order, 1963.

2. A yearly rate shall be levied in respect of the financial year commencing on the 1st April, 1963, in respect of the tenements referred to in the First and Second Schedules hereto.

3. Such yearly rate shall be calculated:—
   (a) at the rate of ten shillings for each pound at the annual value of the tenements referred to in the First Schedule other than those specified in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.
   (b) at the rate of ten shillings for each pound of five per cent of the depreciated capital value (as defined in the Assessment and Rating (Public Utility Corporations) Act 1956) of tenements (other than tenements used as dwelling houses) of the following public utility corporations:—
      (i) the Electricity Corporation of Nigeria;
      (ii) the Nigerian Ports Authority;
      (iii) the Nigerian Railway Corporation;
   (c) at the rate of ten shillings for each pound of the annual value of the tenements referred to in the First Schedule which are occupied by any social club constituted solely for the purposes of any game or sport;
   (d) at the rate of one-and-a-half per cent of the unimproved value of the tenements referred to in the Second Schedule other than those specified in paragraph (e) of this section and;
   (e) at the rate of one per cent of the annual value of the tenements referred to in the Second Schedule which are occupied by any social club or club constituted solely for the purpose of any game or sport.

4. The date on which the said general rate shall become due and payable shall be as to one-half thereof on the 1st April, 1963 and as to the other half thereof on the 1st October, 1963.

5. The following tenements shall be totally exempted from the payment of the said general rate:—
   (a) Tenements on which no building whether of a permanent or temporary nature is erected, when such tenements are not assessed, by reference to the unimproved value;
   (b) tenements owned by the Government of the Federation of Nigeria and the Lagos Town Council;
   (c) places of worship, cemeteries and public parks and recreation grounds;
   (d) tenements occupied by schools in so far as they are occupied and used solely for schools as distinct from residential purposes, and
   (e) tenements assessed by reference to their annual value of which the annual value does not exceed six pounds.
6. The Lagos General Rate Order 1962 is hereby revoked without prejudice to the recovery of any amounts due thereunder.

FIRST SCHEDULE

All tenements within the Town of Lagos which are assessed or which may hereafter be assessed in accordance with the Assessment Act as amended by the Assessment and Rating (Public Utility Corporations) Act, 1956, except the tenements referred to in the Second Schedule.

SECOND SCHEDULE

All tenements situated within the area known as the Yaba Estate which are assessed by reference to their unimproved value, so long as they remain so assessed.

Made by the Lagos Town Council this 28th day of January, 1963.

S. I. Mayaki,
Town Clerk

Approved by the Minister of Lagos Affairs this 21st day of May, 1963.

Alhaji A. Mora,
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Lagos Affairs

Explanatory Note

This Order proposes to levy a general rate of ten shillings in the £ during the financial year commencing on 1st April, 1963. The rate shall be payable in two equal instalments at 1st April and 1st October, 1963.