

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 16—1931.

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A. C. HOLLIS,  
*Governor*

23rd May, 1931.

AN ORDINANCE to control the erection and use of  
hoardings and the exhibition of advertisements.

[On Proclamation.]

**B**E it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago  
with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council  
thereof as follows :—

Short title.     **1.** This Ordinance may be cited as the Advertisements  
Regulation Ordinance, 1931.

Interpretation. **2.** In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise  
requires—

“Hoarding” includes any structure used as an  
advertisement or used for exhibiting any  
advertisement ;

“Advertisement” includes any notice, bill, placard,  
poster and similar publication.

3. No hoarding shall be erected and no advertisement shall be exhibited upon any hoarding or on any wall, tree, pole, fence, gate or other place in the Colony except in accordance with this Ordinance and the bye-laws or regulations made thereunder. Erection of hoardings and exhibition of advertisements to be subject to control.

4. In a City or Borough, the City or Borough Council, and elsewhere, the Warden, may erect hoardings or authorize the erection thereof and may, on the written application of the person responsible therefor, authorise the use of hoardings and advertisements existing at the date of the coming into force of bye-laws or regulations (as the case may be) made under this Ordinance. Every such authorization shall be given for such period not exceeding five years as the Council or Warden, as the case may be, may determine. Erection of hoardings by or with permission of local authority or Warden.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the last preceding section, any person may exhibit in or upon his own premises, or in or upon any premises in his occupation, advertisements relating to the business, profession, or trade carried on in or upon those premises, and further may exhibit any advertisements upon any building used by him for business purposes in or upon such premises. Exemption of advertisements on business-premises.

Provided that any advertisement so exhibited shall not be suspended across the street or in any way suspended or projected outwards from such premises.

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to derogate from or affect any of the powers conferred on the Port-of-Spain City Council by the Port-of-Spain Corporation Ordinance. Cap. 224.

6.—(1) For a City or Borough, the City or Borough Council may make bye-laws and for other parts of the Colony, the Governor in Executive Council may make regulations :— Power to make bye-laws and regulations.

(a) For regulating, restricting or prohibiting the erection of hoardings and the exhibition of advertisements (other than advertisements exhibited in accordance with the provisions

of section 5 of this Ordinance) in such places and in such manner, or by such means, as to affect injuriously the amenities of a public park or pleasure promenade, or any place frequented by the public solely or chiefly on account of its beauty, or to disfigure the view of rural scenery from a highway or railway, or from any public place or water.

- (b) For levying a charge upon the exhibition of advertisements on hoardings erected by such City or Borough Council or by a Warden, as the case may be, in accordance with section 4 of this Ordinance.

(2) Bye-laws and regulations made under this section shall be subject to the approval of the Legislative Council, and shall not come into force until they shall have been so approved by resolution and published in the *Royal Gazette*.

Appeal from  
decision of  
Warden.

7. If any person is aggrieved by the refusal of a Warden to authorize the erection of any hoarding or the use of any hoarding or advertisement as provided in section 4 hereof, such person may appeal to the Governor, and if it be made to appear to the Governor that the erection of such hoarding or the use of any hoarding or advertisement should be authorized under this Ordinance, the Governor may give directions to the Warden to that effect.

Removal of  
unauthorised  
hoardings and  
advertisements.

8.—(1) Unless authorised under section 4 or exempted under section 5 of this Ordinance, any hoarding erected and any advertisement exhibited at the date of the coming into force of regulations or bye-laws (as the case may be) made under this Ordinance, shall be removed by the person responsible therefor within six months from such date, and if not so removed as aforesaid such person shall be served with a notice in writing by the City or Borough Council or the Warden concerned to remove the hoarding or advertisement within one month, and on failure to comply with such notice, such person shall be deemed to have committed a contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance and shall be liable to the penalties hereinafter prescribed.

(2) If no person responsible therefor can be found within six months from the date of the coming into force of such regulations or bye-laws, the City or Borough Council or the Warden, as the case may be, may remove or cause to be removed any such hoarding or advertisement and may do all such other acts and things as may be deemed necessary for the removal of the same.

9. Any person committing a contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance or of any regulations or bye-laws made thereunder shall be liable on summary conviction before a magistrate to a penalty not exceeding five pounds, and to a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings for every day during which the offence is continued after his conviction thereof. <sup>Penalties.</sup>

Provided that all penalties recovered under this Ordinance for offences committed within a City or Borough shall be paid to the funds of the local authority concerned.

10. Nothing in this Ordinance shall apply to hoardings erected and advertisements exhibited by any Department of the Government of this Colony or by any Military or Naval or Air Force authority, or by any Judicial authority, or by any Municipal authority, or to any notice relating to any service in a church, chapel, temple or mosque. <sup>Saving.</sup>

11. This Ordinance shall commence on a day to be fixed by the Governor by proclamation. <sup>Commencement.</sup>

Passed in Council this eighth day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

J. W. DAY,  
*Clerk of the Council.*