

No. 13—1942.

Port-of-Spain Corporation House Rate (Validation).

AN ORDINANCE to validate the House Rate of eight and a half per centum levied and collected by the Corporation of the City of Port-of-Spain for the years 1940 and 1941 and to provide for the levying and collecting of the House Rate by the said Corporation at the same Rate for the year 1942, and to provide for the date on which the Rate for the year 1942 shall be due and payable, and to validate the House Rate Book prepared by the said Corporation for the triennial period commencing with the year 1942.

Commencement.

[1st August, 1942.]

WHEREAS the House Rate for the City of Port-of-Spain is fixed by law at the rate of seven and a half per centum, but the Corporation is empowered by resolution to prescribe that in respect of any specified year or years the rate to be levied and paid shall be at a higher rate than seven and a half per centum but not exceeding ten per centum :

And whereas the Corporation has purported to levy House Rate at the rate of eight and a half per centum for the years 1940 and 1941, but no resolution has been passed by the Corporation prescribing that rate for those years :

And whereas it is desirable to validate the House Rate of eight and a half per centum for the years 1940 and 1941 :

And whereas no valid resolution has been passed by the Corporation prescribing a rate higher than seven and a half per centum in respect of the year 1942, but it is desirable to provide that the House Rate for the year 1942 shall be eight and a half per centum and to determine the date upon which the House Rate for that year shall be due and payable :

And whereas the Corporation is required by law to complete the preparation of the House Rate Book on the 31st of January in the first year of every triennial period (subject to the right of the Corporation by resolution of the Council to extend the time for such completion to a date not later than the 28th of February of such year) :

And whereas the year 1942 is the first year of a triennial period, but the House Rate Book based on the rate of eight and a half per centum and laid before the Council on the 13th of July, 1942, was not completed on due date as aforesaid :

And whereas it is desired to validate such House Rate Book :

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Port-of-Spain Corporation House Rate (Validation) Ordinance, 1942, and shall be construed as one with the Port-of-Spain Corporation Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance. Short title and construction.
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2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 88 of the Principal Ordinance, the House Rate for the years 1940, 1941 and 1942 shall be, and shall be deemed always to have been, at the rate of eight and a half per centum, and the provisions of the Principal Ordinance shall apply in all respects as if the Corporation had by resolution duly prescribed that rate in respect of those years in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of section 88 of the Principal Ordinance : Provided that— House Rate for the years 1940, 1941 and 1942.

(a) the House Rate for the year 1942 shall, notwithstanding the provisions of section 100 of the Principal Ordinance, be due and payable on the 1st of August, 1942 ;

(b) nothing in this section shall prejudice the operation of section 119 of the Principal Ordinance.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 93, 94 and 95 of the Principal Ordinance, the House Rate Book laid before the Council on the 13th of July, 1942, shall be deemed to have been duly prepared and completed in accordance with the requirements of those sections and shall, subject to the provisions of the Principal Ordinance be and remain in force for the triennial period commencing with the year 1942. Validation of the House Rate Book for the triennial period commencing with the year 1942.