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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)  
(CONSOLIDATION NO.2) (AMENDMENT)  
ORDINANCE 2021**

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An Ordinance to make provision to amend the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) Ordinance 2020(a).

R. Thomson  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

*30 December 2020*

**BE** it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

**Short title and commencement**

**1.**—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) (Amendment) Ordinance 2021.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force at 6:00am on 1 January 2021.

**Amendment of the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) Ordinance 2020**

**2.**—(1) The Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) Ordinance 2020 is amended as follows.

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(a) Ordinance 18/2020, amended by Ordinances 19/2020, 20/2020, 24/2020, 25/2020, 26/2020, 27/2020, 28/2020, 29/2020, 30/2020, 33/2020, 35/2020, 36/2020, 37/2020, 38/2020, 39/2020, 40/2020, 41/2020, 42/2020, 43/2020, 44/2020 and 54/2020.

- (2) In section 5 (events and gatherings)—
- (a) in subsection (2) omit paragraph (a).
  - (b) in subsection (3) omit paragraph (a).
  - (c) after subsection (4) insert—
    - “(5) Except where subsection (6) applies or in exceptional circumstances, no person may permit or suffer any other person to be present in their place of residence.
    - (6) A person may permit another person (“P”) to attend their place of residence where—
      - (a) P resides in the same residence;
      - (b) P is aged under 18 years;
      - (c) P is visiting a person with a disability;
      - (d) P is caring for—
        - (i) a person aged under 18 years; or
        - (ii) a person with a disability;
      - (e) P attends the residence to carry out duties in the course of work; or
      - (f) P temporarily resides at that residence and arrived at that residence before 1 January 2021.
    - (7) Except where subsection (8) applies or in exceptional circumstances, no person may attend another person’s place of residence.
    - (8) A person (“P”) may attend another person’s place of residence where—
      - (a) P resides in the same residence;
      - (b) P is aged under 18 years;
      - (c) P is visiting a person with a disability;
      - (d) P is caring for—
        - (i) a person aged under 18 years; or
        - (ii) a person with a disability;
      - (e) P attends the residence to carry out duties in the course of work; or
      - (f) P temporarily resides at that residence and arrived at that residence before 1 January 2021.
  - (d) for subsection (6) substitute—
    - “(6) No person may organise or permit a ceremony such as a wedding, funeral or christening.”
- (3) In section 9 (relevant health and safety guidelines) omit subsection (3).
- (4) In section 10 (employees of community councils and municipality councils)—
- (a) after subsection (1) insert—
    - “(1A) Community councils and municipality councils may only provide services to the public in urgent or exceptional circumstances.
    - (1B) Subject to subsections (1C) and (1D), community councils and municipality councils must allow their employees to work remotely, unless it is not reasonably possible to do so.
    - (1C) A community council or municipality council need not allow an employee to work remotely where this would prevent the council from fulfilling its functions under subsection (1A).
    - (1D) Community Councils and municipality councils must apply subsection (1C) so as to ensure that, as between employees, subsection (1B) is applied fairly.”.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Ordinance)*

**1.** This explanatory note relates to the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) (Amendment) Ordinance 2021 (“the Ordinance”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Notice. It does not form part of the Ordinance.

**2.** This note should be read in conjunction with the Ordinance. It is not, and is not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Ordinance.

**3.** The purpose of the Ordinance is to mirror provisions in the Quarantine (Measures to Prevent the Spread of the Coronavirus COVID-19) Order (No.60) of 2020 of the Republic.

**4.** Section 2 of the Ordinance amends the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) Ordinance 2020 (“the Principal Ordinance”).

**5.** Section 5 of the Principal Ordinance is amended to prohibit a person from attending another person’s residence, subject to certain exceptions and to prohibit a person from organising a ceremony such as a wedding, funeral or christening.

**6.** Section 10 of the Principal Ordinance is amended to provide that community and municipality councils only provide services to the public in urgent or exceptional circumstances.

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