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HONIARA CITY COUNCIL ACT 1999

MINISTERIAL ORDER

Municipal Governance Compliance Order 2026

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by sections 29, 70 and 72 of the *Honiara City Act 1999*, and all other enabling powers, I, Hon. Isikeli Tuwai Vave Jnr MP, Minister for Home Affairs, hereby make the following Order.

1 Citation

This Order may be cited as the *Honiara City Council (Municipal Governance Compliance) Order 2026*.

2 Commencement

This Order shall come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette*.

3 Minister's Determination

The Minister is satisfied that it is necessary to ensure that the Honiara City Council properly performs its statutory functions under the Act and associated municipal legislation.

Accordingly, the Minister issues this Order requiring the Council to take the measures specified herein.

4 Implementation of Municipal Legislation

The Council shall ensure the effective implementation and enforcement of the legislative framework governing municipal administration within Honiara City, including:

- (a) the Honiara City Act 1999;
- (b) Honiara City Council (Amendment) Act 2023;
- (c) Honiara City Council (Amendment No. 2) Act 2023; and
- (d) Honiara City (Maximum Fixed Penalty) Regulations 2023.

5 Enforcement of Municipal Ordinances

The Council shall take the necessary steps to ensure the enforcement of all municipal ordinances currently in force, including but not limited to:

- (a) Honiara City Council (Litter) (Amendment) Ordinance 2023;
- (b) Market Ordinance 2009;

- (c) Parks and Recreation Grounds Ordinance 1960;
- (d) Dog Ordinance (Amendment) 2024;
- (e) Regulation of Business Licence Ordinance 2011;
- (f) Betel Nut Free Zone Ordinance 2023; and
- (g) Regulation of Business Licence Conditions relating to Public Service Vehicles.

6 Submission of Governance and Planning Documents

Pursuant to section 70 of the Act, the Council shall provide the Ministry of Home Affairs with the following documents within three (3) months from the commencement of this Order:

- (a) Corporate Plan or Strategic Plan for the period 2021-2025;
- (b) Annual Reports for the years 2021-2025;
- (c) Annual Work Plans for the years 2021-2025;
- (d) Annual Procurement Plans for the years 2021-2025;
- (e) Human Resources Development Plans for the period 2021-2025; and
- (f) Honiara City Beautification Plan.

7 Property Rates Administration

The Council shall submit to the Ministry of Home Affairs a report detailing:

- (a) property rates assessed and collected; and
- (b) property rates outstanding,
- (c) for the period 2021 to 2025.

8 Financial Governance

The Council shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the Honiara City Council Financial Management Ordinance is:

- (a) finalised;
- (b) approved by the Council Executive;
- (c) approved by the full Council; and
- (d) published and implemented in accordance with the law.

9 Municipal Services

The Council shall prioritise the improvement and effective management of municipal services within the Honiara City boundary, including:

- (a) waste collection and street sanitation;
- (b) public sanitation facilities;
- (c) recreational and sporting facilities; and
- (d) the maintenance of parks and public spaces.

10 Urban Planning

The Council shall provide to the Ministry a copy of the Greater Honiara Township Master Plan, including details of ongoing consultations and collaboration with relevant planning partners.

11 Compliance Monitoring

The Ministry of Home Affairs may request such further information or reports as may be necessary to assess compliance with this Order.

12 Non-Compliance

Where the Council fails to comply with the requirements of this Order, the Minister may take such measures as are available under the Honiara City Act 1999 to ensure the proper administration of municipal governance.

Made at Honiara this nineteenth-day of March 2026.

HON. ISIKELI TUWAI VAVE JNR, MP
MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS

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