T.W. RIMMER
ADMINISTRATOR


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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Akrotiri Community (Amendment) Ordinance 2001.

2. The principal Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting immediately after section 9 thereof the following new section to be numbered 9A:-

"9A.-(1) The person who is Head of the community at the time of the enactment of this Ordinance shall, within five days of such enactment, prepare a list of all persons who are qualified to vote in the village (hereinafter referred to as "the electoral list") and after having signed such list he shall post it in conspicuous places within the village and shall send a copy thereof to the Area Officer.

(2) In the case of any subsequent election, the electoral list shall be prepared whenever so directed by the Area Officer.

(3) Any person who objects to the contents of the electoral list so posted, either because his name has not been included in it or because the name of a person who is not qualified to vote has been included therein, may within seven days of such posting submit a written objection to this effect to the Area Officer who shall decide thereon and shall notify the objector accordingly amending the electoral list as necessary and thereupon the electoral list as signed by the Area Officer shall become final."
Any person who wilfully makes a false statement for any purpose relating to the contents of the electoral list shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding three months or a fine of one hundred and fifty pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.

3. Section 13 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by repealing subsection (3) thereof.

4. Section 23 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the figure "52" where it appears in the proviso to paragraph (b) thereof and substituting therefor the figure "22".

5. Section 39 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by repealing subsection (4) thereof and replacing it with the following new subsection:

"(4). The presiding officer shall retain in safe custody at the polling station, each such packet and ballot box pending arrangements for the counting of the votes."

6. Section 40 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended:

(1) by repealing subsection (1) thereof and replacing it with the following new subsection:

"(1) The counting of votes shall take place at the polling station at which the votes were cast and each candidate may attend the counting of the votes in person or may appoint such number of agents as the Returning Officer may approve (in this Ordinance referred to as "counting agents") whose names shall be notified in writing by the candidate to the Returning Officer, to attend the counting of votes."

and

(2) by inserting in subsections (3), (4) and (5) thereof, immediately after the words "Returning Officer", the words "or as the case may be, the presiding officer."

7. Section 41 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting in subsections (1), (3) and (4) thereof, immediately after the words "Returning Officer", the words "or as the case may be, the presiding officer."

8. Section 44 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the words "Area Officer" where they appear in subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the words "Chief Officer."

9. Section 148 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and replaced with the following section:

"148.- (1) Unless exempt under the provisions of subsection (2) below, every person or corporate or public body shall be liable to pay any taxes, fees, rates or charges payable under this Ordinance or any bye-laws made under this Ordinance."
(2) The Administrator may by order under this section exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) above, any person or class of persons, or any immovable property or class of immovable property as he shall from time to time deem fit.”.

10. Section 152 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed.

11. The Third Schedule to the principal Ordinance is hereby amended:

   (1) by deleting the words “Court Bailey” where they appear in paragraph 1 thereof and substituting therefor the words “Court Bailiff”, and

   (2) by inserting in paragraph 4 thereof immediately following the word “Section”, the figure “84”.

12. This Ordinance shall be deemed to have come into effect on the 16th day of November 2001.

3rd December 2001

D.J. BONNER,
Chief Officer.